APPENDIX A-4

RULE 19

PARENTING SCHEDULE FOR LONG DISTANCE TRAVEL

OVER 150 MILES ONE WAY

PICKAWAY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION

 Liberal parenting arrangements are encouraged, as extensive contact with both parents is important to the children. Specific items in the judgment entry may take precedence over this schedule. Changes or modifications can be made by the Court, if the need for such is shown. This Long Distance Parenting Schedule shall apply to parents living more than 150 miles apart, and is intended to limit the time a child must travel for short term visitation to four hours or less.

1. **PARENTING TIME**: The non-residential parent who wishes to travel to the residence of the child shall be entitled to exercise the same rights of parenting time as set forth in the Parenting Schedule for parent who live within 150 miles of each other (Local Rule 19) as long as the travel associated with said parenting time does not create and undue burden on the minor child(ren). In such circumstances, however, the non-residential parent shall notify the residential parent of the intent to follow the regular schedule.

The non-residential parent who is unable to visit regularly due to distances between residences shall have parenting time with the children at such times and places as the parties may agree, but in the absence of an agreement, or a specific Court order, will not be less than:

1. **INFANTS UP TO 12 MONTHS**: Any time said parent travels to the general area of the child’s residence with said parenting time to be on a daily basis for a period of up to seven (7) consecutive days, not to exceed 28 days per year. The daily parenting time shall be from 12:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Said parenting time shall not be exercised on any holiday except Easter, the Fourth of July, and Christmas Day and Father’s Day if the non-residential parent is the father, or Mother’s Day is the non-residential parent is the mother. Said parenting time shall be modified so as not to interfere with breastfeeding in the event the mother is nursing the child.
2. **AFTER 12 MONTHS OF AGE**:
3. **Weekends**: One weekend per month from Thursday at 4:00 P.M. until Sunday at 6:00 P.M. or from Friday at 4:00 P.M. until Monday at 6:00 P.M. at the option of the non-residential parent, as long as the parenting time does not interfere with school or with holidays, vacations or birthdays assigned to the residential parent as set forth herinbelow. The non-residential shall give the residential parent at least seven (7) days’ notice of his or her intention to exercise the one weekend per month
4. **Holidays and School Vacations**: In the odd-numbered years, Mother shall have parenting time on Martin Luther King Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Trick-or-treat night, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and the second half of the Christmas vacation (if applicable). Father shall have parenting time on President’s Day, Spring Break (if applicable), Memorial Day, Labor Day, Christmas Eve, and the first half of Christmas vacation (if applicable). In the even-numbered years the schedules are reversed.

The following are general rules for holiday and birthday parenting time:

