

2005 (07) Rule Change

COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
CHAPTER 5
TRIALS

Rule 53. Masters

(a) through (b). No Change.

(c) **Powers.** The order of reference to the master may specify or limit the master's powers and may direct the master to report only upon particular issues, or to do or perform particular acts or to receive and report evidence only and may fix the time and place for beginning and closing the hearings and for the filing of the master's report. Subject to the specifications and limitations stated in the order, the master has and shall exercise the power to regulate all proceedings in every hearing before the master and to do all acts and take all measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of ~~his~~the master's duties under the order. The master may require the production before the master of evidence upon all matters embraced in the reference, including the production of all books, papers, vouchers, documents, and writings applicable thereto. The master may rule upon the admissibility of evidence unless otherwise directed by the order of reference and has the authority to put witnesses on oath and may himself (or herself) examine them and may call the parties to the action and examine them upon oath. When a party so requests, the master shall make a record of the evidence received, offered, and excluded in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as ~~provided in Rule 43 (c) for~~ a court sitting without a jury.

(d) through (e). No Change

Amended and adopted by the Court, En Banc April 14, 2005
effective immediately.

BY THE COURT:

Nancy E. Rice
Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court