

## THE FINAL TAPE

# Playbook Taxonomy Template + Tagging Framework

Pre-built taxonomy structure, tagging guidelines, example tags, and a blank worksheet for your custom taxonomy

## Core taxonomy layers (start here)

Layer	What to capture	Example tags
Setup / Strategy	Named pattern or edge	Breakout · Mean Reversion · News Event · ORB Long
Market Condition	Observed regime during trade	Trending · Ranging · High Volatility · Compression
Timeframe Context	Session + HTF alignment	London open · NY continuation · HTF conflict · Friday close
Psychological State	Subjective decision quality	Calm · FOMO · Revenge · Overconfident · Fatigued
Compliance Level	Checklist score band	Green ( $\geq 80\%$ ) · Amber (50–79%) · Red ( $< 50\%$ )

## The Final Tape — six taxonomy categories (reference)

Category	Focus	Example tags
Planning	Pre-entry decision quality	Clear criteria met · Weak/forced setup · R:R miscalculated
Entry	Timing and fill quality	Ideal timing · Early FOMO · Late chase · Slippage
Execution	Mid-trade management	Plan followed · Added to loser · Stop moved early · Revenge sizing
Exit	Exit timing and method	Hit planned TP · Early fear exit · Late greed hold
Market Regime	Conditions during trade	Strong trend · Chop/range · High vol expansion · News spike
Context	External/session factors	FOMC/NFP · Asia low liquidity · London open · NY continuation

## Tagging guidelines

- Keep tags consistent and limited — start with 20–30 total
- Use objective tags (regime, session) + subjective tags (FOMO, revenge)
- Apply 4–8 relevant tags per trade — enough story, no dilution
- Tag both executed trades and missed trades
- Tag negatives honestly — omitting them hides the primary leak
- Review and refine taxonomy every 3–4 weeks
- Cross-filter tags with compliance score and Kill List ranking

## Example filled-out taxonomy (one trade)

Category	Tags applied	Notes
Setup	ORB Long ES	Valid criteria met pre-open
Planning	Clear criteria met	HTF trend aligned
Entry	Early FOMO	Entered 0.3R before planned trigger
Execution	Stop moved early	Moved to BE at +0.4R out of fear
Exit	Early fear exit	Stopped at BE; trade ran to +2.1R
Regime	Chop/range	ATR compression — poor ORB conditions
Context	Post-red-day	2 consecutive losers prior session
Psychology	Revenge · Overconfident	Forced entry to "make back" Tuesday
Compliance	Amber (62%)	Skipped news filter + early entry

### Custom taxonomy worksheet (blank)

Define your tags below. Limit to 20–30 to start.

Category / Layer	Your tags (positive · negative · neutral)
Setup / Strategy	
Planning	
Entry	
Execution	
Exit	
Market Regime	
Context / Session	
Psychological State	

### Weekly taxonomy review checklist

- Filter last 20 trades with tags applied
- Sort negative tags by frequency on losing trades
- Cross-filter with compliance <70% and post-loser context
- Write one Kill List item tied to top negative tag
- Add or retire tags that lack signal after 30+ trades