* 1. The non-residential parent must give at least seven (7) days’ notice of the intent to exercise holiday and/or birthday parenting time.
	2. Holiday and birthday parenting time shall take precedence over regularly scheduled parenting time. Any regularly scheduled parenting time missed due to the exercise of holiday or birthday parenting time shall not be made up.
	3. A holiday which falls on a weekend should be spent with the parent who is supposed to have the child(ren) for that holiday. The rest of the weekend is spent with the parent who would normally have that weekend.
	4. Mother’s Day and Father’s Day shall be spent with the appropriate parent. The times are from 6:00 P.M. the night preceding until 6:00 P.M. on the day of the holiday.
	5. Other days of special meaning such as religious holidays shall be decided together, written into the Court order, and alternated as above.
	6. Spring Break shall be applicable for all children when one or more is of school age and receives a Spring Break from school. It shall commence at 6:00 P.M. on the day school is out until 6:00 P.M. on the day before school recommences.
	7. Easter shall be from 6:00 P.M. the night before until 6:00 P.M. Easter day, unless at least one child is entitled to a Spring Break from school and Easter is during that time in which case subsection (f) hereinabove shall apply.
	8. Fourth of July shall be from 9:00 A.M. on July 4 until 9:00 A.M. on July 5.
	9. Thanksgiving shall be from 6:00 P.M. on the day before Thanksgiving until 6:00 P.M. the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
	10. Christmas Eve shall be from 12:00 P.M. on December 24 until 12:00 P.M. on December 25.
	11. Christmas Day shall be from 12:00 P.M. on December 25 until 12:00 P.M. on December 26.
	12. At such time as one or more of the children is of school age and entitled to a Christmas vacation, then the Christmas holiday shall consist of the entire school vacation, with the first half of the Christmas vacation commencing at 6:00 P.M. on the day school is out until 12:00 P.M. on December 25, and the second half commencing at 12:00 P.M. on December 25 through 6:00 P.M. on the day before school recommences.
	13. Memorial Day, President’s Day, Labor Day and Martin Luther King Day shall be from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. on the day of the holiday.
	14. 48 hours notice shall be given by the parent with whom the holiday is being spent for any arrangements for out of town travel on the holidays or change in pick-up/return times.
	15. Should the non-residential parent have parenting time on a weekend immediately following or preceding a holiday to which he or she is also entitled, then said non-residential parent need not return the children until the end of the holiday and visitation weekend.
1. **Birthdays**: The children’s birthdays shall be alternated between the parents on an annual basis, with Mother to have the children in all odd-numbered years and Father to have the children in all even-numbered years. The parenting time shall be from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. unless the birthday falls on a school day, in which case it shall be from 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Siblings shall attend the birthday event. Birthday parenting time shall take precedence over regular weekend time and all holidays except Christmas Day. The non-residential parent shall give at least seven (7) days notice of the intent to exercise birthday parenting time.
2. **Summer**: For children under five (5) years of age, but over 12 months, the non-residential parent shall have four (4) weeks of parenting time each year, and for children five (5) years of age and older, the non-residential parent shall have six (6) weeks of parenting time each year, to be arranged with 45 days advance notice by the non-residential parent. The residential parent must give the non-residential parent 60 days notice of vacations or special plans for the child(ren) to avoid planning conflicts. If proper notice has been given and a scheduling conflict still exits, Mother’s choice of dates shall take precedence in odd-numbered years and Father’s choice of dates shall take precedence in even-numbered years. In the event the child(ren) must attend summer school in order to pass to the next grade, school must be attended. **Mandatory** camps or tryouts attached to a school-sanctioned extra-curricular activity shall also be attend. Said parenting time shall be exercised in one or two week non-consecutive periods for children under five (5) years of age.
3. **Vacations**: Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted vacation of not more than two (2) weeks with the child(ren). The non-residential parent shall schedule this during his or her summer parenting time, and the residential parent shall schedule this at a time other than the non-residential parent’s summer parenting time. A general itinerary shall be provided to the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses and telephone numbers. Holiday and birthday celebrations with either parent shall not be missed. Scheduling of the vacation around these events shall be required of the missed occasion be made up if the parties so agree. Alternate weekends which are missed during vacation are not required to be made up. A vacation is defined as a parent’s time off from work where that parent spends time with the child(ren).
4. **TRANSPORTATION**: Unless otherwise agreed upon or ordered by the Court, and subject to paragraph XI, the parties shall be equally responsible for all transportation involving exchanges of child(ren) for parenting time. The parent providing transportation may employ another responsible adult known well and trusted by the child(ren) when necessary.
