

Dukascopy Team made great work during past years, and recently asked feedback and comments about the new "LIVE FX trader Contest", so I decided to express my point of view.  
(I chose pdf document for better formatting).

I analyzed performances data of traders of past "Demo Trader Contest" from Dukascopy site, simply ordering them by "Equity Leaders ", putting them in an excel sheet, making simply calculation and I obtained the following statistics:

### Performances of Traders in "Demo Trader Contest"

NUMBER TOTAL TRADERS Analyzed (with at least 2 months participations):		6260		
Years	Max Profit per Year (%) [1 trader]	Number of Traders in Profit (%)	Average Profit per Year (%) [only traders in profit]	Total traders for this period
8	9%	24%	4%	17
7	37%	15%	16%	46
6	21%	21%	7%	82
5	34%	13%	14%	119
4	42%	15%	13%	208
3	222%	21%	24%	370
2	493%	22%	40%	707
1	224%	16%	15%	98
0	729%	20%	31%	4651

We can see that yearly performances decrease with increasing number of months participations and at the eighth year (for traders that traded more than 84 months) the best trader achieved 9% per year and the all profitable traders on this period achieved an average 4% profit per year. These two **performances are less than yearly profit on 10 years average of S&P 500** (that is around 10%).

Dukascopy, surely has statistics more refined than this, I reported them simply for Community traders and to argue my hints for new contest.

When a new trader contest starts it is often in the middle between "professional trading" and a "fun internet game with prizes". It depends from rules of contest and from the type of players that these rules lure if then the contest will move towards first point or to second one.

To my personal view it should more interesting if new contest moved itself to "professionals trading". To facilitate this achievement I suggest 3 possibility: examples 2, 3 an 4.  
(example 1 is only a variation of current situation).

1. In statistics showing even the "Overall Profitability %" for all weeks of trading. This value, if negative, will show easily if the trader tend to be a player of an internet game with prizes or if he aspires to professional trading

Example 1: (this is the current system ranking with only one more statistic value)

Trader	Weekly Profitability %	MaxDrawdown %	Overall Profitability % (for all weeks)
Trader 01	50	40	-10
Trader 02	30	70	-25
Trader 03	20	5	6
Trader 04	5	1	4

2. [This is more selective than previous]:

Using the ratio "Weekly Profitability % / MaxDrawdown %" for ranking instead of the only "Weekly Profitability %", this value will judge better traders that use very different Risk Reward and different Money Management

Example 2:

Trader	Weekly Profitability % / MaxDrawdown %	Weekly Profitability %	MaxDrawdown %	Overall Profitability % (for all weeks)
Trader 04	5/1 = 5	5	1	4
Trader 03	20/5 = 4	20	5	6
Trader 01	50/40 = 1.25	50	40	-10
Trader 02	30/70 = 0.43	30	70	-25

3. [This is more selective than previous]:

Like point 2 using the ratio "Weekly Profitability % / MaxDrawdown %" for ranking but only for traders that have even "Overall Profitability %" greater than 0

Example 3:

Trader	Weekly Profitability % / MaxDrawdown %	Weekly Profitability %	MaxDrawdown %	Overall Profitability % (for all weeks)	Note [If Overall Profitability % (for all weeks) <0]
Trader 04	5/1 = 5	5	1	4	
Trader 03	20/5 = 4	20	5	6	
Trader 01	50/40 = 1.25	50	40	-10	Out of Prizes Ranking
Trader 02	30/70 = 0.43	30	70	-25	Out of Prizes Ranking

4. [This is more selective than previous]:

adding the following simple rule for prizes to Example 3:

"If the weekly profit of trader is less than prize, then the trader will receive only its weekly profit,  
if the weekly profit of trader is greater than prize, then the trader will receive only the full prize"

Good work to Dukascopy Team,  
and good trading to Community Members,

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