The Ichimoku Cross System

USDJPY, one hour chart. Complete mechanical rules, no discretion.

Instrument	USDJPY only. The same rules were tested on seven other instruments and do not hold there.
Timeframe	One hour chart.
Indicator	Ichimoku Kinko Hyo. Tenkan-sen 10, Kijun-sen 30, Senkou Span B 60.
Long entry	Tenkan-sen crosses above Kijun-sen and the signal bar closes above both Senkou A and Senkou B. Enter at the close of that bar.
Short entry	Tenkan-sen crosses below Kijun-sen and the signal bar closes below both Senkou A and Senkou B. Enter at the close of that bar.
Stop loss	At the Kijun-sen, plus 0.4 times the 14 period ATR. Below for longs, above for shorts.
Target	Three times the stop distance. Fixed, placed when the trade is opened.
Exit	The stop or the target. Nothing else. An opposing cross does not close the trade.
Risk	1% of the account per trade.
Skipped trades	None. Every signal that meets the entry rule is taken, whatever the news, the session or the volatility.

The one option

The one option in the system is cloud confirmation, the close against both Senkou lines. Trading without it takes roughly twice as many trades and carries a deeper worst case. Both versions are published, with their numbers, in the article.

Decide these before you start

- The win rate is under two in five. A three to one target loses more often than it wins by design.
- The longest run of consecutive losses in five years of history was eleven trades.
- The longest stretch without a new equity high was 304 days.
- Judge it over a hundred trades, which at five or six a month is about eighteen months.

The trade, in one picture

The full method, the charts and the test results:
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