

Rule 5. Continuances**5.01 Findings**

Upon its own motion or motion of a party, the court may continue a scheduled hearing or trial to a later date. To grant a continuance, the court shall make written findings or oral findings on the record that the continuance is necessary for the accumulation or presentation of evidence or witnesses, to protect the rights of a party, or for other good cause shown. A final hearing pursuant to Rule 41 and a trial pursuant to Rule 44 shall be commenced and completed not sooner than ninety (90) days after the child is placed, unless there is a waiver of the residency requirement pursuant to Rule 35, but not later than ninety (90) days after the petition is filed.

(Amended effective January 1, 2007.)

5.02 Notice of Continuance

The court shall provide written notice to the parties of the date and time of the continued hearing or trial.

5.03 Existing Orders; Interim Orders

Unless otherwise ordered, existing orders shall remain in full force and effect during a continuance. When a continuance is ordered, the court may make any interim orders it deems to be in the best interests of the child in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 259.20 to 259.89.