The three entry models

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REJECTION BLOCK — ALWAYS

1. RB = **the wick of the candle that makes the pivot**. Counts only after a close in the desired direction (1st, 2nd or 3rd candle).
2. Box **includes the volume imbalance** (gap C1 close → C2 open).
3. Limit at the **start of the block**, stop behind the **wick extreme**.
4. Target = opposing liquidity. Aims ~5R.

RR GATE

≥ 4R absolute minimum, never lower

5R what he aims for

RR(start) ok → **limit at start, do not refine**.
Else RR(EQ) ok → limit at EQ.
Else: A stop to 75% · B wait for reconfirmation RB · C take 4R + trail.
Neither → **no trade**.

Take the least-refined entry that is already RR-worthy. He chose 16R over 22R.

STOP SIZE · NQ POINTS

< 4	too tiny — no trade
2.75–5	half risk
6–15 (20)	preferred
~30	only HTF setup ≥ 5R
35–48	too big → EQ, lower TF, or wait

MODEL 1 · PRIMARY

RBR — Rejection Block Reversal

Price mitigates a pre-drawn HTF reversal POI, an RB confirms, you fade it.

Context	HTF reversal POI drawn **above and below** price + liquidity map. No POI = no trade.
Trigger	Mitigation of the POI → RB confirmation on 1m (check 3m/5m). First TF that confirms counts.
Entry	Limit at start of block · EQ if RR too low. Fib over last leg, prefer **0.705–0.786**, never force past 0.786.
Stop	Behind the wick extreme of the pivot candle.
Target	Nearest opposing liquidity: NYOP, injection high, equal highs/lows.
Invalid.	**Room of error:** local low already taken before the tap → skip. Already filled → BE when that low goes. **Bias-level invalidation: not given.** A stop-out does not invalidate the bias.

No trade: RB without a significant POI ("middle of nowhere") · RB too tiny or wick candle closes the wrong way · an NYOP trade must also be a good RBR without the NYOP.

Re-entry is mandatory: stopped out and a second RB forms in the same pivot → take it.

MODEL 2 · SECONDARY

KOC — Key Open Continuation

Price manipulates past a key open, displaces back through it, you join the move.

Levels	**10 AM KO** = open of the 10:00 4H candle, valid ~4h · **Midnight KO** = 18:00 futures day open (a zone, not ICT 00:00).
Context	KO only **in expansion** or at a reversal POI.
Trigger	Manipulation leg beyond the KO **+** displacement leg back through it. Both must be real candles.
Entry	Limit at the KO, placed after the displacement candle closes.
Stop	Above the high of the displacement candle (1m; 3m/5m if 1m is too tight).
Target	Opposing liquidity. V2 requires a very strong one.
Invalid.	**No price level given.** Only time: 10 AM KO ~4h, and "one or two trades off that KO and you're done".

V1 manipulation ≈ displacement — reversal POI tapped + SSL as target

V2 big manipulation, small displacement — **only** with very strong opposing liquidity

V3 small manipulation, big displacement — retest in 0.618–0.786, 0.786 on the KO

V4 KO opens while price sits **in** the POI — **never on the midnight KO**

No trade: messy or ranging around the KO — "if it's ranging, let it range" · no real manipulation *and* displacement candles · no technical target, or KO at the bottom of the move (~3R). **Midnight KO: nothing before the Asia open.**

MODEL 3

TCT-RB — range with rejection blocks

A valid range with taps; you trade the rotation to the other side.

Context	Range with RH / EQ / RL and taps. **Minimum a 1m range** — never one only visible on seconds.
Trigger	**V1** RB confirms tap 3 · **V2** quality RB in the tap-2 pivot becomes the POI for tap 3 → limit **before** tap 3, no confirmation · **V3** tap 2 with SMT + RB — the SMT replaces the third tap.
Entry	Limit at start of the RB, EQ if not RR-worthy. Pick the **highest TF that is already RR-worthy**.
Stop	Behind the RB wick (V2: above the tap-2 RB high).
Target	The opposite range point.
Invalid.	**The only model that gives one:** valid until price breaks the tap-3 extreme. V2 does not apply in M1.

No trade: no valid range, or range only on seconds TF · V2 limit before tap 3 only if the range sits entirely inside NY AM (~4.5h max) · a 12h range reaching tap 3 in the last 30 min of NY AM needs more confirmation.

Note: RBR and KOC always need confirmation. **TCT-RB V2 is the only place you may enter without it.**

BRIDGE · MODEL 1 ↔ 2

RBR (KO)

An RB confirms on or around a key open. The RB wins.

The course calls this a bridge, not a fourth model — but it has its own precedence rule, so treat it as its own case.

Rule	**The RB — or the EQ of the RB — takes precedence over the KO itself.**
Entry	Price "oftentimes" reaches the **EQ** of the RB. Limit there instead of at the KO. One example: 2.3R at start → 5.4R at EQ.
Stop	Above the RB high. If RB and KO nearly coincide and RR holds: entry at KO, stop above the whole pivot.

JUDGEMENT, NOT RULE — DO NOT TREAT AS MECHANICAL

"quality RB" · "significant POI" · "messy / ranging" · "very strong opposing liquidity" (the whole V2 condition) · "a large unrewarded run" → BE · "extremely clear contextually" for the NYOP scalp. None of these has a measurable threshold in the course.

NOT DEFINED IN THIS COURSE

TCT model 1 / model 2, PO3, market maker continuation, three drive — they feed the bias of all three models but come from TCT. The "six-candle rule" is mentioned and never explained.