

**Rule 1. Scope**

These Rules govern all proceedings before the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia described in D.C. Code § 11-1101(13) in which a child (as defined in D.C. Code § 16-2301) is alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision, but do not govern those proceedings described in D.C. Code § 11-1101(13) in which a child is alleged to be neglected.

**COMMENT**

Like the Superior Court Rules of Criminal Procedure, SCR-Juvenile Rules 1 through 60 are modeled on the structure and substance of the corresponding Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Rules 101 through 118 are local Rules unique to the juvenile practice. Where appropriate, each federally-derived Rule is substantially similar to the corresponding Federal Rule. Where the Federal Rule is wholly inapplicable, it is left vacant.

Proceedings regarding delinquency and need of supervision are treated together in the Rules (except where otherwise indicated in a particular Rule) since they are but different parts of the same spectrum of antisocial behavior.