

Noncompetitive Trading Requirements 2025 U.S. Derivatives Exchanges

Course Outline and Provider Qualifications

Welcome to the Exchange Analytics Noncompetitive Trading Requirements (U.S.). This course is designed to explain the primary noncompetitive trading requirements that apply to derivatives trading at major exchange markets in the U.S.

CME Group – CME, CBOT, NYMEX, COMEX

Intercontinental Exchange – ICE U.S., ICE EU

- I. Regulatory Background
 - a. The Self-Regulatory Structure
 - National Regulator
 - Self-Regulatory Organizations
 - Derivatives Exchanges
 - b. Competitive Transaction Requirement
 - Noncompetitive Transactions
- II. Pre-Execution Communications
 - a. Permitted Pre-Execution Communications
 - b. Pre-Execution Communication Practices
 - Consent
 - Confidentiality
 - Order Execution
 - Anticipatory Hedging
 - c. Insider Trading / Misappropriated Information
 - Improper Uses of MNPI
- III. Cross Orders - CME Group, ICE U.S., ICE EU
 - a. Trading Opposite Customer Orders
 - General Rule
 - CME Globex
 - ICE U.S.
 - b. Crossing Order Protocol – CME, ICE U.S., ICE EU
 - Agency Cross
 - Globex Cross
 - Committed-Cross
 - RFQ & RFC Cross
- IV. Block Trading
 - a. Block Trading Basics
 - b. Quantity Thresholds

- c. Bunching Orders
- d. Fair Pricing – CME, ICE U.S., ICE EU
- e. Common Beneficial Ownership
- f. Confidentiality – Unfair Advantage
- g. Required Block Trade Reporting Details
- h. Anticipatory or Pre-Hedging
- i. Block Trade Eligible:
 - CME Products
 - ICE Products
 - TAS and TAM Products
- j. Derived & Equity Basis Block Trades
- k. CME – Derived Block Trades
 - Hedging & Reporting Requirements
- l. ICE Futures U.S. – Equity Basis Block Trades
 - Hedging & Reporting Requirements
- m. Multi-Exchange – Inter Commodity Spreads
- n. Eligible Contract Participants – CME, QEPs – ICE
- o. Execution & Reporting – CME
 - Execution – Submission – Timing
- p. Execution and Reporting – ICE U.S. and ICE EU
- V. EFRPs – “Exchange for Related Position”
 - a. Definitions:
 - At CME and ICE U.S.
 - At ICE EU
 - b. Related Positions
 - c. Non-Bona Fide – Examples
 - d. Parties to an EFRP
 - e. The Exchanges: Specific EFRP Scenarios
 - f. Third-Party Facilitation
 - g. Common Beneficial Ownership and Common Control
 - h. EFRPs: Execution – Price – Quantity – Timing
 - i. Wash Sales
 - j. Transitory EFRPs
 - k. EFRP Recordkeeping and Reporting
 - l. EFRP Problem Areas
 - m. EFRP Errors
- VI. Noteworthy Cases
 - a. Enforcement Powers of Regulatory Authorities
 - b. Communications and Confidential Information (Cases 1-4)
 - c. Block Trading (Cases 1-4)
 - d. EFRPs (Cases 1-4)
 - e. Knowledge Check

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Provider Qualifications - About the Author

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