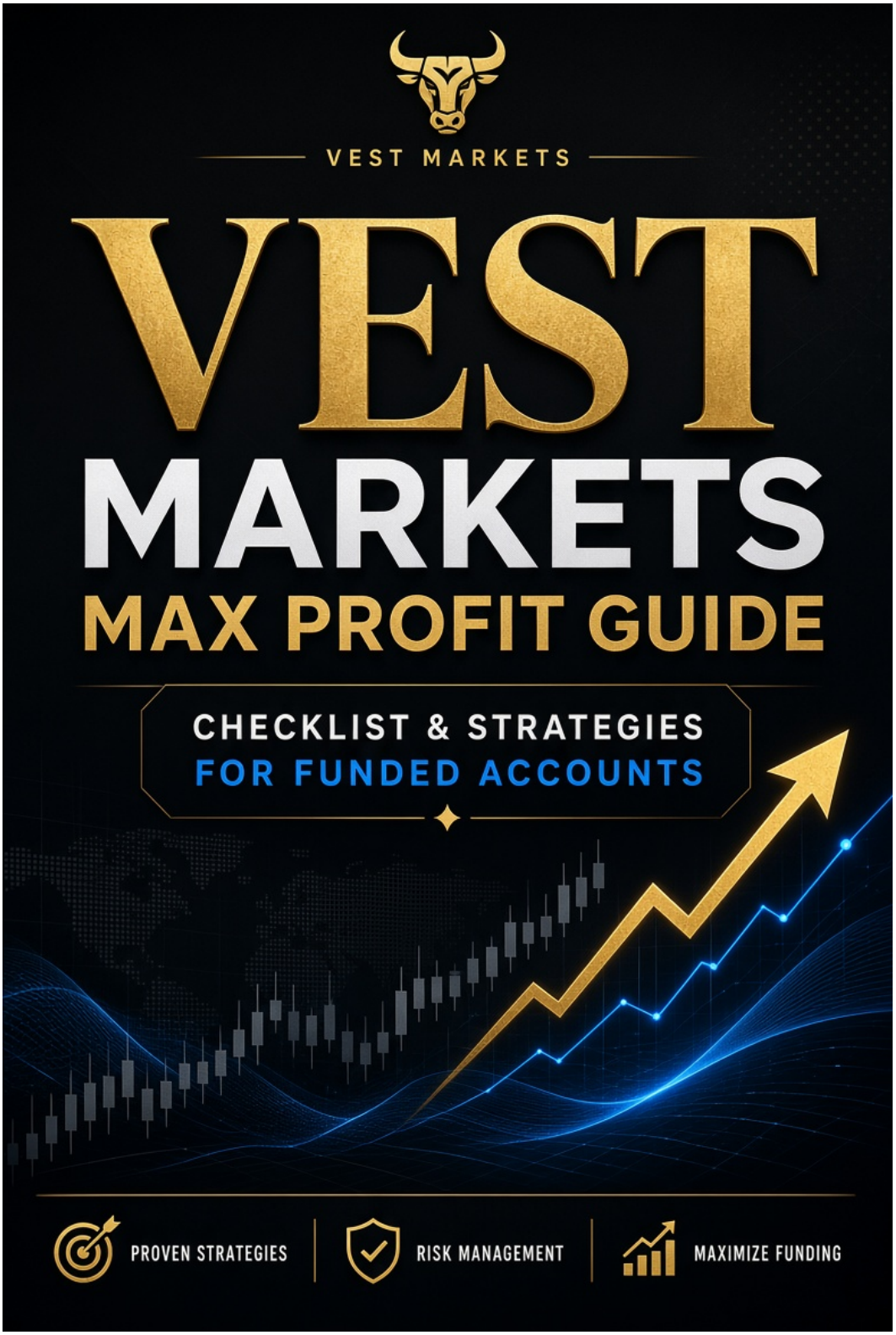

Checklist & Strategies for Funded Accounts

A practical guide for prop traders using Vest Capital

Vest Markets Max Profit Guide

Checklist & Strategies for Using Vest Capital for Maximum Profit

Vest Markets is a perpetual futures trading platform offering markets across indices (including ES and NQ), stocks, crypto, commodities, and FX. All trades use USDC as collateral under a unified cross-margin model. On top of the exchange sits Vest Capital, a funded trading program that lets skilled traders access institutional capital while keeping 80–95% of profits.

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→ Official Vest Markets Site
→ Vest Capital Overview
→ Markets & Fees

Quick Checklist for Vest Markets & Vest Capital

Setup

- ■ Create your account (email or wallet) at vestmarkets.com.
- ■ Fund your Primary Account with USDC (supported chains; minimum deposit typically 1 USDC).
- ■ Choose your path: Evaluation (pass a simulated profit target to go live) or Instant (live capital immediately).
- ■ Purchase your Vest Capital account(s). Note: maximum of 10 live funded accounts per user.
- ■ Review current market leverage, trading hours, and fees directly on the platform.

