

How You Will Be Judged

Every entry is scored on two criteria, each from 0 to 3, then weighted. This is what the judges are looking at.

3**Exceeds expectations**

Genuinely impressive. Better than what already exists.

2**Meets expectations**

Does what it claims and works well.

1**Below expectations**

Half finished, confusing, or barely different from what exists.

0**Not usable**

Broken, or a judge cannot make sense of it.

HOW YOUR SCORE IS CALCULATED

(Criterion 1 score × its weight) + (Criterion 2 score × its weight) = your score, out of 3. Example: a **3** weighted 60% and a **2** weighted 40% gives $(3 \times 0.60) + (2 \times 0.40) = \mathbf{2.60}$. Judges score independently and we average them.

What you are scored on

01**Best Buy/Sell Signal Indicator****Performance****70%**

Measured, not judged. Every qualifying entry runs the same backtest and the field is ranked on risk-adjusted return.

Signal Quality & Usability**30%**

Could a trader open your chart and act on it without asking what it means?

REQUIRED FOR THIS CATEGORY

- **Long only.** No short entries.
- **Signals must alternate:** buy, sell, buy, sell. No scaling in or out. The Strategy Tester does not support scaling.
- **It must be runnable as a strategy.** Register one buy and one sell signal using `register_signal()`, clearly named. They become Strategy Tester conditions and we build the Strategy from them. Docs: charts.trendspider.com/scripting/docs
- **State your timeframe in the description.** You choose it, we test on it. If it is not in your description we cannot test your entry.
- Tested over a **7,000 candle lookback**, regular hours only.
- Tested against assets from the **Dow 30**. Tickers are not published in advance, so build for robustness rather than one chart.
- **No repainting.** A signal must stay on the bar where it fired. Repainting entries are disqualified.

02**Most Unique Options Indicator****Options Insight****60%**

Does this reveal something genuinely useful about the options market, and is it novel?

Execution**40%**

Is it clear, well built, and easy to read on a live chart?

03**Best Fundamental Analysis Indicator****Trading Usefulness****60%**

Does this turn fundamental data into something a trader can actually act on?

Execution**40%**

Is the information organized and presented clearly?

04**Most Beautiful On-Chart Indicator****Visual Impact****60%**

How polished, creative and impressive is it?

Clarity**40%**

Does the visual make the information easier to understand, or is it just decoration?