

What one of our traders said:

David C. in Colombia, who [withdrew \\$7,715 in trading profits](#): "The Pro Account was a great advantage for me because I did not have to worry about paying for a trading platform or data fees. This really helped me a lot to maintain a better psychological control."

1. Are the profits in my Pro Account™ real money?

The profits in your Pro Account are simulated. When you reach \$5,000 in simulated profits, TopstepTrader will start you in a Premium Funded Account™, a live trading account with a starting balance equal to the simulated profits in your Pro Account. Once in a Premium Funded Account, you can withdraw that balance at any point, including immediately.

2. What are the benefits of the Pro Account?

The Pro Account comes with a number of benefits. It provides the same opportunity to earn from your trading as the Funded Account®, but allows you to adapt to trading for real money in a familiar, simulated environment.

	Pro Account™	Funded Account®
Opportunity to Earn from Your Trading	✓	✓
Access To Your Account	Start Trading within 1-2 Business Days	Start Trading within 7-10 Business Days
Exchange Data Fees	No exchange data fees payments are required	Exchange data fees are \$105 per exchange per month
Platform Fees	No additional platform fee required	You must purchase access to your platform if required for the live trading environment
Options if You Break a Rule	Return to Step 2 of the Trading Combine at the cost of \$99.	Return to Step 1 of the Trading Combine

*Eurex products are unavailable in a Pro Account.

3. Why is TopstepTrader offering the Pro Account?

From our own personal experience and after funding more than 1,500 traders, TopstepTrader understands how challenging trading can be — from the upfront costs to the added pressures of live capital management. We understand that there is a psychological jump from trading in the Trading Combine® to trading a live Funded Account. And we've seen how that impacts our funded traders.

We constantly work to ensure that traders are set up with their best chance at success. That includes easing the hurdle that many traders experience when trading live money. We decided to create and test the Pro Account to see if it helped traders be more successful.

4. Do I have to choose the Pro Account?

No. Participation in the Pro Account is completely voluntary. You can choose to trade in a Funded Account, in which you will be responsible for the data fees (\$105 per CME data feed per month) and any platform fees.

5. Is this just another barrier to trading live money?

No. The Pro Account is an option for traders that may find it beneficial. After passing the Trading Combine Step 1 and Step 2, every trader has the ability to trade live capital in a Funded Account.

However, in funding more than 1,500 traders in our history, we have observed that there is a psychological barrier for many traders to place “live” trades. That sometimes results in traders struggling early in the account.

You know your trading better than we do. So if you would find it beneficial to trade in a familiar environment to the one where you passed the Trading Combine with lower costs, while still earning real money from your trades (via a starting balance when you reach the Funded Account), then we would like to extend that offer.

6. Who should choose the Pro Account?

We believe the Pro Account is a viable option for all traders, regardless of trading style. We designed the Pro Account to allow for a better transition to trading live capital with a number of benefits.

7. How do I get into the Pro Account test?

First, you have to pass the Trading Combine Step 1 and Step 2. After that, if you wish to participate, you will receive an email invitation that you can respond to.

If you have additional questions, please contact your Risk Manager, Mick Ieronimo, at (312) 239-3374.

8. When do I transition to a Premium Funded Account?

Once you choose the Pro Account, you transition into a Premium Funded Account when you have reached \$5,000 in simulated profits. If you have profits and would like to transition before you reach the \$5,000 threshold, you can do so by contacting our funding team.

If for any reason, you decide to completely close your account with TopstepTrader prior to reaching \$5,000 in simulated profits, we will close your Pro Account and deposit funds equal to your simulated profits in a Premium Funded Account. We can then process your withdrawal request and close your account.

9. What happens when I transition into a Premium Funded Account?

When you reach \$5,000 in simulated profits in your Pro Account, TopstepTrader will start you in a Premium Funded Account with a starting balance equal to your simulated profits (up to \$5,000). You can withdraw those funds at any point moving forward.

You also retain all of your buying power via the scaling plan and any adjusted risk parameters (including a modified daily loss limit or weekly loss limit) that you earned in a Pro Account. Your Trailing Maximum Drawdown will be set at \$0.

10. Can I stay in the Pro Account indefinitely?

No, the Pro Account is meant to ease the transition between the Trading Combine Step 2 and live trading. Our goal is to get you trading live capital and to share in profits as soon as possible.

Additionally, since this is a small test program to judge whether the Pro Account is effective at helping traders perform better, we reserve the right to transition traders to a Funded Account after 60 days. If we do that, it will not impact your trading balance, Trailing Maximum Drawdown or your buying power.