

# THE PROP FIRM SUCCESS BLUEPRINT



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## **RISK DISCLAIMER**

### **Please Read Before Trading**

The information provided in “The Prop Firm Success Blueprint” is intended for educational and informational purposes only. It is not investment advice, financial advice, trading advice, or a recommendation to buy, sell, or trade any financial instrument.

Trading financial markets involves substantial risk, and purchasing a prop-firm challenge or paying evaluation, activation, reset, or other fees involves financial risk. You should only trade or participate with money you can afford to lose.

Prop-firm programs differ in their structure. Some accounts and trading environments may be simulated rather than live, and payout eligibility, drawdown rules, trading restrictions, fees, and other conditions vary between firms. Prop-firm rules can change, so always read and understand the firm's current terms and conditions before purchasing a challenge or trading an account.

Nothing in this ebook guarantees that you will pass a prop-firm evaluation, receive a funded account, or generate profits.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Every trader's results will vary, and you are solely responsible for your own trading decisions and risk management.

By using this ebook, you acknowledge that you are responsible for conducting your own research and making your own decisions.

Trade responsibly. Protect your capital. Stay disciplined.

# Foreword

Hey there—Vladimir Ribakov here.

Thank you for downloading “The Prop Firm Success Blueprint” ebook. I created this book for traders who want a practical roadmap—not another collection of fancy words that sounds good until the first drawdown arrives.

I began my trading journey in 2006, and I learned some of my earliest lessons the expensive way. Like many traders, I started with ambition, plenty of charts, and not nearly enough respect for risk. I lost more than one trading account before I understood a lesson that has stayed with me ever since: consistency—not prediction—is what keeps a trader in the game.

My path was not a straight line. An unexpected opportunity took me into a broker's dealing room, where I saw the market from a very different perspective. I learned how traders behaved, how risk was managed, and why people could make the same mistakes again and again. At one point, I realized I was making some of those mistakes myself. That question—how can I expect a different result if I keep making the same mistakes?—changed the way I approached trading and helped shape the contrarian, divergence, and market-cycle methods I later developed.

I eventually moved into private-capital trading and continued developing as a professional trader. The journey was not always smooth, but it taught me that patience, controlled risk, preparation, and discipline matter far more than the excitement of finding the next trade. That is exactly what this book is about. A prop-firm challenge can look simple on paper: hit the target, stay within the drawdown, and pass. But the market has a funny way of exposing weaknesses in a hurry. Treat the challenge like a lottery ticket, and it can become an expensive lesson. Treat it like a professional trading process, and you give yourself a much better chance of building something sustainable.

You will not find a magic strategy here, because there is no magic strategy. You will find a practical framework for understanding prop-firm rules, managing risk, sizing positions, building a trading plan, controlling emotions, and approaching an evaluation like a professional. As a Certified Financial Technician (CFTe), educator, and professional trader, my goal is not to make you trade exactly the way I do. Your job is to build a process that fits your strategy, your personality, and the rules of the firm you choose. Take what is useful, test it, adapt it, and apply it. The market will provide enough lessons of its own—you don't need to pay for the same lesson twice.

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And now—let's begin.

# CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

**"Success in trading is built on discipline, patience, and consistency—not luck."**

**— Vladimir Ribakov, CFTe**

## Introduction

This guide has been created to help aspiring traders understand what it really takes to pass a prop firm challenge and, more importantly, develop the habits required to keep a funded account over the long term.

Throughout this ebook, you'll learn how professional traders approach risk management, position sizing, trading psychology, planning, and execution. Rather than chasing quick profits, the focus is on building a repeatable process that delivers consistent results.



### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- How prop firm evaluations work
- The rules that matter most
- Professional risk management
- Position sizing and capital preservation
- Building a structured trading plan
- Developing the mindset of a funded trader



### KEY TAKEAWAY

Treat this ebook as a practical roadmap. Read each chapter in order, apply the concepts consistently, and focus on becoming a disciplined trader rather than simply passing a challenge.