Risk Rules (Critical — Breach = Immediate Permanent Closure)

- ■ Confirm your Max Drawdown floor (static — it never trails upward with profits).
- ■ Evaluation accounts: 6% of starting capital (e.g., $5k Silver floor = $4,700; $25k Platinum floor = $23,500).
- ■ Instant accounts: Max drawdown equals the one-time fee you paid (e.g., $5k capital = $200 floor).
- ■ If on an evaluation path with a Daily Loss Limit (DLL): note the percentage (3%, 4%, or none) and the daily reset time (~20:00 ET).
- ■ Equity (including unrealized PnL) is checked against floors. Size positions so adverse moves + fees cannot breach them.
- ■ Prefer small risk per idea (many experienced prop traders target ≤0.5–1% of capital).

Trading Execution

- ■ Use maker orders when possible (0% fees across all markets).
- ■ Favor low-fee markets for active trading: ES, NQ, RTY, and YM have only a 0.0025% taker fee.
- ■ Most other markets carry a 0.01% taker fee.
- ■ Check leverage caps — funded accounts often have lower maximums than primary accounts.
- ■ Monitor hourly funding rates (longs pay shorts when positive, and vice versa).
- ■ Respect trading hours. Non-crypto markets lock over weekends; positions held into locks cannot be adjusted until reopen.
- ■ Avoid XRP and HYPE on funded accounts (restricted). API trading is not available on funded accounts.

Profit Taking & Withdrawals

- ■ When ready, submit a Claim Profit request from your Live Funded Account (you may need to flatten positions first).
- ■ Your profit split (80%/90% on evaluation path, 95% on Instant) credits to your Primary Account in approximately 24 hours.
- ■ Claims are irrevocable once submitted.

■ Withdraw USDC from your Primary Account to your external wallet as a separate step.
■ Claim regularly to lock in gains rather than leaving large unrealized profits exposed.

Guide to Maximizing Profit Potential

1. Choose the Right Account Path

Instant Accounts are ideal if you already have a proven edge and want live capital immediately. There is no profit target and no daily loss limit. You receive a 95% profit split. The one-time fee you pay equals your maximum drawdown. This is the simplest structure with the highest split.

Evaluation Accounts offer lower upfront cost relative to capital if you can consistently hit the profit target. Options include 1-step (10% or 20% goal) or 2-step evaluations. You can often configure the Daily Loss Limit (or choose none) and select an 80% or 90% profit split. The maximum drawdown remains fixed at 6% of starting capital. These are useful for building consistency before going live.

2. Markets & Edge Alignment

ES and NQ are particularly attractive for many prop traders due to high available leverage, extremely low taker fees (0.0025%), and strong correlation to traditional futures. Vest sizes these in units (roughly 5 ES units ≈ 1 MES exposure; 2 NQ units ≈ 1 MNQ exposure).

Stocks, crypto, commodities (gold, oil, etc.), and FX are also available. However, many equities have lower leverage on funded accounts and higher fees. Focus on liquid markets where your specific edge — whether scalping, mean-reversion, or trend following — is strongest. Because margin is cross-only, overall portfolio exposure matters; gains in one market can help offset losses in another.

3. Risk & Position Sizing for Longevity

Static drawdowns combined with equity-based checks (unrealized PnL counts toward floors) mean that over-sizing is the fastest way to lose an account.

• Calculate dollar risk before entry: quantity × points-to-stop × relevant multiplier, then account for expected fees and funding.
• Keep risk small relative to your floor. Experienced prop traders often target well under 1% of capital per trade or per day.
• Higher leverage increases how quickly adverse moves can hit floors. It reduces the margin required for a given size but amplifies portfolio equity swings.
• Flatten or reduce size ahead of major news, high-volatility periods, or weekend locks.
• Fees and funding payments count against equity and floors, so they matter more on tighter accounts.

4. Profit Extraction

Standard Vest Capital accounts typically have no minimum trading days, consistency rules, or payout buffers. You can claim profits whenever you choose. The main friction is the ~24-hour processing time for claims to credit to your Primary Account, after which you can withdraw to your wallet. Frequent claims reduce the chance of giving back open profits to market swings.

5. Practical Tips for Edge + Sustainability

• Start with a smaller account (or an Instant account) to learn platform mechanics — order entry, equity display, funding settlement, and trading hours — before scaling.
• Use the platform's watchlists and trade history for post-session review.
• Prioritize maker orders and low-fee index markets to minimize drag on scalping or high-frequency strategies.
• Treat the funded capital as someone else's money subject to hard floors. Protect the account first; optimize returns second.
• Monitor official announcements (Vest's X account and Discord) for new markets, rule changes, or platform updates.

Key Limitations

• Maximum of 10 live funded accounts per user.
• No API trading available on funded accounts.
• Weekend locks apply to non-crypto markets; positions cannot be adjusted during the lock.
• Instant accounts have tighter relative drawdowns (equal to the fee paid).
• Always confirm current fees, leverage tables, loss limit calculations, and rules in the official documentation or platform UI, as details can evolve.

Useful Links

vestmarkets.com — Main platform
docs.vestmarkets.com — Full documentation
Vest Capital Overview
Loss Limits Details
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