Rules of Nasdaq BX

Chapter I General Provisions

Sec. 1 Definitions

(a) With respect to these BX Options Rules, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Section 1. A term defined elsewhere in the Rules of the Exchange shall have the same meaning with respect to this Chapter I, unless otherwise defined below.

(70) An “account number” shall mean a number assigned to a Participant. Participants may have more than one account number.

(71) A “badge” shall mean an account number, which may contain letters and/or numbers, assigned to BX Market Makers. A BX Market Maker account may be associated with multiple badges.

(72) A “mnemonic” shall mean an acronym comprised of letters and/or numbers assigned to Participants. A Participant account may be associated with multiple mnemonics.

Chapter VI Trading Systems

Sec. 18 Risk Protections

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

(1) Order Price Protection ("OPP"). 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) No change.

(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 trading halt. The Exchange may establish different thresholds for one or more series or classes of options.

(b) No change.

(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. This functionality shall not apply in any auction.

(2) [Automated Removal of Quotes and Orders]Quotation Adjustments.

(A) – (G) No change.

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