

The Stock Market Game™ Rules

Fall 2026 Session

September 8- December 4, 2026

Initial cash balance	\$100,000
Interest earned on positive cash balance	0.75%
Interest charged on negative cash balance	7%
Tradable stocks	NASDAQ and NYSE
Prohibited stocks	OTC or “pink sheets”
Tradable bonds	Investment-Grade (“BBB” or higher)
Prohibited bonds	High-yield or “junk” (lower than “BBB”)
Minimum Market Capitalization	\$25 million
Margin Line of Credit	\$50,000
Maximum Equity Limit	20%
Minimum share price	\$3 per share
Minimum stock/mutual fund share size	10 shares
Bond increments	\$1,000-municipal and corporate \$100-Treasury (government)
Prohibited transactions	Bond and mutual fund short sales
Market hours	Monday-Friday, 8:30 am -3:00 pm central time Trades entered after 3:00 pm receive the next morning’s opening price.
Commission and Fees	\$5-per trade on all transactions
Deadline to begin investing	All teams must own stock by Friday, October 3 and maintain investments throughout the game.
Market Holidays	Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 26



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