

The 7-Point Pre-Trade Audit

A one-page stop/go control for evidence-first paper decisions

01 PROPOSITION

Write the exact YES condition. Do not substitute the headline.

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02 RESOLUTION

Record the source, deadline, status and ambiguous edge cases.

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03 EVIDENCE

Use dated, attributable sources eligible at the decision cutoff.

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04 FORECAST

Freeze probability, range, assumptions and disconfirming evidence first.

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05 EXECUTION

Capture side, executable quote, timestamp, spread and market state.

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06 FRICTION

Model fees, tick rounding, slippage and material uncertainty.

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07 RISK

Check position, portfolio and stop conditions before recording a decision.

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STOP RULE

If any control fails, stop. Record the failure instead of forcing the trade.