

~~(2) (i) In Prince George's County, the judges of the Circuit Court may not appoint or continue the appointment of masters for juvenile causes, except for the purpose of conducting probable cause hearings, detention hearings, arraignments, acceptances of admissions, and restitution hearings in delinquency cases, and shelter care, adjudicatory, and disposition hearings in child in need of assistance cases.~~

~~(ii) A master in Prince George's County may not conduct:~~

~~1. An adjudicatory hearing in delinquency cases, unless the adjudicatory hearing is limited to the acceptance of an admission; or~~

~~2. A disposition hearing in delinquency cases.~~

~~(b) If a master is appointed for juvenile causes, he is authorized to conduct hearings. These proceedings shall be recorded, and the master shall make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations as to an appropriate order. These proposals and recommendations shall be in writing, and, within 10 days after the hearing, the original shall be filed with the court and a copy served upon each party to the proceeding.~~

~~(c) (1) Any party, in accordance with the Maryland Rules, may file written exceptions to any or all of the master's findings, conclusions, and recommendations, but shall specify those items to which he objects.~~

~~(2) The party who files exceptions may elect a hearing de novo or a hearing on the record before the court unless the party is the State in proceedings involving juvenile delinquency.~~

~~(3) If the State is the excepting party in proceedings involving juvenile delinquency, the hearing shall be on the record, supplemented by additional evidence as the judge considers relevant and to which the parties raise no objection.~~

~~(4) In either case, the hearing shall be limited to those matters to which exceptions have been taken.~~

~~(d) The proposals and recommendations of a master for juvenile causes do not constitute orders or final action of the court. They shall be promptly reviewed by the court; and in the absence of timely and proper exceptions, they may be adopted by the court and appropriate orders entered based on them. Detention or shelter care may be ordered by a master pending court review of his findings, conclusions and recommendations.~~

~~(e) If the court, on its own motion and in the absence of timely and proper exceptions, decides not to adopt the master's findings, conclusions, and recommendations, or any of them it shall conduct a de novo hearing. However, if all parties and the court agree, the hearing may be on the record.]~~

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For purposes of Title 12 of this article, an action, decision, order, or judgment of the District Court in Montgomery County sitting as the juvenile court shall be treated in the same manner as if it had been made, done, or entered by a circuit court.]