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## CHAPTER 2

# UNDERSTANDING PROP FIRMS

## Understanding Prop Firms

Retail prop-firm programs allow traders to demonstrate their performance under predefined risk rules. Depending on the firm, both the evaluation and the post-evaluation account may be simulated. Successful traders may become eligible for performance-based payouts, while some firms may also use or copy selected trading activity in live markets. Always confirm the firm's exact model before paying for a challenge.

## How Prop Firms Challenges Work

- Choose the challenge type as per your requirements and purchase an evaluation challenge.
- Meet the profit target while respecting the rules of the challenge.
- Complete a verification phase (if applicable).
- Qualify for the firm's funded or simulated trading program and become eligible for payouts under its terms.
- Earn payouts by following the firm's rules.



### WHY TRADERS CHOOSE PROP FIRMS

- **Access to larger trading capital**
- **Limited personal financial risk**
- **Performance-based account scaling**
- **Professional trading environment**



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Understand the firm's rules before trading.**
- **Consistency matters more than aggressive profits.**
- **Capital preservation is the foundation of long-term success.**

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## CHAPTER 3

# HOW PROP FIRM CHALLENGES WORK



## How Prop Firm Challenges Work

Many retail prop-firm programs require traders to complete an evaluation before becoming eligible for the firm's funded or simulated trading program. The objective is to demonstrate disciplined performance while following strict risk-management rules. The exact structure, drawdown model, and payout terms vary by firm, so read the current rules before you trade.

### Typical Evaluation Stages

Register for a challenge and choose your account size.

Trade according to the firm's rules and profit target.

Respect daily and maximum drawdown limits.

Protect each of your trades with a proper SL

Complete the verification stage if required.

Qualify for the firm's next stage or funded/simulated program according to its terms.



#### **PROFESSIONAL TIP**

**Treat the evaluation as an opportunity to demonstrate consistency. Avoid increasing risk simply to reach the profit target faster.**



#### **COMMON MISTAKES**

- Overtrading
- Ignoring drawdown rules
- Increasing position size after losses
- Chasing the profit target



#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Understand every rule before placing your first trade.
- Consistency is more important than speed.
- Protecting capital is the fastest path to becoming funded.

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## **CHAPTER 4**

# **CHOOSING THE RIGHT PROP FIRM**

## Choosing the Right Prop Firm

**Not all prop firms operate under the same rules. Before purchasing a challenge, evaluate the firm's trading conditions, payout process, and reputation. Selecting the right firm increases your chances of long-term success. Make sure the one you choose fits your needs, goals and trading style!**

# Evaluation Checklist

Profit target and drawdown limits

Trading rules and restrictions

Payout schedule and profit split

Available trading platforms

Customer support and reputation

Scaling opportunities for successful traders



## PROFESSIONAL TIP

**Choose a prop firm whose rules match your trading style rather than selecting one based only on the lowest challenge fee.**

## **AVOID THESE MISTAKES**

- Ignoring the rulebook
- Choosing based only on price
- Overlooking payout policies
- Trading without understanding restrictions



## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Research every prop firm before registering.
- Understand the rules completely.
- Choose consistency and transparency over marketing claims.

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## CHAPTER 5

# MASTERING PROP FIRM RULES



## Mastering Prop Firm Rules

Prop firms establish trading rules to evaluate how consistently traders can manage risk and follow a defined trading process. These rules are designed to protect the firm's risk framework and ensure that traders operate within clearly defined limits. Breaking these rules can result in immediate account failure regardless of your profits. Understanding and respecting them is essential before placing your first trade.

## Rules Every Trader Should Know

Rules vary among different prop firms. Here are the most common ones:

Maximum daily drawdown/limit

Maximum overall drawdown

Profit target requirements

Minimum trading days (where applicable)

Restricted news or weekend trading policies

Position sizing and risk limits

Consistency rule (To make sure the trader doesn't have the luck of "one good trade")

## Before You Buy a Challenge

Do not compare prop firms by challenge price alone. Compare the rules that can actually affect your trading.

