

Small Account and Beginner Account Guidelines and Trading Criteria

Sean Dekmar's Day Trading a Small Account Criteria and Guidelines for a Beginner Account

*A small account is considered any trading account with a balance of under \$5000.00.
(Sean started out with \$2900.00).*

You may be considered a beginner account if you have never traded stocks before, never traded using Sean's strategies before, or understand stocks and trading but cannot seem to consistently profit.

- 1) Learn in a Risk Free environment by Paper Trading for a while
 - a. Paper trading when you are first studying the stock market, stock charts, and trying new strategies will help you learn and will save your cash from being drained by mistakes and losses.
 - b. Day Trade until you can consistently profit on trades 4-5 days out of the week or profit 4 out of every 5 trades on average.

How Dekmar started

Sean paper traded for 11 months before he "live" traded with funds in a real account.

- 2) Buy a minimum of 500 shares (and preferably 1000 shares) of the stock per trade. Trading less than that amount leaves little room for profit, and the trading fees can eat up your investment capital, take away from your profits, and add to your losses.
 - a. This criteria will limit the stock prices that you will be trading to about a \$1 to \$5 range.

How Dekmar does it

Sean trades a minimum of 1000 shares per trade and many times is trading 2000 – 4000 shares at a time to maximize profits and minimize expenses on small price movements.

- 3) Limit yourself to 2 trades per day, maximum. That means 2 round trips (buy/sell = 1 round trip) of a trade execution. If you profit on the first trade, do not trade any more that day.

How Dekmar does it

Sean only trades when there is higher risk than reward, and does not force trades. He understands that he may not trade at all if there is not a good trade to be made.

- 4) Only trade during the first hour of trading in the morning (9:30am-10:30am EST). If there is not a good stock play during that time, do not trade at all that day. Watch videos to learn, study charts of that day and previous days to learn, and/or listen to Sean's lessons in live stream to learn if you want to stay engaged after that first hour.

- 5) Have a plan for all your trades. An entry point, an exit point for profit, and a stop loss exit to minimize loss. Plan your work, then work your plan.

How Dekmar does it

Sean has a plan. He puts his plan (Entry, stop loss, Sell) on DekmarTrades.com chatroom for all to see. Sean follows his plan. Sean makes money.