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**Rules of Nasdaq BX**

**Options Rules**

**Chapter VI Trading Systems**

**Sec. 6 Acceptance of Quotes and Orders**

All bids or offers made and accepted on BX Options in accordance with the BX Options Rules shall constitute binding contracts, subject to applicable requirements of the Rules of the Exchange and the Rules of the Clearing Corporation.

(a) and (b) No change.

(c) **Reserved.** [Market Order Spread Protection. System Orders that are Market Orders will be rejected if the best of the NBBO and the internal market BBO (the “Reference BBO”) is wider than a preset threshold at the time the order is received by the System.]

(d) and (e) No change.

**Sec. 10 Book Processing**

System orders shall be executed through the BX Book Process set forth below:

(1) – (5) No change

[[(6) Exception: Anti-Internalization - Quotes and orders entered by Options Market Makers will not be executed against quotes and orders entered on the opposite side of the market by the same market maker using the same market participant identifier, or alternatively, if selected by the member, the same Exchange account identifier or member firm identifier. In such a case, the System will cancel the oldest of the quotes or orders back to the entering party prior to execution.

(7) Acceptable Trade Range.

(A) The system will calculate an Acceptable Trade Range to limit the range of prices at which an order will be allowed to execute. The Acceptable Trade Range
is calculated by taking the reference price, plus or minus a value to be determined by the Exchange. (i.e., the reference price - (x) for sell orders and the reference price + (x) for buy orders). Upon receipt of a new order, the reference price is the NBB for sell orders and the NBO for buy orders or the last price at which the order is posted whichever is higher for a buy order or lower for a sell order.

(B) If an order reaches the outer limit of the Acceptable Trade Range (the “Threshold Price”) without being fully executed, it will be posted at the Threshold Price for a brief period, not to exceed one second (“Posting Period”), to allow more liquidity to be collected. Upon posting, either the current Threshold Price of the order or an updated NBB for buy orders or the NBO for sell orders (whichever is higher for a buy order/lower for a sell order) then becomes the reference price for calculating a new Acceptable Trade Range. If the order remains unexecuted, a New Acceptable Trade Range will be calculated and the order will execute, route, or post up to the new Acceptable Trade Range Threshold Price. This process will repeat until either i) the order/quote is executed, cancelled, or posted at its limit price or ii) the order has been subject to a configurable number of instances of the Acceptable Trade Range as determined by the Exchange (in which case it will be returned).

(C) During the Posting Period, the Exchange will disseminate as a quotation: (i) the Threshold Price for the remaining size of the order triggering the Acceptable Trade Range and (ii) on the opposite side of the market, the best price will be displayed using the “non-firm” indicator message in accordance with the specifications of the network processor. Following the Posting Period, the Exchange will return to a normal trading state and disseminate its best bid and offer.

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Sec. 18 [Order Price Risk Protections]

(a) The following are order risk protections on BX:

(1) Order Price Protection (“OPP”) is a feature of the System that prevents certain day limit, good til cancelled, and immediate or cancel orders at prices outside of pre-set standard limits from being accepted by the System. OPP applies to all options but does not apply to market orders or Intermarket Sweep Orders.

[(a)A] OPP is operational each trading day after the opening until the close of trading, except during trading halts.

[(b)B] OPP will reject incoming orders that exceed certain parameters according to the following algorithm:
(i) If the better of the NBBO or the internal market BBO (the "Reference BBO") on the contra-side of an incoming order is greater than $1.00, orders with a limit more than 50% through such contra-side Reference BBO will be rejected by the System upon receipt. For example, if the Reference BBO on the offer side is $1.10, an order to buy options for more than $1.65 would be rejected. Similarly, if the Reference BBO on the bid side is $1.10, an order to sell options for less than $0.55 will be rejected.

(ii) If the Reference BBO on the contra-side of an incoming order is less than or equal to $1.00, orders with a limit more than 100% through such contra-side Reference BBO will be rejected by the System upon receipt. For example, if the Reference BBO on the offer side is $1.00, an order to buy options for more than $2.00 would be rejected. However, if the Reference BBO of the bid side of an incoming order to sell is less than or equal to $1.00, the OPP limits set forth above will result in all incoming sell orders being accepted regardless of their limit.

