Why Buying the Middle Burns Money

Cash Extremes. Zero Tips.

Educational · not tips/signals · no return promises

The 55-cent chase

Something around 55 cents is twitching. Chat is loud. A tip Discord already called it “the move.” Your finger is already sizing. That feeling is what tip rooms sell — and how a lot of people burn money after fees buying the middle, not because they are stupid, but because the middle is expensive to touch.

DEFAULT

Five checks before any size.
Default = sit out.
36–89¢ middle is out.
Empty morning is allowed.

The fee math aha (plain words)

On many platforms, fees are not a flat tip — they peak near a coin-flip (~50¢) and shrink toward the extremes. Spreads add drag when the book is thin. Illustrative only (not a promise): buy at 55¢ and you often need ~58–60¢ just to break even after fees and spread — before you were “right” about anything. The middle is a tax, not an edge.

Tip bots: “lock of the day,” overnight AI, chase chat. You: five checks · sit out if any fail · practice first — real cash stays off until earned.

Five plain checks — all must clear, or stay flat

CHECK 01

Stay off middle prices

Practice only at YES 35¢ or lower, or favorites 90¢ or higher. Anything 36–89¢ → stop.

Why this saves money: Urgency lives in the middle. Spreads eat you; “maybe” stories multiply; you pay full freight for noise.

CHECK 02

Confirm real trading happened

Real buys and sells — not a lonely price on an empty book. No real activity → stop.

Why this saves money: Empty books look cheap until you exit. Fees + no other traders turn a “steal” into a stuck ticket.

CHECK 03

Explain the move in one clear sentence

Say why price moved in one plain sentence — not “chat is loud.” If you invent a story → stop.

Why this saves money: Vague blips become fan fiction after you already want the trade. Unclear = always skip.

CHECK 04

Write SKIP / GO before you size

Write both: SKIP because X. GO only if Y (measurable). No vibes. No GO line → stay SKIP.

Why this saves money: Unwritten “felt good” can’t be reviewed later. After settle (fees in), you can’t tell process from luck.

CHECK 05

Practice money first

Paper first. Real cash stays off until your own proof bar says otherwise. Size so one loss does not wipe you out.

Why this saves money: Cash before proof turns every lesson into a fee invoice. You earn the right to size — you don’t inherit it from a loud board.

One labeled hypothetical

HYPOTHETICAL ONLY · made-up market/cents/fees · not a pick · not a signal · not a result

Card seen: made-up event YES last 28¢, with real trading activity. One clear sentence: “Buyers kept lifting the price from 22 cents with real trades — not a lonely empty book.” Checks 1–4 pass. Check 5: real cash still off → practice ticket only ($10 on paper; max loss $10 + fees; score with fees included). Alternate fail: same event drifts to 48¢ → Check 1 stop. Log skipped middle. That skip is process credit.

Tomorrow-morning checklist

- [ ] Only scan 35¢ or under / 90¢ or higher (middle is out)
- [ ] Checked real trading activity before the price story
- [ ] Can explain the move in one clear sentence (or skip)
- [ ] Wrote SKIP because… GO only if… (measurable)
- [ ] Real cash is off until practice bar is earned
- [ ] Size + max loss written so one loss does not wipe me out
- [ ] Accept empty as a valid morning

Fail any box → no ticket. Log the skip. Review after settle. Fees included.