

Futures Ethics Refresher (Retail) 2026

Course Outline and Provider Qualifications

Welcome to the Exchange Analytics Inc. Futures Ethics Periodic Course. The Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) requires that all registrants be aware and stay informed of their continuing obligations to the public. This course meets the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's ethics training requirements under the CEA. This program complies with the Statement of Acceptable Practices as issued by the CFTC, which requires that registrants receive periodic ethics training. All topics required by the CFTC's Statement of Acceptable Practices are addressed in Exchange Analytics' Initial Ethics training program. This Periodic course is considered to be a "refresher" course, whereby certain timely topics and important concepts are reviewed as they relate to the futures industry.

Preface

Regulatory Requirement

CFTC Statement of Acceptable Practices

I. Industry Structure and Rules

- a. Industry Oversight
- b. Role of NFA
- c. Registration Categories – NFA Members
- d. Proficiency Requirements

II. Supervisory Systems and Internal Controls

- a. Supervision
- b. Policies and Procedures
- c. Internal Controls – Three Lines of Defense
- d. Chief Compliance Officer
- e. The Compliance Department
- f. Reporting Breaches
- g. Whistleblowers
- h. NFA Bylaw 1101
- i. Business Continuity
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- k. Recordkeeping – Generally
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- m. Oral Communications Records and Rules
- n. Personal Devices and Unapproved Communication Methods
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- b. Suitability
- c. Customer Information
- d. Collecting Customer Information
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- h. Customer Margins
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- b. Risk Disclosure
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- b. Negative Interest Rates
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- e. Additional Risk Disclosures
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- f. Web Postings
- g. Promotional Material
 - i. Disclaimers, Review & Approval
 - ii. Restrictions
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 - iv. Disclaimer Statements – Hypotheticals
- h. Misrepresentation
- i. AI Washing

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- a. Code of Ethics
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VI. Conflicts of Interest

- a. Conflicts of Interest - Customers
- b. Commissions
- c. Conflicts of Interest – Within the Firm
- d. Managing Potential Conflicts Between Research Functions and Certain Business Units
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- a. Who May Place Orders
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- d. Order Execution and a Broker's Responsibility
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- g. Breach of Fiduciary Duty
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- i. Trading Standards
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- m. Average Pricing Systems
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- o. Understanding & Managing AI Risks
- p. Manipulation
- q. Anti-Fraud Restrictions – CFTC Regulation 180.1

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- r. Insider Trading and Misappropriated Information
- s. CFTC – Disruptive Trading Practices
- t. Prearranged Trading
- u. Cross Orders
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- w. Position Limits
- x. Position Limits – Hedge Exemption
- y. Ownership and Control
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- aa. Option Exercises and Assignments
- bb. General Offenses
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Provider Qualifications - About the Authors

In its Interpretative Notice on Compliance Rule 2-9: Ethics Training Requirements, the National Futures Association states that 1) “Each Member should ensure that its selected provider is qualified and obtain proof that the provider has completed relevant proficiency testing and has three years of relevant industry experience, or similar experience;” and 2) that “Firms should only use providers that they reasonably in good faith believe are not subject to any investigations or bars from registration.” To address those requirements, Exchange Analytics presents the following information on the individuals who prepared this course material:

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