5. **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**: The residential parent shall not unilaterally schedule special activities for the child(ren) which necessarily conflicts with or limits the parenting time of the non-residential parent. However, activities of a continuing nature which are important to the child(ren) and an integral part of the responsibility of the residential parent, such as regular or compulsory church attendance or religious training, regular extracurricular activities including academic clubs, sports, cheerleading and musical and dramatic organizations, and summer recreation programs such as little league baseball, should be encouraged. In such instances, the non-residential parent shall be responsible for good faith efforts to help the child(ren) participate when activities occur during scheduled parenting time.
6. **CHILDREN RESIDING WITH DIFFERENT PARENTS**: Whenever the children are “split” between the parents, that is on or more residing with the mother and one or more residing with the father, all parenting time under this Schedule shall be coordinated so that the children are together on all weekend, holidays and at least one-half of the summer.
7. **PARENTING TIME SHALL NOT CONFLICT WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**: If any one of the holidays listed above is not a school holiday, there shall be no special parenting time on said holiday.
8. **RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILD(REN)**: No overnight parenting time shall commence at any age unless the non-residential parent has exercised regular, consistent parenting time at least during the sixty (60) days preceding the overnight. The purpose of this section is to prevent undue emotional distress for the child(ren) who has/have had little or no contact with the non-residential parent. In such circumstances, the non-residential parent should exercise parenting time pursuant to Section I(A) for at least sixty (60) days before the beginning overnight parenting time.
9. **CANCELLATION**: The non-residential parent shall give at least twenty-four (24) hours’ notice to cancel. Time cancelled or not exercised by the non-residential parent is forfeited.
10. **ILLNESS**: If a child is ill, the residential parent should give twenty-four hours notice if possible, so appropriate plans can be made. However, if more than one (1) day of any weekend, holiday or vacation is missed due to a non-emergency or non-critical illness, then any missed parenting time shall be made up as soon as practicable.
11. **MAKE-UP PARENTING TIME**: Any make-up parenting tie required by this Schedule shall occur the first weekend allocated to the other parent immediately following the missed parenting time, and shall continue during the other parent’s weekend until made up in full, including partial weekends.
12. **WAITING**: The children and residential parent have no duty to await the visiting parent more than two (2) hours past the scheduled parenting time. A parent who is more than two (2) hours late forfeits parenting time for that period, unless the delay is reasonable, advanced notice is given, and other arrangements are made, which do not work a hardship on the child(ren) or residential parent.
13. **MOVING**: Upon either parent learning that he or she will be moving, he or she shall immediately notify the other parent and provide the other parent with the moving date, new residence address and telephone number, and such other pertinent information necessary to effectuate a smooth move for the child(ren). The parents shall attempt in good faith to renegotiate and appropriate and beneficial new parenting schedule. If they are unable to do so, the non-residential parent shall, at a minimum, enjoy the existing parenting schedule for distances under 150 miles or the long-distance parenting schedule for distances farther than 150 miles. If the residential parent moves father than fifty (50) miles from his/her current residence, then he/she shall bear the expenses and responsibility of transportation until a Court order modifying parenting time is entered. In the event the residential parent learns or determines that he or she will be moving, he or she shall file a Notice of Intent to Relocate with this Court, as provided by law.
14. **MEDICAL CONCERNS**: Each parent shall promptly notify the other of any health/medical problems of the child(ren) and shall provide necessary instructions for the administration of prescription or over-the-counter medications.
15. **SCHOOL**: Both parents shall have the right to participate in parent/teacher conferences, school trips, school programs, and other school events in which parents are invited to participate. The parent receiving the notices of such events shall notify the other of the details of said events within three days of receipt, or sooner if applicable. Both parents are equally entitled to receive grade cards for the children and shall individually notify the school to make arrangements to directly receive the information. The parent completing the required contact/information form and/or emergency contact information form for the child(ren) SHALL provide contact information for the other parent.
16. **TELEPHONE ACCESS**: Unless otherwise excused by the Court, each parent shall disclose to the other his/her telephone number(s). The child(ren) must be allowed to communicate by telephone two (2) times per week with both parents, regardless of with whom the child(ren) is/are currently residing. Telephone conversations shall be no less than fifteen (15) minutes in length. The calling party shall bear the expense. The child(ren) may call either parent collect at any and all reasonable times as he or she wishes. Telephone communication shall not be monitored or censored.
17. **CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)**: Each parent must keep the other informed of his or her current address and telephone number(s) at all times.
18. **SCHEDULE TO BE FURNISHED PARTIES**: Attorneys representing parties in domestic relations actions in this Court where there are minor children shall furnish their clients with a copy of this Schedule when applicable. A copy of the applicable parenting schedule shall be attached to the Decree of Dissolution or Divorce and incorporated therein.