

**Rule 17.1. Pretrial Conference**

On its own, or on a party's motion, the court may hold one or more pretrial conferences to promote a fair and expeditious trial. When a conference ends, the court must prepare and file a memorandum of any matters agreed to during the conference. The government may not use any statement made during the conference by the defendant or the defendant's attorney unless it is in writing and is signed by the defendant and the defendant's attorney.

**COMMENT TO 2016 AMENDMENTS**

This rule has been redrafted to conform to the general restyling of the federal rules in 2002. It is identical to the federal rule, and, consistent with the 2002 amendments to that rule, it no longer prohibits a pretrial conference when the defendant is not represented by counsel.