Guide 11 · Options

Options with tastytrade

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What you get

This guide shows how to work with stock options through a tastytrade account in Reactor: see the options you hold, search the chain, build an order preview and approve it yourself.

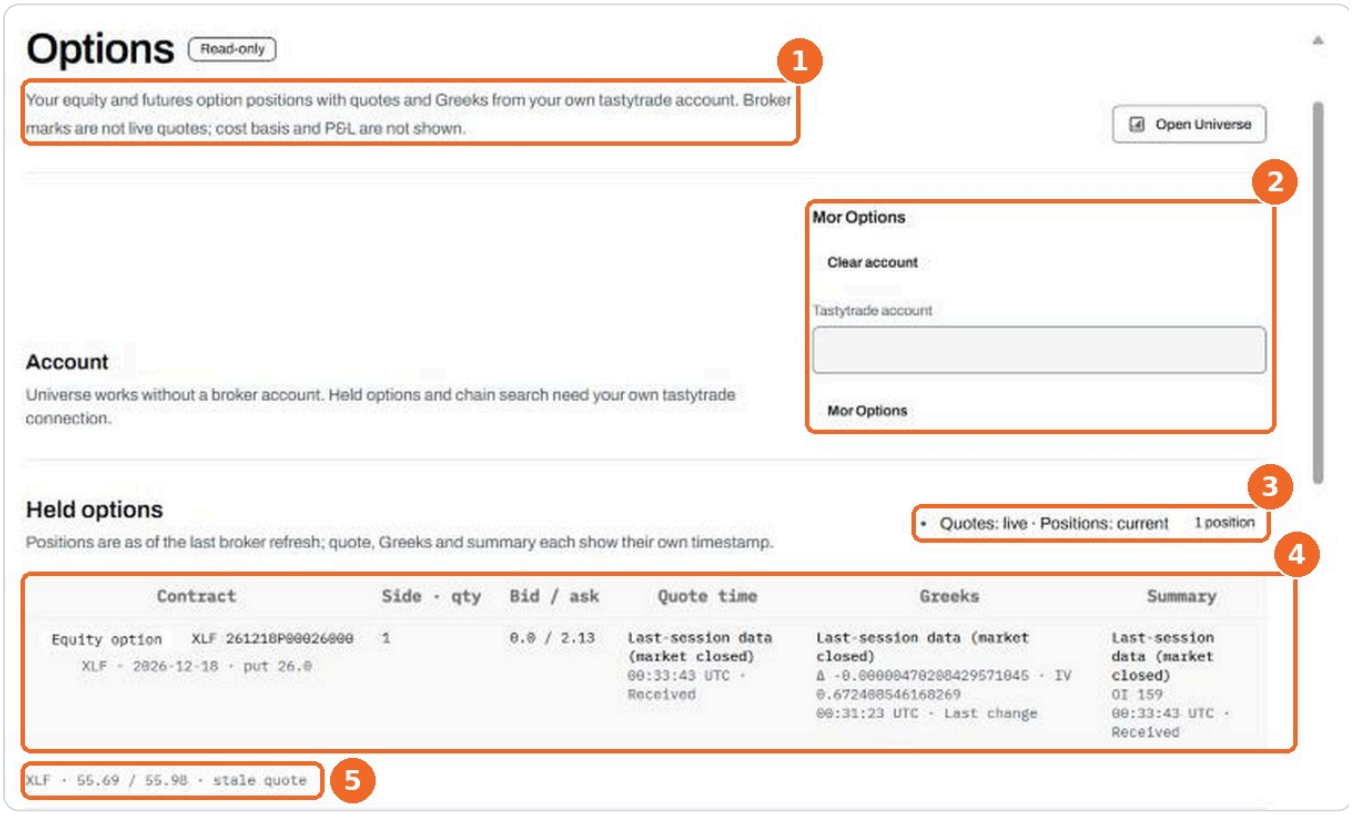
You need a connected tastytrade account (Guide 6). The screenshots were taken outside market hours, so prices are marked as last-session data. No order was sent during the capture.

