**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PREBLE COUNTY OHIO**

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

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Plaintiff/Petitioner

Vs. Judge Stephen R. Bruns

Magistrate Erica J. Gordon

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Defendant/Petitioner **PARENTING TIME ORDER**

Children benefit by continued meaningful exposure to both parents. Children need the continuing and regular involvement of both parents to feel loved. No specific schedule will satisfy the change in needs of both children and parents over the years. Critical to the success of any schedule is each parent’s flexibility based upon the changing needs of a child as the child grows older.

This court order takes into account the changing developmental needs of children. It is recognized that each situation and each child is different, and it is preferred that parents tailor the parenting schedule to meet the specific needs of their children.

A good parenting plan developed for a family should be based upon the following considerations:

1. The developmental needs and age of each child.
2. The psychological attachments of each child.
3. The way the child-rearing tasks were shared during the relationship.
4. The preservation or development of a close relationship with each parent.
5. A consistent and predictable schedule that minimizes the transition between the households.
6. Each child’s temperament and ability to handle change.
7. Parents’ career demands and work schedules.
8. The need for periodic review of the plan, noting trouble signs and revising as each child’s needs and circumstances change

If parents have not filed with the Court their own agreed written plan, the following schedule of parenting time

(court order in boldface print) is hereby ordered. The parties are advised that the entire Model Parenting Time Schedule is available from the Court’s website, [www.preblecountyohio.net](http://www.preblecountyohio.net), and click on the link for download forms.

**For purposes of this order, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is designated the residential parent and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is designated the non-residential parent.**

**PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN MORE THAN ONE AGE GROUP**

The following schedules are designed to provide age appropriate parenting time. In families with children in multiple age groups, parents are encouraged to adopt a single schedule to promote consistency and balance the needs of all the children. If parents are unable to agree on a single schedule, parenting time will be controlled by the age category in which the oldest child falls, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Children under 1 shall always follow the regular schedule for their age group.

**REGULAR PARENTING TIME**

**Local (for parents that live within 45 miles of each other)**

Particularly with very young children, the more frequently the non-residential parent sees the children, the more appropriate it is to have longer periods of time with the non-residential parent.

If the non-residential parent has not had regular contact with the children, short periods of parenting time must precede extended periods.

**Parents shall adjust parenting time to allow for frequent contact for the non-residential parent to accommodate their work schedules.**

1. **Birth until 1 year.**

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| **Birth until 1 year** | | | | | | | |
|  | Mon. | Tues. | Weds. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
| Wk1 |  | X |  | X |  |  | D |
| Wk2 |  | X |  | X |  | D |  |
| Wk3 |  | X |  | X |  |  | D |
| Wk4 |  | X |  | X |  | D |  |

The non-residential parent shall have parenting

time three times a week throughout the year, twice

for 3 to 6 hours and once for 8 hours. If the parents

cannot agree, parenting time shall take place every

Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

and one day every weekend, alternating Saturday/Sunday

from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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| X = Evenings 5:00 pm. – 8:00 pm., D = 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. |

1. **1 year to 3 years**

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| **1 years to 3 years** | | | | | | | |
|  | Mon. | Tues. | Weds. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
| Wk1 |  | X |  | X | O |  |  |
| Wk2 |  | X |  | X |  | O |  |
| Wk3 |  | X |  | X | O | O |  |
| Wk4 |  | X |  | X |  |  |  |

The non-residential parent shall have parenting time

as follows: Tuesday and Thursday evenings from

5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and a rotating 4 week

Schedule as follows:

**Week 1** – Friday at 6:00 pm until Saturday at 6:00 pm

**Week 2** – Saturday at 6:00 pm until Sunday at 6:00 pm

**Week 3** – Friday at 6:00 pm until Sunday at 6:00 pm

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| X = Evenings 5:00 pm. – 8:00 pm., O = Overnight |

**Week 4** – Residential Parent’s weekend

1. **3 years to 5 years**

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| **3 years to 5 years** | | | | | | | |
|  | Mon. | Tues. | Weds. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
| Wk1 |  | X |  |  | O | O |  |
| Wk2 |  | X |  | O |  |  |  |
| Wk3 |  | X |  |  | O | O |  |
| Wk4 |  | X |  | O |  |  |  |

The non-residential parent shall have parenting time on a rotating schedule as follows:

**Weeks 1 & 3**—Tuesday at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm plus

Friday evening at 6:00 pm to Sunday at 6:00 pm

**Weeks 2 & 4** – Tuesday at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm plus

Thursday at 5:00 pm until Friday morning before school or daycare.

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| X = Evenings 5:00 pm. – 8:00 pm., O = overnights |

1. **6 years through 15 years**

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| **6 years through 15 years** | | | | | | | |
|  | Mon. | Tues. | Weds. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
| Wk1 |  | X |  |  | O | O | O |
| Wk2 |  | X |  | O |  |  |  |
| Wk3 |  | X |  |  | O | O | O |
| Wk4 |  | X |  | O |  |  |  |

The non-residential parent shall have parenting time

as follows:

**Weeks 1 & 3** – Tuesday at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and

Friday at 6:00 pm until Monday morning before school

**Weeks 2 & 4** – Tuesday at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm and

Thursday at 6:00 pm until Friday Morning before school

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| X = Evenings O = Overnights |

1. **16 years and above**

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| Wk4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The non-residential parent shall have parenting time

as follows:

**Weeks 1 & 3** – Friday at 6:00 pm until Monday

Morning before school

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| O = Overnights |

1. **Regional (parents who live more than 45 miles apart but less than 200 miles)**

