

(5) Except as provided in paragraph (6) of this subsection, the court shall announce, in open court, adjudications and dispositions in cases where a child is alleged to have committed a delinquent act which would be a felony if committed by an adult.

(6) For good cause shown, the court may exclude the general public from a proceeding at which an adjudication or disposition is announced and admit only the victim and those persons having a direct interest in the proceeding and their representatives.

[(f)] (G) The court shall try cases without a jury.

[(g)] (H) Whenever a child in need of assistance petition is filed by the local department of social services, the local department shall be a party to the proceeding and shall present to the court the evidence in support of the petition.

[(h)] (I) The court shall hear and rule on a petition seeking an order for emergency medical treatment on an expedited basis.

3-813.

(a) (1) The judges of a circuit court may not appoint a master for juvenile causes unless the appointment and the appointee are approved by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. The standards expressed in § 3-803 OF THIS SUBTITLE, with respect to the assignment of judges, are applicable to the appointment of masters. A master, at the time of his appointment and thereafter during his service as a master, shall be a member in good standing of the Maryland Bar.

(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; OR
3. A PEACE ORDER PROCEEDING.

3-819.

(A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO A PEACE ORDER REQUEST OR A PEACE ORDER PROCEEDING.

[(a)] (B) After a petition or citation has been filed, and unless jurisdiction has been waived, the court shall hold an adjudicatory hearing.

[(b)] (C) (1) Before a child is adjudicated delinquent, the allegations in the petition that the child has committed a delinquent act must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.