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MSS — Market Structure Shift

Technical Reference Manual v1.0

PSEDYS | Complete Edition
Concept SMC · MSS vs CHoCH vs BOS · Confirmation · Relevant Swing Point · MTF · PSEDYS

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1. What is MSS? SMC Concept

MSS (Market Structure Shift) is a term used in Smart Money Concepts (SMC) that describes a visible change in market structure — similar to CHoCH, but some SMC schools distinguish between the two.

General Definition (most SMC traders):
MSS = equivalent to CHoCH — the first sign of structure reversal.

Specific Definition (some sources):
- MSS = character change on a LOWER timeframe relative to context
- CHoCH = character change on the analysis timeframe

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2. MSS vs CHoCH vs BOS — Clarification

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BOS (Break of Structure):
  → Trend continuation
  → Close > SH (bullish) or Close < SL (bearish) in the trend direction

CHoCH (Change of Character):
  → First sign of trend reversal
  → Close < HL (bearish CHoCH in bullish structure)
  → Close > LH (bullish CHoCH in bearish structure)

MSS (Market Structure Shift):
  → Generic term for any significant structural change
  → Some traders use it synonymously with CHoCH
  → Others: MSS = CHoCH on LTF confirming HTF direction

PSEDYS RECOMMENDATION:
  Use CHoCH/BOS as primary terminology.
  MSS = any relevant structure change (CHoCH or BOS).
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3. Identifying MSS

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MSS Bullish:
  Context: Bearish trend (LH + LL)
  Trigger: Close > previous SH (LH) on analysis timeframe
  → Bearish structure "broken" → MSS Bullish
  → Similar: CHoCH Bullish

MSS Bearish:
  Context: Bullish trend (HH + HL)
  Trigger: Close < previous SL (HL) on analysis timeframe
  → Bullish structure "broken" → MSS Bearish
  → Similar: CHoCH Bearish

Practical difference from CHoCH:
  Some traders require MSS to be followed by LQ Grab or FVG for confirmation
  CHoCH = first Close against structure
  MSS = CHoCH + confirmation (next bar bullish or FVG)
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4. Trading Signals

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MSS Bullish (reversal from bearish):
  1. Active bearish trend (LH + LL)
  2. LQ Grab below EQL or SSL (liquidity sweep)
  3. Close > LH (CHoCH/MSS bullish)
  4. HL formed after MSS
  5. Long Entry at HL with SL below HL
  6. TP at structural target (HTF SH or extension)

MSS Bearish (reversal from bullish):
  1. Active bullish trend
  2. LQ Grab above EQH or BSL
  3. Close < HL (CHoCH/MSS bearish)
  4. LH formed after MSS
  5. Short Entry at LH
  6. TP at structural target (HTF SL or extension)
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5. MTF and PSEDYS

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MSS on 4H: macro change → close monitoring
MSS on 1H in 4H trend: retracement or noise
MSS on 15M: too granular for macro

In PSEDYS:
  MSS detected on 4H → alert → position reduction or reversal
  MSS detected on 1H (with 4H intact): deep pullback → re-entry
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def detect_mss(closes, swing_highs, swing_lows, trend, require_lq_grab=False):
    """
    MSS = CHoCH + optional LQ Grab confirmation.
    trend: 'bullish' or 'bearish'
    """
    if trend == 'bullish':
        last_hl = get_last_higher_low(swing_lows)
        if last_hl and closes[-1] < last_hl:
            if not require_lq_grab or lq_grab_detected_recently():
                return 'bearish_mss'
    elif trend == 'bearish':
        last_lh = get_last_lower_high(swing_highs)
        if last_lh and closes[-1] > last_lh:
            if not require_lq_grab or lq_grab_detected_recently():
                return 'bullish_mss'
    return None
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6. Practical Exercises

Exercise 1: MSS on 1H with intact 4H bullish trend

Situation: ETH bullish trend 4H (HH+HL). On 1H, bearish MSS (Close < HL on 1H). ADX 4H = 28.

Answer: Deep retracement — reduce position, not full exit. 1H MSS in 4H bullish context = against macro trend. ADX 4H = 28 = strong trend. 1H MSS = signal for deeper retracement but not macro reversal. Reduce to 50%, tight SL. Re-entry at 4H Demand Zone/OB or Fib 61.8% of 4H swing.

Exercise 2: Bullish MSS on 4H after LQ Grab below EQL

Situation: BTC. Bearish trend 4H. LQ Grab below EQL=60000 (Low=59500, Close=60800). Then Close > LH 4H=63000 on the next bar.

Answer: High-quality Bullish MSS — Long confirmed. LQ Grab below EQL + CHoCH (Close > LH) = complete MSS (sweep + reversal). Both confirmed. Long Entry on retracement to FVG/OB formed at 61500-62000. SL below 59500 (Low sweep). TP at previous major SH or 127.2% extension.

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7. Cheat Sheet

Concept	Rule
MSS	Market Structure Shift = structural change
MSS Bullish	Close > LH (in bearish trend)
MSS Bearish	Close < HL (in bullish trend)
vs CHoCH	Often synonymous; MSS = sometimes CHoCH + confirmation
vs BOS	BOS: continuation; MSS: reversal
Confirmation	Previous LQ Grab + HL/LH formed after
MTF 4H	Major MSS → macro change
MTF 1H	Minor MSS in 4H trend = deep retracement
Entry	At HL/LH formed after MSS (not directly at MSS)

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