The 14-Step Field Procedure

Ask the right question—and then let the market answer it.

The entire manual can be compressed into a field procedure. Not a mechanical checklist, but a disciplined order of attention.

1. Locate. Where is price relative to value, prior range, overnight range, pivots, VWAP, structural extremes and Map edges?

2. Describe structure. What is price actually doing? Which reference structure is controlling the read?

3. Establish normal. What range or excursion would normally be expected from here and by when?

4. Identify potential participants. Who may care about the locations immediately relevant to the auction?

5. Observe interaction. Which potential participants are actually present?

6. Diagnose success and failure. Who is getting what they want? Who is getting into trouble?

7. Find the space. If opposition fails or remains absent, where can price move efficiently?

8. Estimate remaining opportunity. How much normal business remains before the next meaningful edge or counterparty?

9. Form the working hypothesis. What is the market trying to do? What is the most likely direction for range expansion?

10. Recognize. Is the market beginning to become what I had reason to expect?

11. Trigger. Has an immediate condition occurred that makes participation efficient now?

12. Manage. Does the scale of the position fit the scale of the proposition and my own competence?

13. Complete. What evidence tells me the expected business is done?

14. Reset. What is normal now?

Before you ask whether your conclusion is right, become interested in the process by which it became convincing.

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Questions to Keep Beside the Screen

From Appendix C · A companion to the Field Procedure

- What is happening before I explain it?
- Where is it happening?
- What is the controlling reference structure?
- What would be normal from here?
- What would be abnormal?
- What is the market trying to do?
- What is the most likely direction for range expansion?
- How much range has already been used?
- What expected business remains unfinished?
- Who might care about this location?
- What evidence says those participants are actually present?
- Are they defending, failing, leaving, or being forced out?
- Who is getting what they want?
- Who is getting into trouble?
- Is the market moving because participation is strong, opposition is weak, or both?
- Is order-flow strong, efficient, or merely large?
- What would invalidate my working hypothesis?
- Am I recognizing the proposition or waiting for confirmation?
- What will the next piece of confirmation cost in remaining opportunity?
- Is this trigger answering the last question, or am I asking it to create the trade?
- Does my objective fit the scale of the market?
- What is the Minimum Expected Event?
- What evidence will tell me the business is complete?
- After completion, what is normal now?
- Do I need to trade at all?

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