**Static vs. trailing drawdown** — Know whether the drawdown level stays fixed or moves with your balance or equity.

**Balance vs. equity** — Confirm whether floating profit and loss counts toward the daily and maximum loss limits.

**Reset time and time zone** — Know exactly when the daily loss limit resets.

**Open positions, commissions, and swaps** — Check how each is treated when calculating drawdown.

**News, weekends, EAs, trade copiers, VPNs, and multiple devices** — Make sure your normal workflow is permitted.

**Correlated exposure** — Several positions can behave like one large trade when the instruments move together.

**Fees and payouts** — Check evaluation, activation, reset, and refund fees, plus payout conditions and restrictions.

**Simulated vs. live model** — Understand exactly what the firm means by a funded account. The rulebook is not exciting reading, but it is much cheaper than learning the rules after an account breach.

#### PROFESSIONAL TIP

Read the firm's rulebook before you begin trading and review it whenever you are unsure. A few minutes of preparation can prevent an avoidable account violation.

#### COMMON RULE VIOLATIONS

- Exceeding daily drawdown
- Removing stop-losses
- Overleveraging positions
- Trading restricted events without checking the rules

#### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Know the rules before you trade.
- Discipline is measured by consistency.
- Protecting the account is more important than chasing profits.

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## CHAPTER 6

# THE RISK MANAGEMENT BLUEPRINT



## The Risk Management Blueprint

Risk management is the foundation of professional trading. A good strategy can produce opportunities, but risk management determines how much damage a losing streak can do. Think of it as the shield around your trading strategy: it does not stop every loss, but it can stop one bad period from becoming a disaster.

### Core Risk Management Principles

Risk a fixed percentage of capital on each trade.

Respect daily and maximum drawdown limits.

Never move a stop-loss to increase risk.

Trade only high-quality setups.

Think in terms of long-term consistency rather than short-term profits.

## Control Total Exposure

Risk is not only about one trade. If you have several positions open in instruments that are strongly correlated, your combined exposure may be much larger than it appears.

Ask yourself: How much am I already risking? Are these trades likely to move together? If the answer makes you uncomfortable, reduce the exposure.

After a losing trade, the market does not owe you a refund. The next trade should still be the next valid trade—not a repayment plan.



### PROFESSIONAL TIP

**Before entering any trade, calculate your maximum potential loss. If the risk exceeds your trading plan, do not take the trade.**

### ⚠️ COMMON MISTAKES

- Risking too much on one trade
- Removing stop-losses
- Chasing losses
- Ignoring drawdown limits



### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Protect capital first.
- Keep risk consistent.
- Long-term success comes from disciplined execution, not aggressive trading.

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## CHAPTER 7 PROFESSIONAL POSITION SIZING

### Professional Position Sizing

**Position sizing connects your trading strategy with your risk management plan. Even an excellent setup can become a poor trade if the position size exposes too much capital. Professional traders calculate their position size before every trade.**

## **The Three Key Variables**

Account size

Risk percentage per trade

Stop-loss distance based on market structure

## **Simple Workflow**

Identify the setup.

Determine the stop-loss.

Decide your predefined risk percentage.

Calculate the correct position size (most platforms have the tools to calculate it automatically for you).

Execute the trade.

## The Position-Sizing Formula

# PROFESSIONAL POSITION SIZING

Size your trades like a professional, not like a gambler.

|                                                                                   |                 |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
|  | ACCOUNT CAPITAL | \$100,000                     |
|  | RISK PER TRADE  | 0.50%                         |
|  | RISK AMOUNT     | \$500<br>(100,000 × 0.50%)    |
|  | STOP LOSS       | 25 PIPS                       |
| POSITION SIZE                                                                     |                 | <b>2.00 LOTS</b><br>(APPROX.) |

### CALCULATION EXAMPLE (EUR/USD)

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Risk Amount                  | \$500   |
| Stop Loss                    | 25 pips |
| Pip Value (per standard lot) | \$10    |

$$\text{Position Size (lots)} = \frac{\text{Risk Amount (\$)}}{\text{Stop Loss (pips)} \times \text{Pip Value per Lot (\$)}}$$
$$= \$500 \div (25 \times \$10)$$
$$= \mathbf{2.00 \text{ LOTS (APPROX.)}}$$

**IMPORTANT**  
This calculation is BEFORE commissions, slippage, and fees.

**AT 0.20 LOTS:**  
 $0.20 \times \$10 \times 25 = \$50$   
Risking only \$50,  
**NOT \$500.**

**PRO TIP**  
Always risk a small % of your account on every trade.  
Consistency comes from surviving, not from being right.