The rule

- **Only you approve an option order.** Chat and AI tools can prepare a preview, but they can't send it.
- **You approve exactly what you see.** The preview is locked: legs, net price, Debit/Credit and time in force.
- **Approval is not a fill.** A limit order may not fill. Check the status in Orders or in tastytrade.

Step 1 — Your options: Options

In the sidebar: Trading → **Options**. Choose your tastytrade account.



1 **Read-only** — this screen only shows data. You can't send orders from it. Cost basis and P&L aren't shown here.

2 **The account** — the selected tastytrade account.

3 **Quotes · Positions** — whether prices are live and positions current, and how many positions.

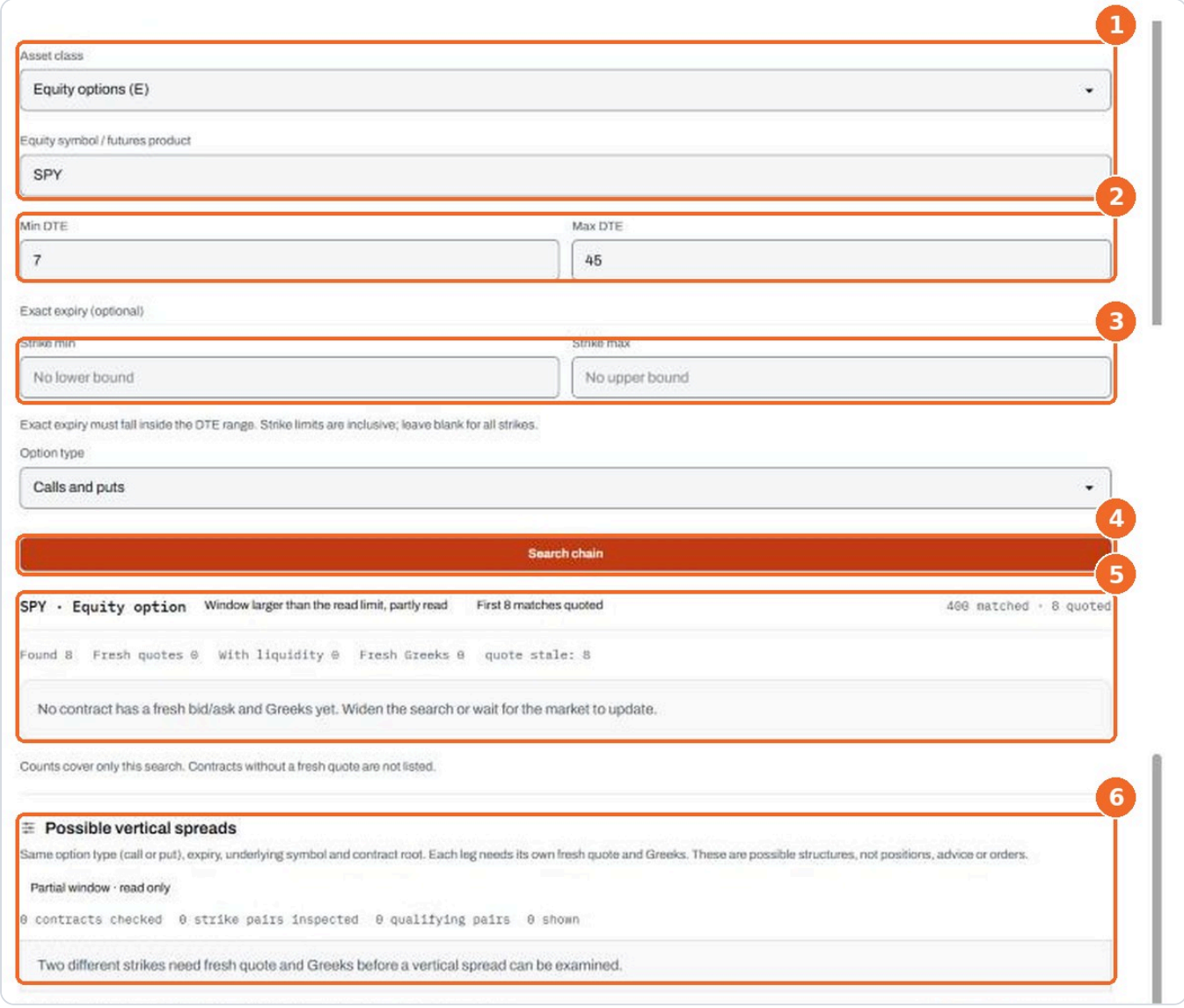
4 **The table** — contract, side and quantity, Bid/Ask, quote time, Greeks and summary. Each has its own timestamp.