(2) Market Order Spread Protection. System Orders that are Market Orders will be rejected if the best of the NBBO and the internal market BBO (the "Reference BBO") is wider than a preset threshold at the time the order is received by the System. Market Order Spread Protection shall not apply to the Opening Process or during a halt.

(b) The following are order and quote risk protections on BX:

(1) Acceptable Trade Range. The system will calculate an Acceptable Trade Range to limit the range of prices at which an order will be allowed to execute. The Acceptable Trade Range is calculated by taking the reference price, plus or minus a value to be determined by the Exchange. (i.e., the reference price - (x) for sell orders and the reference price + (x) for buy orders). Upon receipt of a new order, the reference price is the NBB for sell orders and the NBO for buy orders or the last price at which the order is posted whichever is higher for a buy order or lower for a sell order.

(A) If an order reaches the outer limit of the Acceptable Trade Range (the “Threshold Price”) without being fully executed, it will be posted at the Threshold Price for a brief period, not to exceed one second (“Posting Period”), to allow more liquidity to be collected. Upon posting, either the current Threshold Price of the order or an updated NBB for buy orders or the NBO for sell orders (whichever is higher for a buy order/lower for a sell order) then becomes the reference price for calculating a new Acceptable Trade Range. If the order remains unexecuted, a New Acceptable Trade Range will be calculated and the order will execute, route, or post up to the new Acceptable Trade Range Threshold Price. This process will repeat until either i) the order/quote is executed, cancelled, or posted at its limit price or ii) the
order has been subject to a configurable number of instances of the Acceptable Trade Range as determined by the Exchange (in which case it will be returned).

(B) During the Posting Period, the Exchange will disseminate as a quotation: (i) the Threshold Price for the remaining size of the order triggering the Acceptable Trade Range and (ii) on the opposite side of the market, the best price will be displayed using the "non-firm" indicator message in accordance with the specifications of the network processor. Following the Posting Period, the Exchange will return to a normal trading state and disseminate its best bid and offer.

(c) The following are quote risk protections on BX:

1. **Anti-Internalization.** Quotes and orders entered by Options Market Makers using the same market participant identifier will not be executed against quotes and orders entered on the opposite side of the market by the same Market Maker using the same identifier. In such a case, the System will cancel the oldest of the quotes or orders back to the entering party prior to execution.

2. **Automated Removal of Quotes and Orders**

   (A) A BX Market Maker may provide a specified time period and a specified percentage (as these terms are defined below) by which the Exchange's System will automatically remove a BX Market Maker's quotes in all series of an underlying security submitted through designated BX protocols, as specified by the Exchange, during a specified time period established by the BX Market Maker not to exceed 15 seconds ("Percentage-Based Specified Time Period"). For each series in an option, the System will determine: (i) the percentage that the number of contracts executed in that series represents relative to the number of contracts available at the time of execution plus the number of contracts executed in unexpired prior executions of each side in that series ("Series Percentage"); and (ii) the sum of the Series Percentage in the option issue ("Issue Percentage"). The System tracks and calculates the net impact of positions in the same option issue; long call percentages are offset by short call percentages, and long put percentages are offset by short put percentages in the Issue Percentage. If the Issue Percentage, rounded to the nearest integer, equals or exceeds a percentage established by a BX Market Maker, not less than 1% ("Specified Percentage"), the System will automatically remove a BX Market Maker's quotes in all series of the underlying security submitted through designated BX protocols, as specified by the Exchange, during the Percentage-Based Specified Time Period ("Percentage-Based Threshold"). A Percentage-Based Specified Time Period will commence for an option every time an execution occurs in any series in such option and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (iv) or (v) or the Percentage-Based Specified Time Period expires. A Percentage-Based Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis among all series in an option in
that there may be multiple Percentage-Based Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously and such Percentage-Based Specified Time periods may overlap.

(B) A BX Market Maker may provide a specified time period and a volume threshold by which the Exchange's System will automatically remove a BX Market Maker's quotes in all series of an underlying security submitted through designated BX protocols, as specified by the Exchange, during a specified time period established by the BX Market Maker not to exceed 15 seconds ("Volume-Based Specified Time Period") when the BX Market Maker executes a number of contracts which equals or exceeds the designated number of contracts in all options series in an underlying security ("Volume-Based Threshold"). The BX Market Maker's Volume-Based Specified Time Period must be the same length of time as designated for purposes of the Percentage-Based Threshold. A Volume-Based Specified Time Period will commence for an option every time an execution occurs in any series in such option and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (f)(iv) or (f)(v) or the Volume-Based Specified Time Period expires. The Volume-Based Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis among all series in an option in that there may be multiple Volume-Based Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously and such Volume-Based Specified Time periods may overlap.

