Prohibited Trading Practices

Empire Funded allows news trading during the Challenge Phases. You may trade freely during new releases. However, we implement restrictions on Funded Accounts.

On a Funded Account, traders are NOT allowed to execute any new trade or close an existing trade on the targeted instrument in the window of two minutes before, and after the release of news.

We consider a trade execution as opening or closing either a pending order (including Stop Loss or Take Profit) or market execution. You are allowed to hold your trade(s) on the targeted instrument(s) that were opened more than two minutes before the restricted news event. If you Stop Loss or Take Profit is activated/filled during the restricted time window, it is also considered an order execution. If our system detects profits being made in this window, they will be deducted during the payout.

Copy Trading is allowed during Evaluation/Challenge Phase, it is prohibited on Funded Accounts.

The use of EA's are allowed during the Evaluation/Challenge Phase, it is prohibited on Funded Accounts.

- 1.1. The Customer is prohibited from conducting trades that contravene the stipulations outlined in this section or the FAQ. Any trades that are in violation of these stipulations are strictly forbidden. The Customer must adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in this section, as well as those established by the FAQ when utilizing the Services.
- 1.1.1. The Customer must not intentionally or unintentionally use trading strategies that exploit errors in the Services, such as inaccuracies in displayed prices or delays in their updates, including but not limited to practices commonly known as Latency Trading.
- 1.1.2. Executing trades using an external or slow data feed or performing gap trading is prohibited for the Customer.
- 1.1.3. Engaging, either alone or in cooperation with others, in any trades or combinations of trades across connected accounts or accounts held within the platform, if the purpose is to manipulate trading, commonly referred to as "Group Trading," is forbidden. Examples of such manipulation include entering into opposite positions simultaneously.
- 1.1.4. The use of any software, artificial intelligence, ultra-high speed, high-frequency trading, or mass data entry that could manipulate or abuse the Provider's systems or services, or provide an unfair advantage, is prohibited for the Customer.
- 1.1.5. Performing arbitrage (of any kind), including but not limited to triangular arbitrage, statistical arbitrage, latency arbitrage, market-making arbitrage, spatial arbitrage, pairs trading

arbitrage, risk arbitrage, convertible arbitrage, volatility arbitrage, dividend arbitrage, tax arbitrage, yield curve arbitrage, or any other form of arbitrage that may exploit pricing differences between different markets or exchanges, is prohibited for the Customer.

- 1.1.6. Employing strategies that guarantee the execution of limit orders during periods of low liquidity is prohibited for the Customer, as such practices do not reflect actual market conditions and therefore contravene the realistic trading simulation standards maintained by The Provider.
- 1.1.7. Performing trades that are inconsistent with typical forex or any other financial market operations is prohibited for the Customer. They should also avoid any activities that may cause financial or other harm to The Provider, such as over-leveraging, over-exposure, making one-sided bets, grid trading, tick scalping, or account rolling. Engaging in any of these activities may raise valid concerns about intentionally harming The Provider.
- 1.1.8. Engaging in copy trading, where trades mimic or replicate the trading activities of other traders or entities without prior authorization from The Provider, is prohibited for the Customer.
- 1.1.9. The Customer, or any third party, is prohibited from participating in or collaborating to have a third party execute trades for the Customer, whether such third party is a private individual or a professional, or to permit access to or trading on their Empire Funded Challenge Account by any third party.
- 1.1.10. Accessing any third-party Empire Funded Challenge Account, trading on behalf of any third party, or conducting any account management or similar services where the Customer commits to trade, run, or manage an Empire Funded Account on behalf of another user, whether professionally or otherwise, is prohibited for the Customer.
- 1.1.11. Opening positions with sizes that are noticeably larger than those of the Customer's other trades, whether on this account or another one of theirs, is prohibited.
- 1.1.12. Opening positions with numbers that are noticeably smaller or larger than those of the Customer's other trades, whether on this account or another one of theirs, is prohibited.
- 1.1.13. Using a high level of margin or extremely risky trading strategy is prohibited for the Customer.
- 1.2. Empire Funded retains the exclusive right to impose trading restrictions, modify account parameters, or terminate trading accounts at its sole discretion to ensure the stability and integrity of its trading environment and platform. This right may be exercised under circumstances including, but not limited to:

- 1.2.1. If Empire Funded determines that a client's trading strategy, behavior, or specific trade(s) pose a risk that is deemed excessive, or unmanageable under current market conditions, and that such risk could adversely affect Empire Funded or its customers.
- 1.2.2. If trading practices are found to be incompatible with standard market operations or Empire Funded's risk management policies, including but not limited to the use of high leverage, over-exposure, unusually large or small lot sizes, or strategies that could potentially disrupt market equilibrium.
- 1.2.3. If there are inconsistencies in trading patterns, such as a significant deviation from the client's historical trading behavior, or if the client's trading behavior significantly deviates from generally accepted market practices.
- 1.2.4. If it is determined that a client's trading activities could lead to financial harm or operational disruption to Empire Funded or any third parties, Empire Funded reserves the right to limit or restrict the client's trading activities.
- 1.2.5. Empire Funded may impose restrictions to ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, operational protocols, or internal policies designed to maintain a secure trading environment.
- 1.3. To maintain transparency and ensure effective management of trading practices, Empire Funded will take the following actions when implementing trading restrictions or modifications:
- 1.3.1. Empire Funded will make reasonable efforts to notify the client of any trading restrictions, modifications, or account terminations, providing the reasons for such actions. However, in cases where immediate action is required to protect the integrity of the platform, Empire Funded may implement changes without prior notice.
- 1.3.2. Clients will have the opportunity to request a review of any imposed restrictions or account actions. Empire Funded will consider appeals on a case-by-case basis but reserves the right to uphold its original decision to ensure the protection of its trading environment.
- 1.3.3. Empire Funded shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential losses or damages resulting from the imposition of trading restrictions or account termination. Clients agree to hold Empire Funded harmless against any claims arising from such actions.
- 1.4. If any or all of the Prohibited Trading Practices are carried out on one or more Empire Funded Challenge Accounts of a Customer or on accounts of different Customers, or by combining trading through Empire Funded Challenge Accounts and any Empire Funded Accounts, The Provider is entitled to cancel all Services and terminate all relevant contracts in respect of all Empire Funded Challenge Accounts of the Customer. The Provider may take any

actions set forth in Section 2.2 and this Section 2.3 at its sole discretion. In such a case, the Customer shall not be entitled to a refund of the fees paid.

- 1.5. If the Customer repeatedly engages in any of the practices described in Article 2.1, and The Provider has previously notified the Customer thereof, The Provider may deny the Customer access to all or part of the Services, including access to the Dashboard and the Trading Platform, without any compensation.
- 1.6. The Provider shall not bear any responsibility for trading or other investment activities that the Customer performs outside the relationship with The Provider, e.g., by using data or other information from the Customer Portal, the trading platform, or in any other way in connection with the services in real trading on the financial markets, even if the Customer uses the same trading platform for such trading that it uses for demo trading. This shall also apply in particular to any services of third parties which the Customer uses via the platform.