
CHAPTER 230

THE JUVENILE COURTS ACT

THE JUVENILE COURTS PROCEDURE RULES

Arrangement of Rules

Rule

1. Short title.
 2. Procedure in Juvenile Courts.
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S.R.O. (L.I.) 17/1949.

THE JUVENILE COURTS PROCEDURE RULES, DATED
APRIL 26, 1949, MADE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE
JUVENILE COURTS ACT.

1. SHORT TITLE. These Rules may be cited as the Juvenile Courts Procedure Rules.

2. PROCEDURE IN JUVENILE COURTS. (1) Where a child or young person is brought before a juvenile court it shall be the duty of the court to explain to him in simple language the substance of the alleged offence.

(2) After explaining the substance of the alleged offence the court shall ask the child or young person whether he admits the offence.

(3) If the child or young person does not admit the offence the court shall then hear the evidence of the witnesses in support thereof. At the close of the evidence in chief of each such witness the court shall ask the child or young person, or if it sees fit the child's parent or guardian, whether he wishes to put any questions to the witness. If the child or young person

instead of asking questions wishes to make a statement he shall be allowed to do so. It shall be the duty of the court to put to the witnesses such questions as appear to be necessary. The court may put to the child or young person such questions as may be necessary to explain anything in the statement of the child or young person.

(4) If it appears to the court that a *prima facie* case is made out, the evidence of any witnesses for the defence shall be heard, and the child or young person shall be allowed to give evidence or to make any statement.

(5) If the child or young person admits the offence or the court is satisfied that it is proved, he shall then be asked if he desires to say anything in extenuation or mitigation of the penalty or otherwise. Before deciding how to deal with him the court shall obtain such information as to his general conduct, home surroundings, school record, and medical history, as may enable it to deal with the case in the best interests of the child or young person and may put to him any question arising out of such information. For the purpose of obtaining such information or for special medical examination or observation the court may from time to time remand the child or young person on bail or in custody.

(6) If the child or young person admits the offence or the court is satisfied that it is proved and the court decides that a remand is necessary for purposes of enquiry or observation, the court may cause an entry to be made in the court register that the charge is proved and that the child or young person has been remanded. The court before which a child or young person so remanded is brought may without further proof of the commission of the offence make any order in respect of the child or young person which could have been made by the court which so remanded the child or young person.

THE JUVENILE COURTS (DISTRICTS "A" AND "B") ORDER**Arrangement of Sections**
Section

1. Short title.
 2. Establishment and Constitution.
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S.R.O. (L.I.) 13/1951.

**THE JUVENILE COURTS (DISTRICTS "A" AND "B") ORDER,
1951, MADE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE JUVENILE COURTS
ACT.**

1. SHORT TITLE. This Order may be cited as the Juvenile Courts (Districts "A" and "B") Order.

2. ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION. There shall be established in Magisterial Districts "A" and "B" in the Island of Antigua Juvenile Courts within the meaning of the Juvenile Courts Act, and such Courts shall be constituted respectively as follows, that is to say—

- (i) the Juvenile Court for Magisterial District "A" of the person for the time being performing the duties of Magistrate of the said District and of not more than two of such assessors as may be nominated by the Governor-General for the said Court.
- (ii) the Juvenile Court for Magisterial District "B" of the person for the time being performing the duties of Magistrate of the said District and of assessors for each such Court not exceeding two to be nominated by the Governor-General.

3. PLACE AND TIME OF SITTING. Such Courts shall be held in the said Districts at the places, on the days and at the times following, that is to say—

In District “A” in the office of the Magistrate at the Magistrate’s Court in the City of St. John’s on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at nine o’clock in the forenoon.

In District “B”—

At Bolans, in the Magistrate’s Court on the first Wednesday of each month at nine o’clock in the forenoon.

At Parham, in the Magistrate’s Court on the first Monday of each month at nine o’clock in the forenoon.

At All Saints, in the Magistrate’s Court on the third Monday of each month at nine o’clock in the forenoon.
