
NORTH AMERICAN DERIVATIVES EXCHANGE, INC.
NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

FILE NO.: TPI_2019_049

MEMBER: Numan Yousaf

NADEX RULES:

NADEX MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Member Acknowledgements and Authorizations, Section (h):

You acknowledge and agree that You will, following a request by Nadex, promptly provide to Nadex financial or other information as Nadex may reasonably request or as may be required for Nadex to respond to a request for information from the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) or other regulatory or judicial bodies.

RULE 3.3 MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

- (a) Each Member and any Authorized Trader(s) thereof, must comply with these Rules, applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, and relevant Commission regulations. Each Member and any Authorized Trader(s) thereof must also cooperate promptly and fully with Nadex, its agents, and/or the Commission in any investigation, call for information, inquiry, audit, examination, or proceeding. Such cooperation shall include providing Nadex with access to information on the activities of such Member and/or Authorized Trader in any referenced market that provides the underlying prices for any Nadex market. . . .

RULE 5.19 PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- (h) No Person shall engage in any activity that presents a risk of harm to Nadex, its Members, or the public.
- (i) No Person shall engage in any activity that adversely affects the integrity of the Market or its underlying systems.
- (n) No Person shall engage in any activity that is intended to, or has the effect of, manipulating the market in violation of Sections 6(c) and 9(a)(2) of the CEA and no Person shall engage in any other activity that would violate the CEA or the Commission’s Regulations.
- (t) No Member shall engage in conduct or practices inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade or conduct or practices detrimental to the best interests of the Exchange, its Members and/or FCM Customers.

FINDINGS: On December 3, 2019, the Nadex Compliance Department sent Numan Yousaf (“Yousaf”) an Account Inquiry letter requesting, among other things, general background information, source of funds information and details regarding his order and trading activity. Despite follow-up communications providing Yousaf with additional extensions to respond to the request for information, he failed to comply and/or respond to the inquiry letter.

During the course of its investigation, the Compliance Department analyzed the order and trading activity throughout the life of Yousaf’s Nadex account. Through this review, the Compliance Department discovered that Yousaf engaged in or attempted to engage in a manipulative scheme to defraud Nadex markets in at least 25 binary option contracts for FX pairs GBP/USD, EUR/USD, USD/JPY, and AUD/USD between August 29, 2018 and January 4, 2019. The presence of a manipulative scheme was further enhanced upon review of Yousaf’s account and background information, where it was discovered that he had significant connections with other Nadex Members via trading activity.

Based on Nadex’s investigation, the Compliance Department determined that Yousaf violated Rule 3.3(a) and Member Acknowledgements and Authorizations, Section (h) of the Nadex Membership Agreement when he failed to cooperate with the Compliance Department’s inquiry regarding these matters. Additionally, Yousaf’s manipulative activity was to the detriment of other market participants. Engaging or attempting to engage in conduct and practices that are manipulative and inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade, and that pose a risk to the Exchange, its members, and/or to the public, is in contravention of Nadex Rules 5.19(h), 5.19(i), 5.19(n) and 5.19(t). Accordingly, the Compliance Department has concluded that Yousaf violated Nadex Rules 5.19(h), 5.19(i), 5.19(n) and 5.19(t).

PENALTY: As a result of the aforementioned violations, the Nadex Compliance Department has deemed it appropriate to fine Numan Yousaf \$11,000.00, and order him to pay disgorgement in the amount of \$28,735.75. Additionally, Numan Yousaf’s Nadex Membership shall be revoked, his account terminated, and he shall be permanently banned from trading on Nadex markets, either directly for his own account, through an intermediary, or as an authorized trader on behalf of any other account.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 2022