5 **The underlying** — the stock price. "stale quote" means the price isn't current.

> Outside market hours you see last-session data, marked "market closed".

Step 2 — Search the option chain

Lower on the same screen: **Option chain search**. Search one stock or one futures product.



1 **Asset class** and the symbol — for example SPY.

2 **Min DTE / Max DTE** — days left to expiry.

3 **Strike min / max** — a strike range. Leave blank for all strikes.

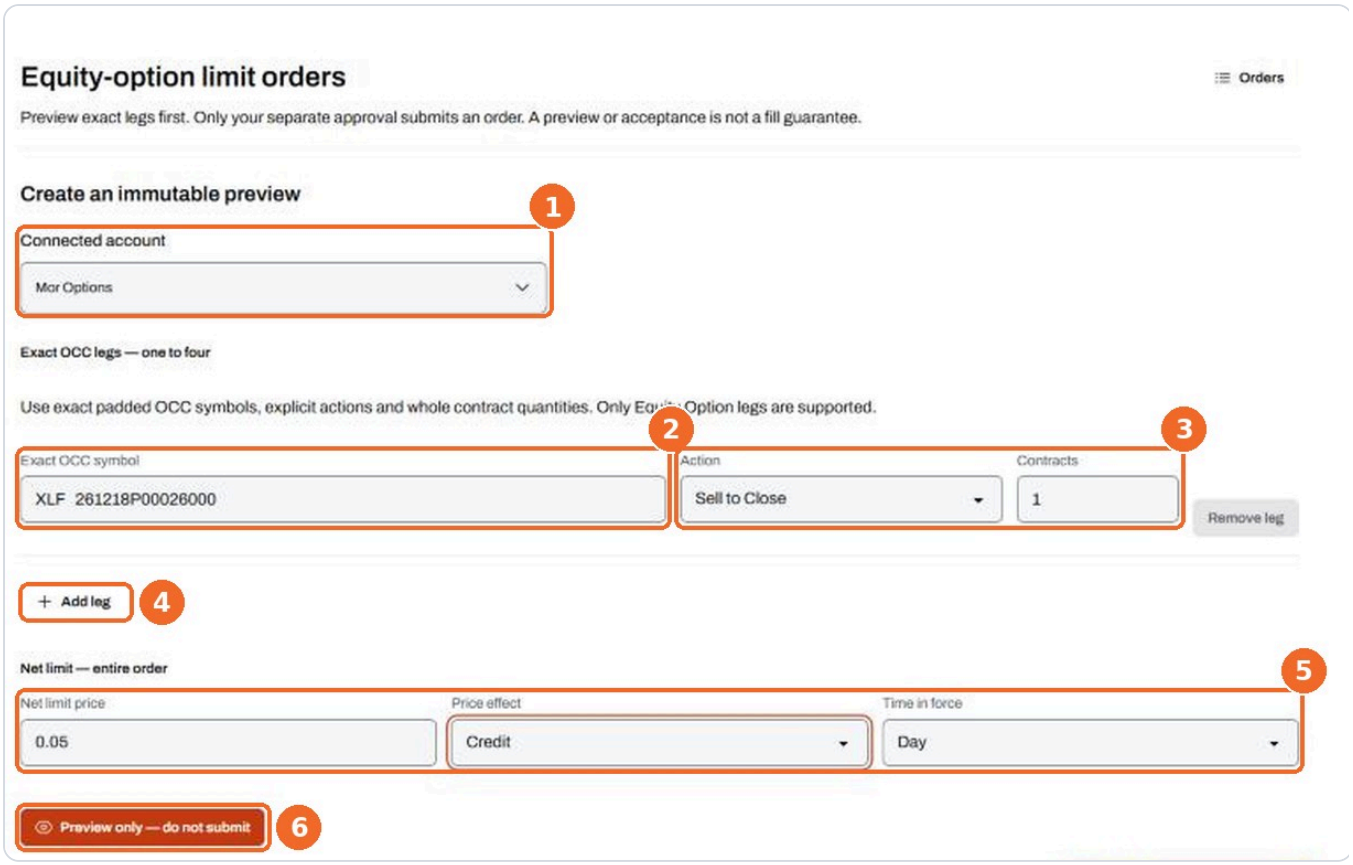
4 **Search chain** — runs the search. Reactor streams live quotes for up to 8 contracts for two minutes.