 For EUR/USD in a USD-denominated account, one standard lot is approximately \$10 per pip.

$$\text{Position Size} = \text{Risk Amount} \div (\text{Stop-Loss Distance} \times \text{Pip Value per Lot})$$

### WORKED EXAMPLE

A trader has a \$100,000 account and risks 0.50% (\$500) on a EUR/USD trade. After determining a 25-pip stop-loss based on market structure, the position size is calculated so the maximum loss remains \$500 if the stop-loss is hit.

This is an illustration, not a universal pip-value rule. Actual pip value can vary by instrument, account currency, and market conditions. Commissions and slippage can also affect the final loss.

Your confidence should never determine your lot size. Your predefined risk should.

# CHAPTER 8

## BUILDING YOUR TRADING PLAN



## Building Your Trading Plan

A trading plan removes guesswork from your decisions. It defines what you trade, when you trade, how much you risk, and the conditions required before entering and exiting a position. A good plan keeps you organized; a great plan keeps you consistent. It cannot guarantee profitability, but it can make your decisions more repeatable.

## Your Trading Plan Should Include

Markets you trade

Preferred trading sessions/hours of the day/week you trade

Entry conditions

Exit rules

Risk management rules

Maximum trades per day

Trading journal and review process

## Daily Trading Checklist

### One-Page Trading Plan Template

Markets / Instruments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Setup: \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stop-Loss Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
Risk Per Trade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position-Sizing Method: \_\_\_\_\_  
Profit-Taking / Exit Rule: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maximum Daily Risk: \_\_\_\_\_  
When I Stop Trading: \_\_\_\_\_  
Post-Session Review: \_\_\_\_\_

A trading plan is your seat belt: simple, unglamorous, and extremely valuable when emotions take control.

Review the economic calendar.

Confirm the higher-timeframe trend.

Mark key support and resistance levels.

Calculate position size for every trade before you take it.

Trade only valid setups.

Record every completed trade.



#### EXAMPLE

A trader follows a breakout strategy on EUR/USD during the London Session only, risks

0.50% per trade, limits trading to three positions per day, and avoids high-impact news events. When no valid setup appears, the trader does not trade.

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## CHAPTER 9

# THE DAILY ROUTINE OF PROFESSIONAL TRADERS

## The Daily Routine of Professional Traders

**Professional traders follow structured routines that remove emotion from decision-making. Preparation before the market opens, disciplined execution during the session, and a thorough review afterward help create consistent long-term performance.**

### Before the Trading Session

Review the economic calendar.

Check higher-timeframe market structure.

Mark key support and resistance levels.

Review your trading plan.

Confirm your maximum daily risk.

### During the Trading Session

Wait patiently for valid setups.

Calculate position size before entering.

Respect your stop-loss and trading plan.

Avoid emotional decisions.

## After the Trading Session

Record every completed trade.

Check whether each trade followed your plan.

Review risk, execution, and emotional decisions.

Identify one thing to improve before the next session.

Close the review when it is complete—do not turn a 20-minute review into a three-hour emotional autopsy.

