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Trading plan template

Editable workbook-style plan | Define rules before simulated execution

Complete this document in your own words. Treat all limits as planning constraints, not guarantees. Test rules in a simulated environment before evaluating whether they are workable.

Plan version / date	Version, review date, decision owner
Objectives & constraints	Purpose, available time, learning goals and financial constraints
Eligible instruments	Markets, instruments, account type, session and data source
Strategy hypothesis	Explain why the rule might work and what evidence would invalidate it
Entry conditions	Precisely observable conditions and order type
Exit & invalidation	Exit rules, price gaps, time exits, stop limitations

Risk and capital limits

Starting equity / currency	Capital allocated, base currency, no assumption of borrowing
Risk per trade	Planned cash loss and percentage of equity; include costs
Aggregate exposure	Gross/net exposure, correlated positions, total open risk and margin buffer
Stop / review limits	Daily and portfolio drawdown review thresholds; actions if breached

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Execution and operational safeguards

Order workflow	Verify symbol, side, quantity, price, expiry and pending orders
Costs and event risk	Spreads, commissions, financing, FX, scheduled events and liquidity
No-trade conditions	Unverified data, unresolved orders, risk breach, inadequate liquidity
Contingency plan	Official broker contacts, alternate access, reconciliation and resumption gate
Account security	Verified access, secure credentials, recovery procedure

Research, review and change control

Testing method	Frozen rules, realistic costs, out-of-sample testing and limitations
Journal fields	Thesis, inputs, timestamp, actual fills, costs, result, decision review
Review schedule	Frequency; net expectancy, drawdown, rule compliance and sample uncertainty
Change rules	Criteria for investigation, pause or revision; independent retest
Approval / next review	Confirm unresolved items; date next review

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