

Chapter 30 – SPECIALIZED DOCKET

Rule 30.01 - Specialized Docket - JAGUAR Court

I. General purpose

The Carroll County Common Pleas Judicial Accountability Guiding and Upholding Addiction Recovery (JAGUAR) Court is a specialized docket designed in accordance with the Ohio Supreme Court Rules and with the Specialized Docket Standards. This docket is a drug court program with individuals charged with a felony offense of the fourth and fifth degree (other charges may be looked at on a case-by-case basis). This program supports those in the program through recovery from substance addiction and integrate them into society by setting standards as follows: compliance with a treatment program, education/GED goals, and search for employment. This program allows a collaborative team to work with an individual toward a common goal using intensive case management.

Rule 30.02 - Eligibility

A. The Carroll County Common Pleas Court has developed the following eligibility requirements for acceptance into this program:

1. Individual must be a resident of/or near Carroll County;
2. Individual must be aged 18 years or older;
3. Individual must be charged with a felony of the fourth or fifth degree, any other degree of charge can be looked at on a case-by-case basis;
4. Individual must have a diagnosis as having a chemical dependency;
5. Individual must be willing to comply with the treatment standards and goals.

B. Disqualifying factors:

1. Individual is charged with a violent offense or has a history of violent criminal acts;
2. Individual is charged with a sex-related offense or has a history of sex-related criminal acts;
3. Individual is charged with a weapons offense or has a history of weapons-related criminal acts;
4. Individual is charged with an aggravated drug trafficking offense or has a history of aggravated drug trafficking offenses.

Rule 30.03 - Referral Process

Any person, including judges, probation/parole officers, defense attorneys, and prosecutors may refer an individual to the JAGUAR Court Program by contacting the program coordinator for further assessment. These referrals can be made at any stage of the court process, to include intervention in lieu, post plea, sentencing, while currently under court supervision/community control, or as a result of a community control violation.

The circumstance that an individual may meet the criteria for the program, does not mean they have the automatic right to begin the program, the Judge would use their own discretion for the final admittance into the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program.

Rule 30-04 - Assessment

A. Once a referral is made to the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program, the program coordinator/liaison will make the initial review and gather further information using an interview and structured questionnaire to see if the applicant meets criteria. All chemical dependency, mental health, and other programming assessments include available information to add to the accuracy of the assessment. The diagnostic assessment is conducted by an individual with the appropriate licensure. The Judge will either approve or disapprove the individual's admittance in to the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program.

B. Case Assignment into the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program

Once the individual is accepted into the program via the Judge, if not already completed, they will sign all applicable releases of information allowing coordination of care amongst providers and the court. The individual will be placed immediately under reporting supervision to monitor compliance within the program. The individual is placed in the appropriate treatment services and programs as soon as possible (detox, residential, intensive outpatient, individual counseling, etc.)

Rule 30-05 - Case Management

A. Services for treatment will be made available to the individual based on the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program Policies and Procedures, and also based on that participant's individualized needs. Treatment team for the Carroll County JAGUAR Court will meet once a week Thursday at 3:00pm.

B. The Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program is divided into four phases. As the participant progresses through the four phases, they are expected to follow the phase guidelines and completion criteria, remain abstinent from all mood-altering

chemicals, show respect and honesty, attend all scheduled counseling appointment, attend self-help group meetings, and be subject to random, observed urine screens.

C. The program coordinator/liaison and treatment providers will work closely together in monitoring the participant's progress through the program. During the early phases of the program, the treatment team will meet with the participant weekly, but after the individual excels through the program, these visits will become less frequent.

Rule 30.06 - Termination from the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program

Termination from the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program, either due to an inability to participate or noncompliance with the program guidelines, will have an end result of a court order reflecting the termination and a transferring of the case back to the regular docket.

Rule 30.07 - Completion of the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program

To successfully complete the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program, the individual must have completed all requirements of the four phases, be in good standing with payment of fines and costs, and be approved for program graduation by the Judge. At the graduation ceremony, held during a regularly scheduled review hearing, the participant is awarded a certificate of completion, and given a copy of the judgment entry showing their successful completion of the Carroll County JAGUAR Court Program.