

## CCE RAW MARKET TRADING RULES

1. **FACTS/CCE Information System.** Only CCE Member Firms may post bid and ask prices and execute trades on the CCE Raw Market section of CCE. Executed trades will also be reported in a database format on the CCE. In addition to providing pricing information, the system will provide the necessary forms and the communications software to execute trades on CCE. Any full-time dealer may apply for access to CCE for the purpose of retrieving and reviewing price information, but only CCE Member Firms may execute trades. CCE shall have sole discretion regarding criteria to be used in accepting dealers as CCE Member Firms and/or CCE Raw Market Makers.

2. **Coins Eligible for CCE Raw Market Trading.** Only high-volume designated raw generic coins may be posted or traded on the CCE Raw Market section of CCE. CCE shall have sole discretion in determining the CCE Raw coins, CCE Raw coin categories and sufficient market makers. Changes to the categories of coins approved for CCE Raw trading shall be posted on CCE's website.

When "culls" are traded they must contain a readable date, no holes, no mountings and the coin must not be mutilated.

3. **Bids, Asks and Trades.** Only CCE Member Firms may post bid and ask prices on the specialized CCE Raw Market section of CCE. A CCE Member who responds to a bid or an ask is called a "Responding Member." The offer to buy or sell, and the execution of a trade, must be communicated to CCE via the Trade Entry Facility provided on CCE. If the transaction is not communicated via the Trade Entry then it is not an Approved Transaction under the CCE Rules. In addition, CCE Raw Market transactions must conform to the following rules:

- (a) Bids and asks are sight-seen only
- (b) Bids and asks must be for minimum quantities. Market makers may post both bids and asks or only a bid or ask at their option, but bids and asks must be good for at least a minimum quantity.
- (c) Bids and asks are firm provided, however, that market makers may change posted bids and asks at any time
- (d) Increments for the CCE Raw Market coins are defined for each coin separately within the add/edit form.
- (e) CCE Raw Market-Makers may impose their own credit arrangements or other terms and conditions on individual CCE member firms.
- (f) All Approved Transactions are in U.S. Dollars.
- (g) Transactions, including prices and quantities, shall be as posted in the CCE host computer.
- (h) A market maker or member will not be required to honor a posted bid or ask if the bid or ask posted is an obvious keystroke error. Any ask price that is less than a bid price on the same coin and grade, or bid price greater than an ask price on the same coin and grade, or bid exceeding the bid price on the next higher grade for the same coin is

an obvious error. In case of dispute, CCE's determination with respect to whether or not an obvious keystroke error has occurred will be final.

#### **4. Shipment and Payment.**

Shipment shall take place no more than two (2) trading days after the Responding Member responds to the market maker's bid or ask. Payment by the buyer shall take place no more than five (5) trading days thereafter, or on the trading day during which the coin is received, whichever is later, or as otherwise agreed between the parties to the transaction.

All shipments are F.O.B. destination, i.e., at the seller's risk until received by the buyer.

Deliverable goods. The commodity deliverable against a bid or ask is the specific coin designated by the CCE numbering system of the specified grade of the specified raw coin. Delivery of a coin of a different grade from the one specified is a Default.

#### **5. CCE Charges.**

CCE Raw Market Makers, i.e. CCE Member Firms, shall pay CCE a monthly fee, due on the first trading day of each month. CCE reserves the right to terminate any Market Maker or Member for non-payment of fees.

#### **6. Trading Limits.**

(a) Daily limit rule. CCE Raw Market Members do not have trading limits, though CCE Raw Market-Makers may impose their own credit arrangements or other terms and conditions on individual CCE member firms.

(b) Lateral rule. A bidder (leading bidder) may not execute a sale to bidders who have posted prices that are lower or the same as his own (following bidder) on the same coin and grade.

#### **7. Failed Trades and Defaults.**

If a Member's CCE host computer in either the quantity or the price of a coin, and that member attempts to execute a trade using a Trade Entry, or if the Member mistakenly enters a Lot Size greater than that which is posted, the result will be a Failed Trade. That Member will be notified by an error code at his terminal, and his attempt to buy or sell will not be communicated to the Posting Member.

A Default occurs when one party to what is intended to be an Approved Transaction does not perform in accordance with the rules relating to Approved Transactions.

## **8. Credit Limits.**

CCE may, in its sole discretion, assign credit limits to each Member over which the Member may not post bids. Should CCE learn that a Member has posted bids in excess of his or her limit; the dealer shall, upon CCE's request, show cause why CCE should not deactivate his or her bids until they come under the credit limit.

## **9. Prohibited Practices.**

In addition to any other prohibitions contained in these Rules, the following practices are prohibited:

(a) Short Sales, i.e. posting an ask or responding to a bid for any coin which is not (i) owned by and in the actual possession of the dealer posting an ask or the dealer responding on a bid or (ii) on consignment to a third party but available for immediate shipment.

(b) Reporting or entering into any transaction in which transfer of coins or funds does not take place.

(c) Making a material misrepresentation or omitting required information in any communication to CCE regarding any matter such as membership, transactions, or conduct of other members.

(d) Reporting or entering into any transaction the purpose of which is to manipulate market prices.

(e) Misusing data and text placed on CCE and/or FACTS network including, but not limited to, reproducing, retransmitting, republishing or otherwise using said data or text in violation of these Rules and CCE's legal rights.

(f) Posting bids or asks with no intent to buy or sell coins at said prices.

(g) Any act or omission which is contrary to law or established practice in the numismatic industry

## **10. Miscellaneous.**

(a) Trading days are Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, between the hours of 12 noon and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. All Members must be available during trading hours to receive communications from the CCE and other Members. Unavailability may result in the Member's bids being deleted.

(b) Time is of the essence in execution of all trades, delivery of coins, and payment for coins.

(c) CCE reserves the right to amend these Rules in its sole discretion at any time. The "Tape", i.e., the FACTS network, constitutes notice to Members of any official CCE announcements, rule changes, etc.

(d) Neither CCE nor Collectors Universe, Inc. guarantees the creditworthiness of participants, the consummation of any trade, or the accuracy of any posted information. Each Member shall be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the information that Member posts to CCE, and shall be required to notify CCE Customer Service department promptly of any errors, omissions, or technical problems encountered while using CCE.

(e) The CCE Raw Market is a specialized area of the Certified Coin Exchange. Market-makers who do not honor their bids or who either deliver inferior coins or refuse to buy accurately graded coins may, at the sole discretion of CCE, have their market making privileges removed for the CCE Raw Market.