



New Juvenile Traffic Court

Broward County Traffic Court Program

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Not Guilty Plea

Juvenile defendant's case is set for a Pre-trial Conference.

Pre-trial Conference

Eligible juvenile defendants may choose to participate in the Juvenile Traffic Court program.

Trial

If the juvenile defendant is found guilty or as part of any plea, the court may impose successful completion of the program in addition to any other penalties.

Juvenile drivers may be eligible to have their case dismissed by completing court ordered safety tasks.

The goal is to educate juvenile participants regarding safer practices and reduces the amount of recidivism of traffic offenses.

How it Works:

1. Juvenile offenders (up to age 17) are ticketed for a **NON-CRIMINAL** traffic infraction.
2. The clerk receives the ticket and if the driver pleads **NOT GUILTY** the case is set for a **Pre-trial Conference** on a session that is dedicated to juvenile cases.
3. At the Pre-trial Conference, the court will determine if the juvenile is eligible for the Juvenile Traffic Court Program. If so, the court will determine what tasks the juvenile must complete and offer the program to the juvenile defendant.
 - a. If the eligible juvenile defendant chooses to participate in the program at PTC a case manager will be assigned to monitor the defendant in the program. The juvenile defendant upon successful completion has the possibility of having their case dismissed by the court with no costs and no record.
 - b. If the juvenile defendant is **not** eligible or chooses **not** to participate in the program, their case will be set for trial.
4. At trial, if the juvenile defendant is found guilty of the offense or chooses to change their plea, the court may impose successful completion of the program as part of any sentence in addition to any other legal penalty including but not limited to the imposition of points, fines, costs etc.



A Juvenile defendant is **NOT** eligible for the program if:

- ✓ They have participated in the program previously.
- ✓ The juvenile re-offends during the program.
- ✓ The nature of the offense significantly impacts public safety.
- ✓ The cited speed is 30 mph over the limit.
- ✓ The driving record/history does not warrant the opportunity to have the case dismissed.

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