5 **The results** — how many contracts matched, and how many have fresh quotes and Greeks. Outside market hours there are no fresh quotes.

6 **Possible vertical spreads** — possible structures from the same chain. They are not recommendations or orders.

Step 3 — An order preview

In the sidebar: Trading → **Orders** → **Equity-option order**. Build a limit order with one to four legs.



1 **Connected account** — your tastytrade account.

2 **Exact OCC symbol** — the contract's full symbol, for example XLF 261218P00026000.

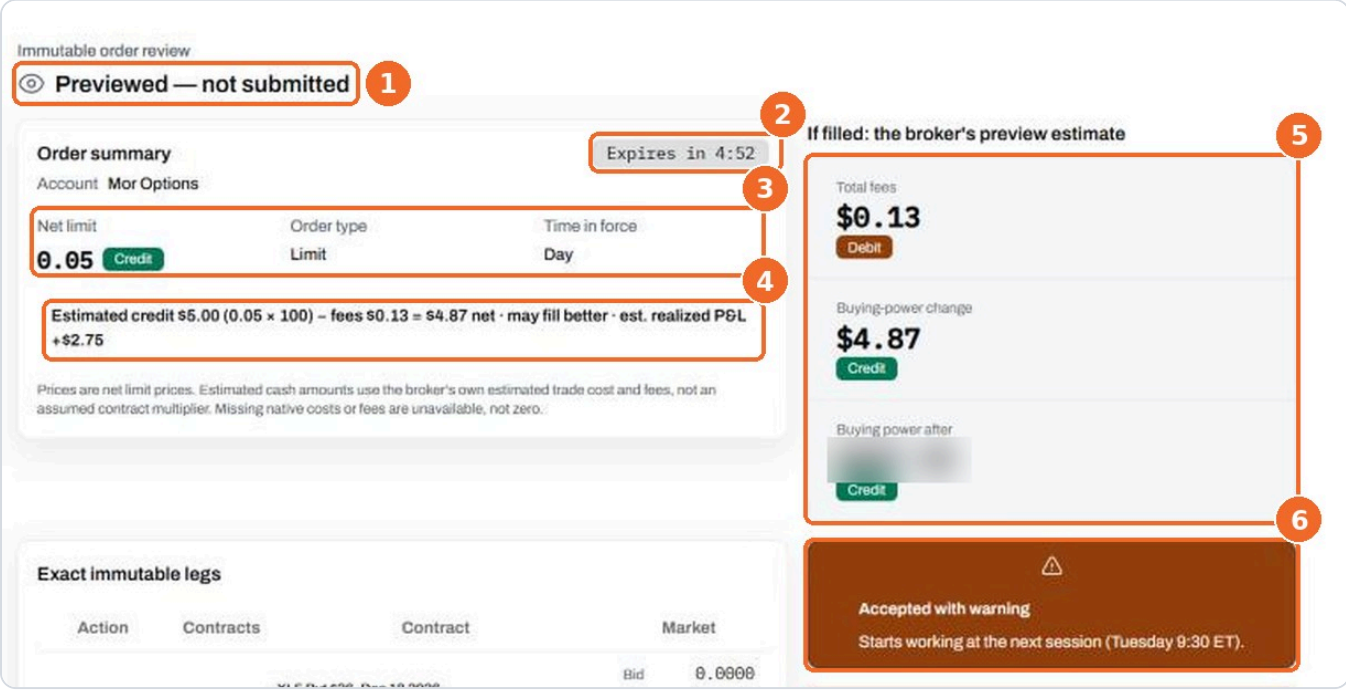
3 **Action, Contracts** — Buy/Sell to Open/Close, and a whole number of contracts.