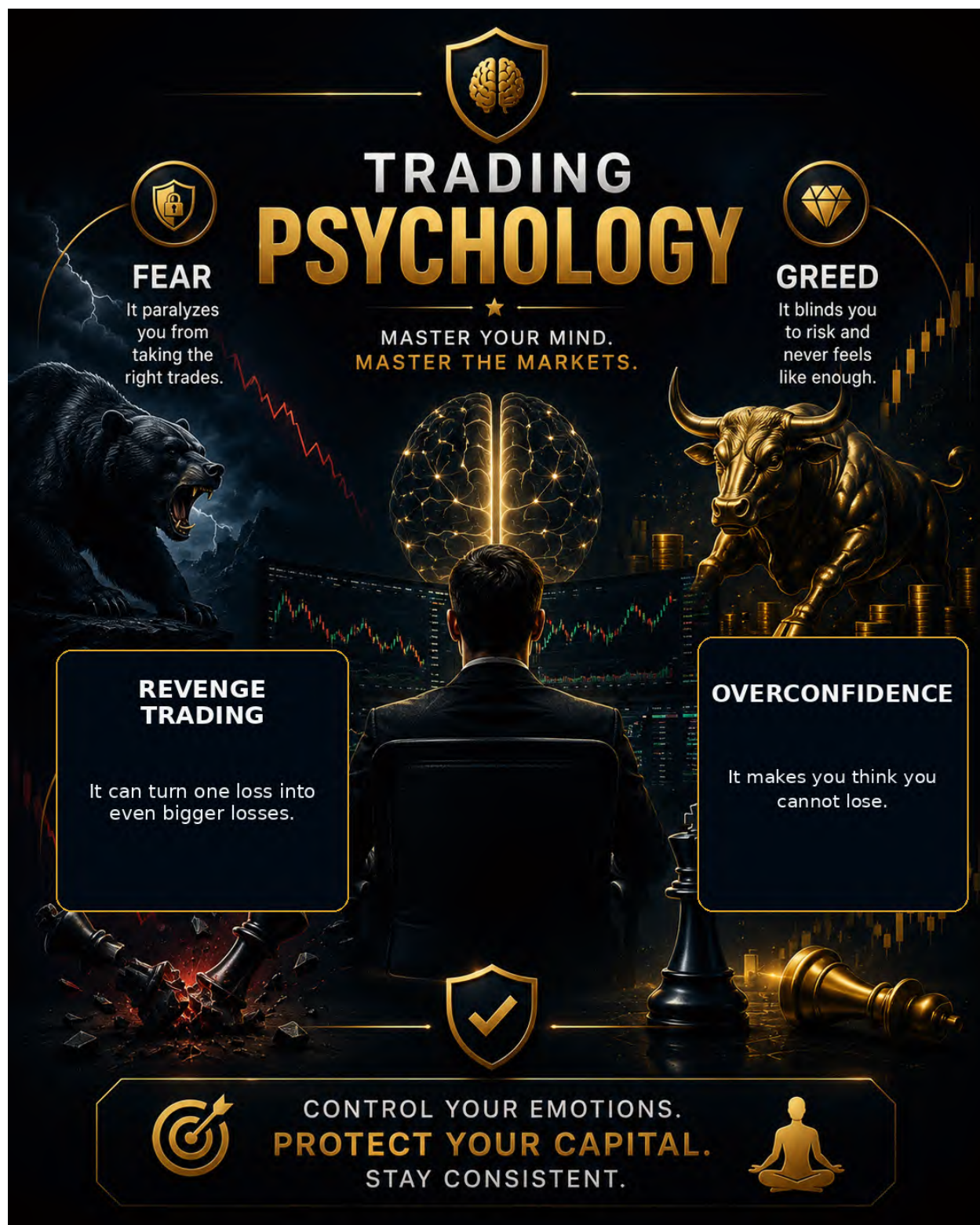


### PROFESSIONAL TIP

**A routine should make good decisions easier. If the market does not present a valid setup, staying out is a professional decision—not a missed opportunity.**

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# CHAPTER 10 TRADING PSYCHOLOGY



# Trading Psychology

**A profitable strategy alone is not enough to pass a prop firm challenge. Fear, greed, frustration, and overconfidence can cause traders to abandon their trading plan. Professional traders recognize these emotions and rely on discipline rather than impulse.**

## The Four Emotional Traps

**Fear** – Closing winning trades too early or avoiding valid setups.

**Greed** – Taking excessive risk or chasing unrealistic profits.

**Revenge Trading** – Trying to recover losses immediately.

**Overconfidence** – Ignoring rules after a winning streak.

## Building Emotional Discipline

Follow a written trading plan.