Parents shall follow the local schedule based on the age of the child except that any midweek parenting time shall be exercised in the county of the child’s residence and the non-residential parent shall be responsible for all midweek transportation. Midweek parenting time shall be Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. **The weekend parenting time shall end at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday instead of extending through Monday morning once the children begin attending school.**

1. **Summers:** The parties shall exercise summer parenting time in alternating one week increments beginning the

first Friday after the last day of school. Each period shall begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m. until the following Friday at 6:00 p.m. In all cases, this summer schedule ends at 6:00 pm. the Friday before classes resume. That Friday the children shall be returned to the residential parent. Effective that Friday, regular weekend and weekday parenting time resumes. In the odd numbered years, the non-residential parent shall start the first week. In the even numbered years, the residential parent shall start the first week.

If either party is employed by an employer that has an annual mandatory shut-down, that party shall have priority for parenting time during that period. If both parents have an identical shut-down period, the non-residential parent shall have priority. If the mandatory shut-down period creates a conflict with the alternating weekly schedule, the parties shall trade an equal amount of time as make-up for the lost shut-down parenting time.

**Mid weekday and alternating weekend parenting time shall be suspended during summer vacation parenting time. Child support will not be reduced during summer parenting time.**

1. **Vacations** Each parent may arrange an uninterrupted vacation of not more than two (2) weeks with the children.

Each parent shall schedule this vacation during his/her time during the summer (each parent may arrange either two one-week vacations to take place only during his/her time or they may arrange one two-week vacation using one week of each parent's time, which shall only be permitted if a two-week vacation is scheduled). The vacationing parent shall notify the other parent and provide a general itinerary of the vacation to the other parent, including dates, locations, addresses, and telephone numbers, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled vacation. Holiday and birthday celebrations with either parent shall not be missed, requiring scheduling of the vacation around these events. If parenting time with the other parent is missed during vacation, there is no requirement that it be made up. **Parents shall notify each other of their vacation plans by May 1 each year, and in the event of a conflict, non-residential parent’s schedule shall prevail in odd-numbered years; residential parent’s schedule shall prevail in even-numbered years.**

1. **Holidays:** Parents are encouraged to agree to a holiday schedule based upon legal and religious holidays they

observe. If the parents cannot agree, holiday parenting time shall take place according to the following schedule.

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| HOLIDAY | Even Numbered Years | Odd Numbered Years | Schedule |
| New Year’s Day \* | Non-residential | Residential | 12/31 at 6:00 p.m. to 1/1 at 6:00 p.m. |
| Martin Luther King Day | Residential | Non-residential | Sunday 6:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 p.m. |
| President’s Day | Non-residential | Residential | Sunday 6:00 p.m. to Monday 6:00 p.m. |
| Easter | Residential | Non-residential | Saturday noon to Sunday 6:00 p.m. |
| Memorial Day | Non-residential | Residential | Sunday 6:00 p.m. to Monday at 6:00 p.m. |
| Fourth of July | Residential | Non-residential | 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Labor Day | Non-residential | Residential | Sunday 6:00 p.m. to Monday 6:00 p.m. |
| Halloween (Beggar’s Night) \*\* | Residential | Non-residential | 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Thanksgiving | Non-residential | Residential | Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to Friday 6:00 p.m. |
| Christmas Eve | Non-residential | Residential | 12/23 noon to 12/24 9:00 p.m. |
| Christmas Day | Residential | Non-residential | 12/24 9:00 p.m. to 12/26 6:00 p.m. |
| Mother’s Day \*\*\* | Mother | Mother | 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Father’s Day \*\*\* | Father | Father | 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Child’s Birthday (school) \*\*\*\* | Non-residential | Residential | 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. |
| Child’s Birthday (no school) \*\*\*\* | Non-residential | Residential | 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. |

\*The year in which New Year’s Day falls determines whether the holiday is an even or odd numbered year.

\*\* If Beggar’s night occurs on different nights in each parent’s neighborhood, then the child may participate in Beggar’s night in each parent’s neighborhood.

\*\*\* If the residential and non-residential parent are the same gender, the non-residential parent will have parenting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Mother’s Day in even years and Father’s day in odd years, and the residential parent will have parenting time from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Mother’s Day in odd years and Father’s Day in even years.

\*\*\*\* The parenting time for birthdays will include all children of the marriage, not just the child celebrating his/her birthday.

1. **School Breaks** Unless the parties agree otherwise, all breaks from school (summer, winter, spring, etc.)

commence on the last day of school, and end the day before school resumes.

1. **Winter Break** The parents will equally divide the child’s winter break. This paragraph should be read in

conjunction with the holiday schedule above. The parents will discuss and agree upon the allocation of the break at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the break. If the parents cannot agree on the schedule for the break, the break will be divided equally.

If there is no agreement, the parent who is scheduled to celebrate Christmas Eve shall have the child from the day school is adjourned for the winter break through the scheduled Christmas Eve holiday, and the parent who is scheduled to have Christmas day will have the child for an equal number of days. The remaining days of the break shall also be equally divided with the parent scheduled to have the child for the New Year’s holiday including that time in their half of the remaining days.

1. **Spring Break** The parents shall annually alternate Spring break with the residential parent having the break

in odd numbered years and non-residential parent having the break in even numbered years.

1. **ORDER OF PREFERENCE** In the event of a conflict, the following is the order of preference: (1) holidays;

(2) vacations; (3) weekly schedule.

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Magistrate

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