4 **Add leg** — adds a leg, up to four.

5 **Net limit** — a net price for the whole order, **Debit** or **Credit**, and Day or GTC.

6 **Preview only — do not submit** — creates a preview at the broker. Nothing is sent.

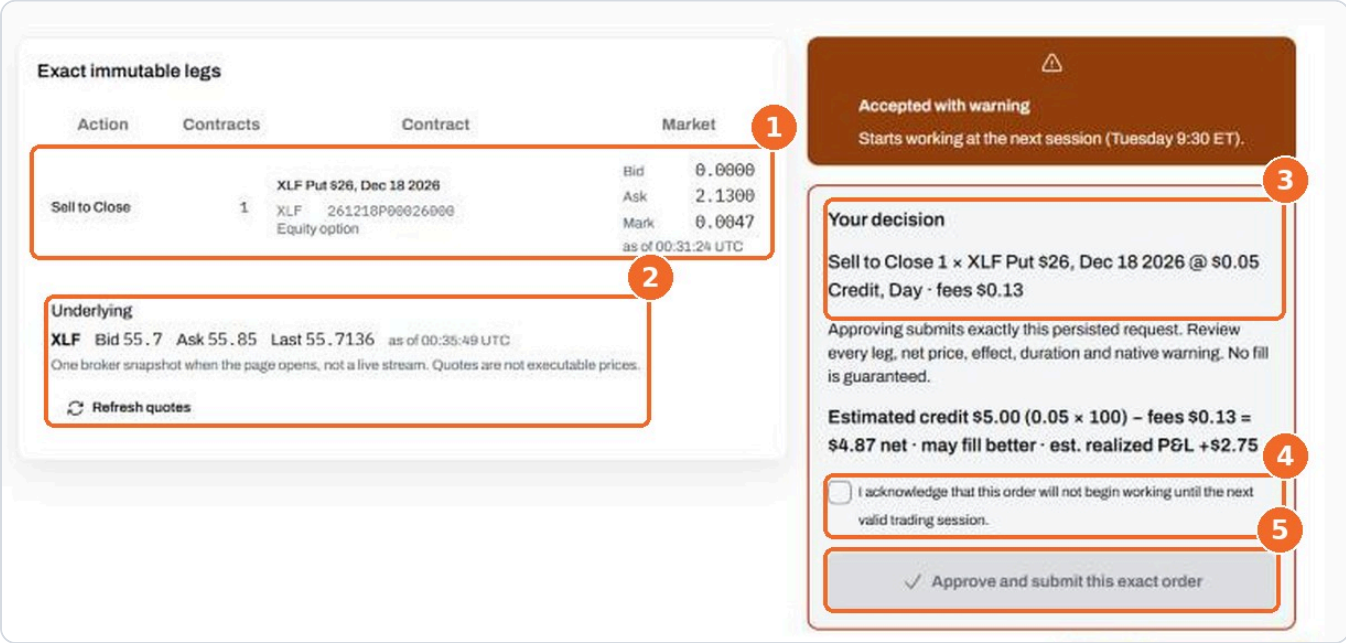
Step 4 — Check the preview



1. **Previewed — not submitted** — this is a preview, not an order.
2. **Expires in** — the preview has a time limit. When it runs out, create a new one.
3. **Order details** — net price, order type and time in force.
4. **The calculation** — how much comes in or goes out, minus fees. These are the broker's estimates.
5. **The broker's estimate** — fees, the buying-power change and buying power after the fill.
6. **The broker's warning** — here: the order starts working only at the next session.

Step 5 — Approve it yourself

Scroll down. This is the only place the order can be sent.