Use consistent position sizing.

Respect every stop-loss.

Review every completed trading session.

Judge yourself by execution, not by one trade.

### COMMON EMOTIONAL TRAPS

**Fear, greed, revenge trading, and overconfidence can turn a good strategy into poor execution. Recognising the emotion before acting is the first step toward controlling it.**

### PROFESSIONAL TIP

**Measure yourself by the quality of your execution, not by whether the last trade was a winner or loser.**

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# CHAPTER 11

## WHY TRADERS FAIL

### Why Traders Fail

Many traders do not fail because their strategy is incapable of producing profits. They fail because they break their own rules, take excessive risk, or allow emotions to control their decisions. Recognizing these patterns is the first step toward avoiding them.

### Common Failure Patterns

**Overtrading** – Taking trades simply because the market is moving.

**Overleveraging** – Risking too much in a single position.

**Revenge Trading** – Increasing risk after a loss to recover quickly.

**Strategy Hopping** – Changing systems whenever results temporarily decline.

**Ignoring the Plan** – Making decisions that were never part of the trading strategy.

**Lack of Review** – Repeating mistakes because trades are not properly analyzed.

#### COMMON MISTAKES

Trying to make back losses immediately, increasing position size after a losing trade, trading without a clear setup, and abandoning a proven process after a short period of poor performance.

#### PROFESSIONAL TIP

Do not judge your trading ability from one trade or one day. Review a meaningful sample of trades and focus on whether you followed your process.

### ✓ KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Control risk before looking for profits.
- Follow one well-defined process.
- Learn from losses instead of chasing them.
- Consistency comes from avoiding repeatable mistakes.

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## CHAPTER 12

# PASSING THE EVALUATION PHASE

## Passing the Evaluation Phase

The evaluation phase is where you prove that your process can operate inside the firm's rules. Do not treat it like a race to reach the profit target. Start conservatively, learn the firm's mechanics, and build a record of disciplined execution. The goal is not to pass quickly. The goal is to pass correctly.

### A Practical Evaluation Approach

Start with a clear daily risk limit.

Trade only setups that meet your strategy rules.

Use consistent position sizing.

Respect the firm's drawdown limits.

Stop trading when your daily plan is complete.

Review your trades and decisions regularly.

### PROFESSIONAL TIP

Do not increase your risk simply because you are close to the profit target. Your objective is to complete the evaluation while maintaining the same disciplined process.

### COMMON MISTAKES

- Chasing the profit target
- Increasing risk after a losing day
- Taking low-quality setups
- Trading more frequently than your plan allows

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Treat the evaluation like a real trading account.
- Protect your drawdown buffer.
- Let your strategy determine when you trade.
- Consistent execution gives you the best chance of completing the evaluation.

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## CHAPTER 13

# PASSING THE VERIFICATION PHASE

## Passing the Verification Phase

Verification is where many traders make a subtle mistake: they change a process that just worked. Treat verification as confirmation, not a new opportunity to increase risk. Keep the same position-sizing method, the same risk model, and the same execution standards that got you through the first stage.

### Your Verification Checklist

Review the firm's current rules before trading.

Keep your risk per trade consistent.

Respect daily and maximum drawdown limits.

Trade only your predefined setups.

Avoid increasing risk because you are close to the target.

Continue journaling and reviewing your trades.

## The Mindset Shift

Once traders pass the first stage, confidence can increase quickly. That confidence should support discipline—not replace it. The verification phase is another opportunity to demonstrate that your process is repeatable.



### PROFESSIONAL TIP

Do not celebrate by increasing your risk. The verification phase is not the time to prove how much you can make; it is the time to prove that you can remain consistent.



