

1.1 Scope. These are rules of practice and procedure for the juvenile courts of Georgia. It is recognized that it is difficult to adopt a stringent set of uniform rules for the juvenile courts of Georgia due to the diversity of the juvenile court system of this State. Great differences in population, in rural and urban courts, full-time judges as opposed to part-time judges, independent probation staff as opposed to state court service workers, as well as regional versus local Youth Development Centers near and far from the courts make a stringent set of uniform rules impractical. However, in an effort to provide general uniformity to the juvenile courts of this State, these rules will be broad. This will leave opportunities for each individual court to narrow these by means of local guidelines as they find necessary.

These rules are established by the Georgia Supreme Court with the advice and consent of the Council of Juvenile Court Judges as provided in the Constitution of 1983; Art. VI; Sec. IX; Par. I.

Insofar as these rules may add to existing statutory provisions relating to the same subject matter, they shall be construed so as to implement the purposes of the Juvenile Court Code.