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Template: Backtesting Trading Strategies Checklist

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A practical checklist for traders to effectively backtest their trading strategies and ensure they are robust before live trading.

Checklist Items:

- [ ] **1. Define Your Trading Strategy**
  Clearly outline your trading strategy, including market, instrument, timeframe, and specific conditions for entry and exit. This will ensure your strategy is measurable and testable.
  Reference Section: 2. Build a Testable Trading Strategy Before You Test It

- [ ] **2. Establish Entry Conditions**
  Specify the exact criteria that will trigger a trade, such as technical indicators or price patterns, to avoid subjective interpretations.
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- [ ] **3. Set Exit Conditions**
  Determine when to close a trade, whether at a stop-loss or profit target, to maintain discipline in your trading.
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- [ ] **4. Define Risk Management Rules**
  Incorporate risk rules from the outset, including stop-loss and position size, to protect your capital during backtesting.
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- [ ] **5. Gather Reliable Historical Data**
  Collect accurate historical price data relevant to your trading strategy to ensure a fair backtest. This data should reflect various market conditions.
  Reference Section: 3. Gather Reliable Data and Run a Fair Backtest

- [ ] **6. Run the Backtest**
  Apply your defined trading rules to the historical data and track the outcomes to identify how the strategy would have performed in the past.
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- [ ] **7. Analyze Performance Metrics**
  Evaluate performance metrics such as profit factor, maximum drawdown, and win rate to assess the robustness of your strategy.
  Reference Section: 4. Measure Trading Performance Beyond Profit

- [ ] **8. Stress-Test Your Results**
  Conduct stress tests using different market scenarios to determine how your strategy holds up under various conditions before considering live trading.
  Reference Section: 5. Stress-Test Results Before Considering Live Trading

- [ ] **9. Document the Backtest Findings**
  Keep thorough records of your backtesting results and the assumptions made, allowing for future learning and adjustments to the strategy as necessary.
  Reference Section: 6. Document the Test So We Can Learn From It