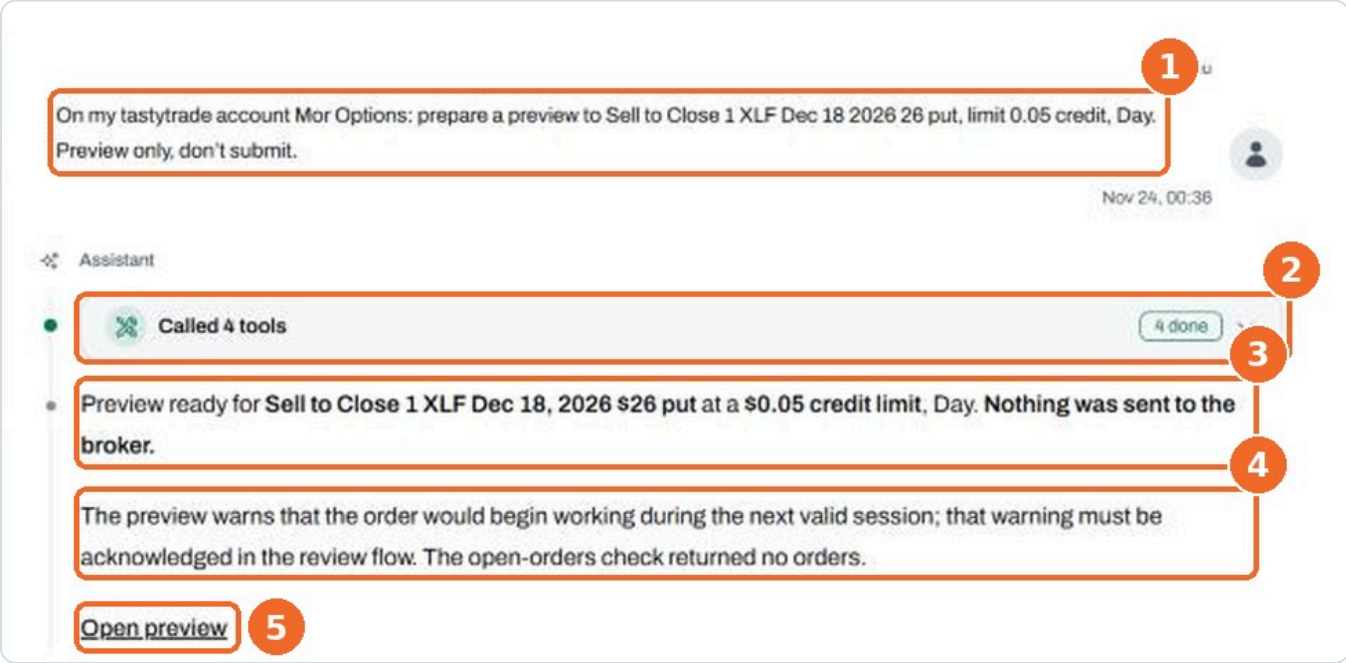


1. **The legs** — action, quantity, contract, and Bid/Ask/Mark at preview time.
2. **The underlying** — one broker snapshot, not a live price. **Refresh quotes** updates it.
3. **Your decision** — an exact summary of what will be sent.
4. **The acknowledgment** — when there's a warning, tick that you've read it.
5. **Approve and submit this exact order** — sends exactly this order. It was not clicked in the capture.

Lower on the page: Broker warnings and errors, the broker's native data, and the order and fills as the broker reported them.

Step 6 — A preview from Chat

You can also ask Reactor in AI Chat to prepare the preview.



1. **The request** — account, action, contract, price and time in force, and "Preview only".
2. **Called 4 tools** — the tools Chat used.
3. **Nothing was sent to the broker** — a preview only.
4. **The warning** — Chat passes on the broker's warning.
5. **Open preview** — opens the same preview page. That is where, and the only place, you approve.

Step 7 — Cancel or change the price

On an open order that hasn't filled, on the order's page:

- To cancel: **Cancel order**.
- To change the price: **Change price**, enter the new net limit price, choose **Preview replacement only**, then approve the replacement on the same page.
- **Refresh status** shows the broker's final status.

A cancel or change request doesn't guarantee the result: the order may fill before the request reaches the broker.

Keep in mind

- Options trading can lose money, and fast. Understand the risk of every structure before you approve.
- Approval is not a fill. A limit order may fill partly, at a better price, or not at all.
- Outside market hours prices aren't live, and the order starts working only at the next session.
- For anything urgent, use tastytrade's app or website. Support can't carry out urgent trading instructions.