



BATS Announces Fat Finger Protection Enhancement

Overview

BATS is pleased to announce that on Friday, February 6, 2015, BATS will make a change to the behavior of Fat Finger Protection, which is available on all BATS Equities and Options exchange platforms. On the effective date, Members will be able to configure Fat Finger limits using both percentage-based limits and dollar-based limits where previously only a single percentage-based limit was allowed. Additionally, BATS will add the ability to apply different Fat Finger limits across six distinct limit price ranges to allow members flexibility in setting up Fat Finger Protection. In a scenario where both a percentage-based limit and a dollar-based limit are specified, the more restrictive value will always be applied.

Members that would like to enable Fat Finger Protection or update current Fat Finger limits on their order entry ports may do so through the Port Controls or Sponsored Access tools found within the [BATS Member Web Portal](#). The Fat Finger controls within these tools will be updated on the effective date. Members that wish to have their controls prepared prior to the effective date may submit a request to update the port default settings through the [Logical Port Request](#) tool also found within the [BATS Member Web Portal](#).

Percentage-Based Limits

Percentage-based limit price thresholds will reject any order whose limit price is more aggressive than a set percentage away from the opposite side of the NBBO at the time of entry. The percentage may vary across six different price ranges.

Dollar-Based Limits

Dollar-based limit price thresholds will reject any order whose limit price is more than a specified price range away from the NBBO at the time of entry. The dollar value may vary across six different price ranges.

Price Ranges

The following price ranges have been defined to allow Members flexibility in setting Fat Finger limits. Members that currently are using Fat Finger Protection prior to the effective date will have that limit applied identically across all six ranges.

Limit Price Range	Fat Finger % (default)	Fat Finger % (max allowed)	Fat Finger Dollar-Based Limit (default)
Limit Price < \$1	Disabled	75%	Disabled
≥ \$1 Limit Price but < \$10	Disabled	50%	Disabled
≥ \$10 Limit Price but < \$50	Disabled	20%	Disabled
≥ \$50 Limit Price but < \$100	Disabled	20%	Disabled
≥ \$100 Limit Price but < \$500	Disabled	20%	Disabled
Limit Price ≥ \$500	Disabled	20%	Not Valid

More Information

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