### COMMON MISTAKES

- Becoming overconfident after passing the evaluation
- Increasing lot size unnecessarily
- Chasing the target
- Changing a strategy that was already working

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## CHAPTER 14 MANAGING A FUNDED ACCOUNT

### Managing a Funded Account

Once you receive a funded account, the objective changes. The focus is no longer simply on reaching a target; it is on protecting the account while consistently executing your strategy. Treat the funded account with the same discipline you used during the evaluation.

## Protect the Account

Keep risk per trade within your predefined limit.

Respect the firm's daily and maximum drawdown rules.

Avoid increasing risk after losses.

Take only setups that meet your trading plan.

Monitor your exposure when multiple positions are correlated.

Keep a detailed trading journal.

## Managing Profitable Periods

Winning streaks can create overconfidence. Avoid the temptation to increase position size simply because recent trades have been profitable. Consistency means keeping the same process during both winning and losing periods.

## Know the Payout Rules

A funded or simulated account is not the finish line. Before trading, understand the firm's payout schedule, minimum trading days, profit split, consistency requirements, drawdown rules, and any restrictions that can affect eligibility.

Do not assume that a profitable account automatically means an immediate payout. Read the current terms and keep your own records.



### PROFESSIONAL TIP

Think in terms of preserving your trading opportunity. A funded account gives you the chance to keep trading; protecting that opportunity should always come first.



### COMMON MISTAKES

- Increasing risk after a winning streak
- Trading larger after losses
- Ignoring drawdown limits
- Taking trades outside the plan

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# CHAPTER 15

## THE 20-DAY CHALLENGE BLUEPRINT

### THE 20-DAY CHALLENGE BLUEPRINT

20 TRADING DAYS. ONE DISCIPLINED PROCESS.

#### DAYS 1-5

##### ESTABLISH YOUR RHYTHM

- Prepare mindset and environment
- Learn the firm rules
- Define risk and position size

#### DAYS 6-10

##### BUILD CONSISTENCY

- Review early execution
- Keep risk unchanged
- Journal every trade

#### DAYS 11-15

##### PROTECT YOUR PROGRESS

- Monitor drawdown buffer
- Trade only valid setups
- Reduce unnecessary trading

#### DAYS 16-20

##### FINISH WITH DISCIPLINE

- Do not chase the target
- Maintain normal risk
- Review before the next session

#### A 20-TRADING-DAY FRAMEWORK

##### NOT A PROMISE TO COMPLETE A CHALLENGE IN 20 DAYS.

If no valid setup appears, staying out is part of the plan.

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# The 20-Day Challenge Blueprint

A challenge becomes easier to manage when you focus on the process rather than the final profit target. This 20-trading-day framework gives you a simple structure for preparing, executing, reviewing, and maintaining discipline. It is a framework—not a promise that a challenge should or will be completed within 20 trading days.

## Days 1–5: Establish Your Rhythm

1. Prepare your mindset and trading environment.
2. Learn the firm's rules and confirm all restrictions that affect your strategy.
3. Define your risk per trade and position-sizing method before placing a trade.
4. Do not rush into the market simply because the challenge has started; preparation is part of the process.

## Days 6–10: Build Consistency

5. Begin trading only valid setups that meet your plan.
6. Review early execution and identify recurring mistakes.
7. Keep risk and position sizing unchanged.
8. Journal every trade and avoid increasing risk after winning or losing sessions.

## Days 11–15: Protect Your Progress

9. Monitor your remaining drawdown buffer.
10. Take only setups that meet your plan.
11. Reduce unnecessary trading.
12. Keep your focus on consistency.

## Days 16–20: Finish With Discipline

13. Do not chase the remaining target.
14. Maintain your normal risk.
15. Review every trade before the next session.
16. If the required conditions are met, stop trading rather than forcing additional trades.

### PROFESSIONAL TIP

The 20-day framework is a guide, not a reason to trade every day. If no valid setup appears, staying out is part of the plan.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Focus on one day at a time.
- Keep risk consistent throughout the challenge.
- Review your process regularly.
- Finishing safely is more important than finishing quickly.

