

Spare Change? Learn Why Pennies Do Matter

Did you skip over the last penny on the ground? Especially if it was tails? It may be time to rethink why pennies matter, especially when it comes to volatility products.

On October 31, 2022, MIAAX[®] changed the minimum tick increment in SPIKES Futures (SPK) to pennies from nickels. Since that time, SPIKES Futures bid/ask spread has averaged just above three cents. Why does this matter?

When you compare SPK and VIX bid/ask spread in the July to October period, SPIKES Futures spread averaged \$.0642, whereas VIX Futures spread averaged \$.0508.

However, with the recent change to penny increments in SPIKES Futures, the bid/ask spread average in December was \$.0310 compared to \$.0506 for VIX Futures (VIX Futures minimum price increment is still \$.05).

This change in market structure in SPIKES Futures has allowed volatility traders the opportunity for improved execution prices and reducing trading costs.

The savings can be compelling.

For example, a **\$0.02** improvement in execution prices for an account that trades **100** contracts per day represents over **\$500,000** in annualized savings, not including commissions.

It's important to note that SPIKES Futures offer competitive exchange fees, currently \$0, providing you even greater savings.

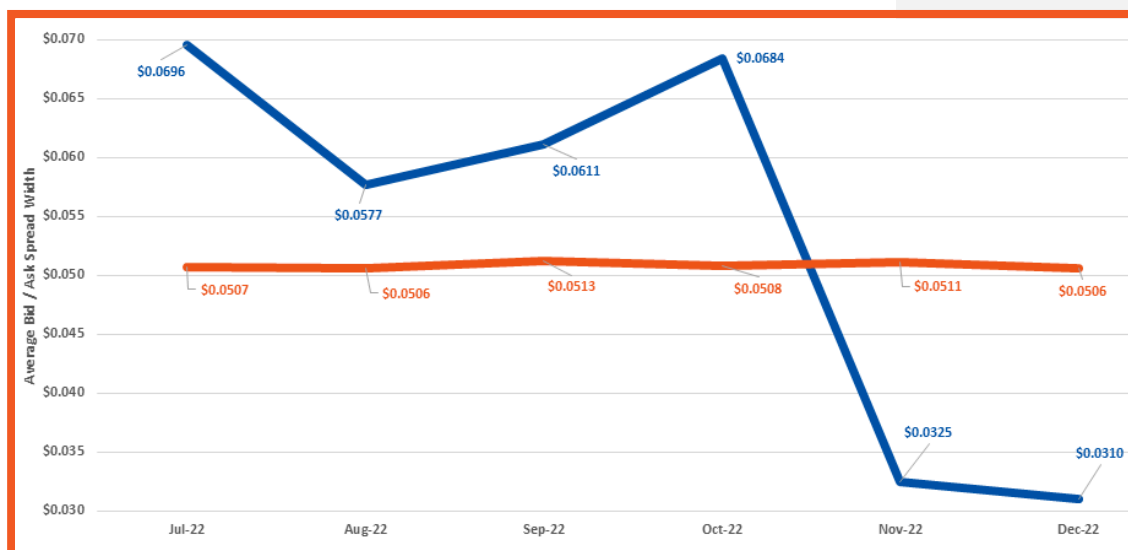
SPIKES Options traded on MIAAX Options[®] Exchange are also available in penny (\$0.01) increments if the options series is trading at less than \$3.00, and in five cent (\$0.05) increments if the options series is trading at \$3.00 or higher.

The minimum price increment in SPIKES Futures is \$0.01 - providing greater precision and the opportunity for improved execution prices and reduced trading costs.



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SPIKES vs VIX Futures: Penny Increments Matter



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