(C) A BX Market Maker or BX Market Maker Group (multiple affiliated BX Market Makers is a "Group" as defined by a BX Participant and provided by such Participant to the Exchange) may provide a specified time period and number of allowable triggers by which the Exchange will automatically remove quotes in all options series in all underlying issues submitted through designated BX protocols as specified by the Exchange ("Multi-Trigger Threshold"). During a specified time period established by the BX Market Maker not to exceed 15 seconds ("Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period"), the number of times the System automatically removes the BX Market Maker's or Group's quotes in all options series will be based on the number of triggers of the Percentage-Based Threshold, described in (f)(i) above, as well as the Volume-Based Threshold described in (f)(ii) above. Once the System determines that the number of triggers equals or exceeds a number established by either the BX Market Maker or Group, during a Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period, the System will automatically remove all quotes in all options series in all underlying issues for that BX Market Maker or Group. A trigger is defined as the event which causes the System to automatically remove quotes in all options series in an underlying issue. A Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period will commence after every trigger of either the Percentage-Based Threshold or the Volume-Based Threshold and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (f)(iv) or the Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period expires. The System counts triggers within the Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period across all triggers for the BX Market Maker or Group. A Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis in that there may be multiple Multi-Trigger Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously and such Multi-Trigger Specified Time Periods may overlap.
(D) The System will automatically remove quotes in all options in an underlying security when the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold has been reached. The System will automatically remove quotes in all options in all underlying securities when the Multi-Trigger Threshold has been reached. The System will send a Purge Notification Message to the BX Market Maker for all affected options when the above thresholds have been reached.

(i) The Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold and Multi-Trigger Threshold, are considered independently of each other.

(ii) Quotes will be automatically executed up to the BX Market Maker's size regardless of whether the execution exceeds the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold.

(E) If a BX Market Maker requests the System to remove quotes in all options series in an underlying issue, the System will automatically reset the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Specified Time Period(s). The Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period(s) will not automatically reset for the Multi-Trigger Threshold.

(F) When the System removes quotes as a result of the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold, the BX Market Maker must send a re-entry indicator to re-enter the System. When the System removes quotes as a result of the Multi-Trigger Threshold, the System will not accept quotes through designated protocols until the BX Market Maker manually requests re-entry. After quotes are removed as a result of the Multi-Trigger Threshold, Exchange staff must set a re-entry indicator in this case to enable re-entry, which will cause the System to send a Reentry Notification Message to the BX Market Maker for all options series in all underlying issues. The Market Maker's Clearing Firm will be notified regarding the trigger and re-entry into the System after quotes are removed as a result of the Multi-Trigger Threshold, provided the Market Maker's Clearing Firm has requested to receive such notification.

(G) The Exchange will require BX Market Makers to utilize either the Percentage-Based Threshold or the Volume-Based Threshold. The Multi-Trigger Threshold is optional.

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Chapter VII Market Participants

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Sec. 6 Market Maker Quotations

(a) – (e) No change.
(f) **Reserved. Automated Removal of Quotes**

(i) A BX Market Maker may provide a specified time period and a specified percentage (as these terms are defined below) by which the Exchange's System will automatically remove a BX Market Maker's quotes in all series of an underlying security submitted through designated BX protocols, as specified by the Exchange, during a specified time period established by the BX Market Maker not to exceed 15 seconds ("Percentage-Based Specified Time Period"). For each series in an option, the System will determine: (i) the percentage that the number of contracts executed in that series represents relative to the number of contracts available at the time of execution plus the number of contracts executed in unexpired prior executions of each side in that series ("Series Percentage"); and (ii) the sum of the Series Percentage in the option issue ("Issue Percentage"). The System tracks and calculates the net impact of positions in the same option issue; long call percentages are offset by short call percentages, and long put percentages are offset by short put percentages in the Issue Percentage. If the Issue Percentage, rounded to the nearest integer, equals or exceeds a percentage established by a BX Market Maker, not less than 1% ("Specified Percentage"), the System will automatically remove a BX Market Maker's quotes in all series of the underlying security submitted through designated BX protocols, as specified by the Exchange, during the Percentage-Based Specified Time Period ("Percentage-Based Threshold"). A Percentage-Based Specified Time Period will commence for an option every time an execution occurs in any series in such option and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (iv) or (v) or the Percentage-Based Specified Time Period expires. A Percentage-Based Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis among all series in an option in that there may be multiple Percentage-Based Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously and such Percentage-Based Specified Time periods may overlap.