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## CHAPTER 16

# PROFESSIONAL TRADING TOOLKIT

## Professional Trading Toolkit

Professional trading does not require dozens of indicators or complicated software. The most useful tools are the ones that help you prepare, control risk, execute your plan, and review your performance consistently.

### Core Tools for Prop Firm Traders

**Economic Calendar** – Track high-impact events before the trading session.

You can get our Real-Time News Indicator here:

<https://hometraderclub.com/indicators/rtn-indicator/index.html>

**Position Size Calculator** – Calculate trade size from account risk and stop-loss distance.

**You can get our Risk Manager EA here:**

<https://hometraderclub.com/indicators/rmea-tool/index.html>

**Trading Journal** – Record setups, execution, results, and lessons.

**Trading Checklist** – Confirm that every trade meets your rules before entry.

**Charting Platform** – Mark structure, key levels, and planned scenarios.

**Performance Tracker** – Review win rate, average risk-to-reward, drawdown, and consistency.

## A Simple Pre-Trade Checklist

Is this a valid setup?

Where is the logical stop-loss?

How much am I risking?

Does the position size match my plan?

Am I within the firm's drawdown rules?

Is high-impact news approaching?

## Challenge-Readiness Checklist

- I understand the firm's daily and maximum drawdown rules.
- I know whether drawdown is static or trailing.
- I know the daily-loss reset time and time zone.
- I know how open trades, commissions, and swaps affect the limits.
- I understand news, weekend, EA, copier, VPN, and device restrictions.
- My risk per trade is defined and my position-sizing method is ready.
- I know the firm's payout conditions and fees.
- I have a written trading plan and a journal ready.
- I am prepared to skip a trade when no valid setup appears.



### PROFESSIONAL TIP

**Use tools to support your decision-making, not to replace it. A simple system that you follow consistently is more valuable than a complicated toolkit you do not trust.**

### ✓ KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Keep your trading toolkit simple.
- Calculate risk before every trade.
- Journal and review your decisions.
- Use checklists to reduce avoidable mistakes.

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## CHAPTER 17 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How much should I risk per trade?

Use a predefined, consistent level of risk that fits your trading plan and keeps you comfortably within the firm's drawdown limits. Over-risking will put you at risk of breaking the rules quickly.

#### Should I trade every day?

No. Trade only when your strategy produces a valid setup. Patience is part of professional trading.

#### Can I change my strategy during an evaluation?

Avoid changing strategies during an evaluation. Consistency is more important than experimentation.

#### What should I do after a losing streak?

Review your journal, confirm that you followed your plan, and continue only when the next valid setup appears.

#### Is a high win rate required?

**No. Good risk management and a favourable risk-to-reward ratio can produce profitable results even with a moderate win rate.**

**Are funded accounts always live?**

No. It depends on the firm. Some retail prop-firm programs use simulated accounts and calculate payouts from simulated performance. Read the firm's current terms before assuming your account represents live company capital.

**How do I calculate position size?**

Use your predefined risk amount, stop-loss distance, and the pip value or point value of the instrument. Never choose a lot size simply because the number feels comfortable.



#### **QUICK REMINDERS**

- **Protect capital before seeking profits.**
- **Follow your written trading plan.**
- **Keep position sizing consistent.**
- **Journal every completed trade.**
- **Measure success by disciplined execution.**



#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- **Consistency beats intensity.**
- **Focus on process rather than prediction.**
- **Every evaluation is an opportunity to improve.**

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# FINAL WORDS

## Final Words

Congratulations on completing The Prop Firm Success Blueprint. You have learned the principles that successful funded traders apply every day: disciplined execution, professional risk management, emotional control, and continuous improvement.

## Remember the Fundamentals

- Protect capital before seeking profits.
- Follow your written trading plan.
- Keep position sizing consistent.
- Respect every stop-loss.
- Review every completed trade.
- Continue learning and improving.

### ✓ FINAL MESSAGE

The goal is not simply to pass a prop firm challenge. The goal is to become the type of trader who can consistently keep a funded account through discipline, patience, and professional execution.

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