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|  | **Primary Citation(s)** | **Status** | **Form of Adoption** |
| **Alaska** | Alaska Rules of Court  Rules of Civil Procedure  [Rule 16.2 – Informal Trials in Domestic Relations Cases](http://www.courtrecords.alaska.gov/webdocs/rules/docs/civ.pdf) | Applies to entire state  Effective April 15, 2015  Review and report after three years | Statewide court rule |
| **Idaho** | Idaho Rules of Family Law Procedure  [Rule 713. Informal Trial](https://isc.idaho.gov/irflp713) | Applies to entire state  Effective statewide July 1, 2015  (Originally adopted as IRCP Rule 16 (p) in 2008) | Statewide court rule |
| **Oregon** | 11th Judicial District  Deschutes County Circuit Court  Supplementary Local Rules  [Rules 7.045 and 8.015](http://www.ojd.state.or.us/Web/ojdpublications.nsf/Files/Deschutes_SLR_2016.pdf/$File/Deschutes_SLR_2016.pdf) | Pilot in Deschutes County  Effective May 29, 2013  Statewide rule under consideration | Local court rule  (Statewide court rule under consideration) |
| **Utah** | Judicial Council Rules of Judicial Administration  [Rule 4-904. Informal trial of support, custody and parent-time.](https://www.utcourts.gov/resources/rules/ucja/ch04/4-904.htm) | Applies to entire state  Effective April 12, 2012 | Statewide court rule |

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|  | **Case and Hearing Types** | **How Selected** | **Waiver** |
| **Alaska** | Trials in actions of divorce, property division, child custody, and child, including motions to modify. | Opt-in. In a case proceeding to trial, the court may offer the parties the option of electing the informal trial process. | Parties must consent to the process. An explicit waiver of the rules of evidence is not included in the rule. |
| **Idaho** | Trials in actions for child custody and child support. | Opt-in. Parties must waive the application of the Idaho Rules of Evidence and the normal question answer manner of a trial. | Consent and waiver to be given verbally on the record or in writing on a form developed by the Supreme Court. |
| **Oregon** | Trials in original actions or modifications for divorce, separate maintenance, annulment, child custody and child support. | Forced choice/opt-in. Parties must select the type of trial they would like at the pre-trial conference. Both parties must select an informal trial, otherwise a traditional trial is scheduled. | Not explicitly required in the rule, however the trial selection form contains a written waiver and it is the practice of the court to engage the parties in an oral waiver on the record at the time of trial. |
| **Utah** | Trials in actions for child support, child custody and parent-time. | Opt-in. Upon waiver and stipulated motion, orally or in writing, by the parties. | The court must find that the parties have made a valid waiver of their right to a regular trial. |

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|  | **General Process** | **Evidence** | **Witnesses** |
| **Alaska** | Opening (summary of issues to be decided), the parties’ present case in turn, opportunity to respond to factual information presented by opposing party, closing. | Parties may offer any relevant documentation. Court will determine admission and weight. Court may require additional documentation. Letters from children regarding custody discouraged. | Only the court may question a party.  Parties may advise the court of additional questions or issues they would like the court to address with the opposing party. Exclusion of witnesses is implicit. |
| **Idaho** | The moving party speaks to the court regarding their position(s). The Court questions the party to develop required evidence. Process repeats for opposing party. | Parties may offer any documentation they wish the court to consider. Court shall determine weight, if any, given to each document. Court may order the record be supplemented. | Only the court may question a party.  Parties may advise the court of additional questions or issues they would like the court to address with the opposing party. Exclusion of witnesses is implicit. |
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|  | **Expert Witnesses** | **Role of Attorneys** | **Other** |
| **Alaska** | Expert reports may be admitted without testimony. If expert testifies, all parties, their attorneys and the court may question the expert. | May provide opening summary, propose questions for the court to ask of the opposing party or issues to explore, question expert witnesses and closing statement. | Court may disallow a request to withdraw from the procedure if it would prejudice the other party or postpone the trial date absent a showing of good cause. |
| **Idaho** | Guardian ad Litem and expert reports may be admitted without testimony. If expert testifies, all parties, their attorneys and the court may question the expert. | May propose questions for the court to ask of the opposing party or issues to explore, question expert witnesses and make legal argument. |  |
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| **Utah** | If there is an expert, any report is entered as the Court’s exhibit and the expert may be questioned by the parties, their attorneys and the court. | Following the opposing party’s testimony, may identify areas of inquiry and the Court may make the inquiry. | Entry of an order by the court is explicitly included in the Rule. If the order is a final order, it may be appealed on any grounds that do not rely upon the Utah Rules of Evidence. |