(ii) A BX Market Maker may provide a specified time period and a volume threshold by which the Exchange's System will automatically remove a BX Market Maker's quotes in all series of an underlying security submitted through designated BX protocols, as specified by the Exchange, during a specified time period established by the BX Market Maker not to exceed 15 seconds ("Volume-Based Specified Time Period") when the BX Market Maker executes a number of contracts which equals or exceeds the designated number of contracts in all options series in an underlying security ("Volume-Based Threshold"). The BX Market Maker's Volume-Based Specified Time Period must be the same length of time as designated for purposes of the Percentage-Based Threshold. A Volume-Based Specified Time Period will commence for an option every time an execution occurs in any series in such option and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (f)(iv) or (f)(v) or the Volume-Based Specified Time Period expires. The Volume-Based Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis among all series in an option in that there may be multiple Volume-Based Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously and such Volume-Based Specified Time periods may overlap.
(iii) A BX Market Maker or BX Market Maker Group (multiple affiliated BX Market Makers is a "Group" as defined by a BX Participant and provided by such Participant to the Exchange) may provide a specified time period and number of allowable triggers by which the Exchange will automatically remove quotes in all options series in all underlying issues submitted through designated BX protocols as specified by the Exchange ("Multi-Trigger Threshold"). During a specified time period established by the BX Market Maker not to exceed 15 seconds ("Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period"), the number of times the System automatically removes the BX Market Maker's or Group's quotes in all options series will be based on the number of triggers of the Percentage-Based Threshold, described in (f)(i) above, as well as the Volume-Based Threshold described in (f)(ii) above. Once the System determines that the number of triggers equals or exceeds a number established by either the BX Market Maker or Group, during a Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period, the System will automatically remove all quotes in all options series in all underlying issues for that BX Market Maker or Group. A trigger is defined as the event which causes the System to automatically remove quotes in an underlying issue. A Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period will commence after every trigger of either the Percentage-Based Threshold or the Volume-Based Threshold and will continue until the System removes quotes as described in (f)(iv) or the Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period expires. The System counts triggers within the Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period across all triggers for the BX Market Maker or Group. A Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period operates on a rolling basis in that there may be multiple Multi-Trigger Specified Time Periods occurring simultaneously and such Multi-Trigger Specified Time Periods may overlap.

(iv) The System will automatically remove quotes in all options in an underlying security when the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold has been reached. The System will automatically remove quotes in all options in all underlying securities when the Multi-Trigger Threshold has been reached. The System will send a Purge Notification Message to the BX Market Maker for all affected options when the above thresholds have been reached.

(a) The Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold and Multi-Trigger Threshold, are considered independently of each other.

(b) Quotes will be automatically executed up to the BX Market Maker's size regardless of whether the execution exceeds the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold.

(v) If a BX Market Maker requests the System to remove quotes in all options series in an underlying issue, the System will automatically reset the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Specified Time Period(s). The Multi-Trigger Specified Time Period(s) will not automatically reset for the Multi-Trigger Threshold.
(vi) When the System removes quotes as a result of the Percentage-Based Threshold or Volume-Based Threshold, the BX Market Maker must send a re-entry indicator to re-enter the System. When the System removes quotes as a result of the Multi-Trigger Threshold, the System will not accept quotes through designated protocols until the BX Market Maker manually requests re-entry. After quotes are removed as a result of the Multi-Trigger Threshold, Exchange staff must set a re-entry indicator in this case to enable re-entry, which will cause the System to send a Reentry Notification Message to the BX Market Maker for all options series in all underlying issues. The Market Maker's Clearing Firm will be notified regarding the trigger and re-entry into the System after quotes are removed as a result of the Multi-Trigger Threshold, provided the Market Maker's Clearing Firm has requested to receive such notification.

(vii) The Exchange will require BX Market Makers to utilize either the Percentage-Based Threshold or the Volume-Based Threshold. The Multi-Trigger Threshold is optional.

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