CASE STUDY against a publicly described mandate - not a past or current client. Simulated results, not live trading.

Crypto prediction tournament: a daily coin-ranking signal

Verdict: passes on ranking accuracy; originality not shown. Recommended for unstaked live ro

What the client needs

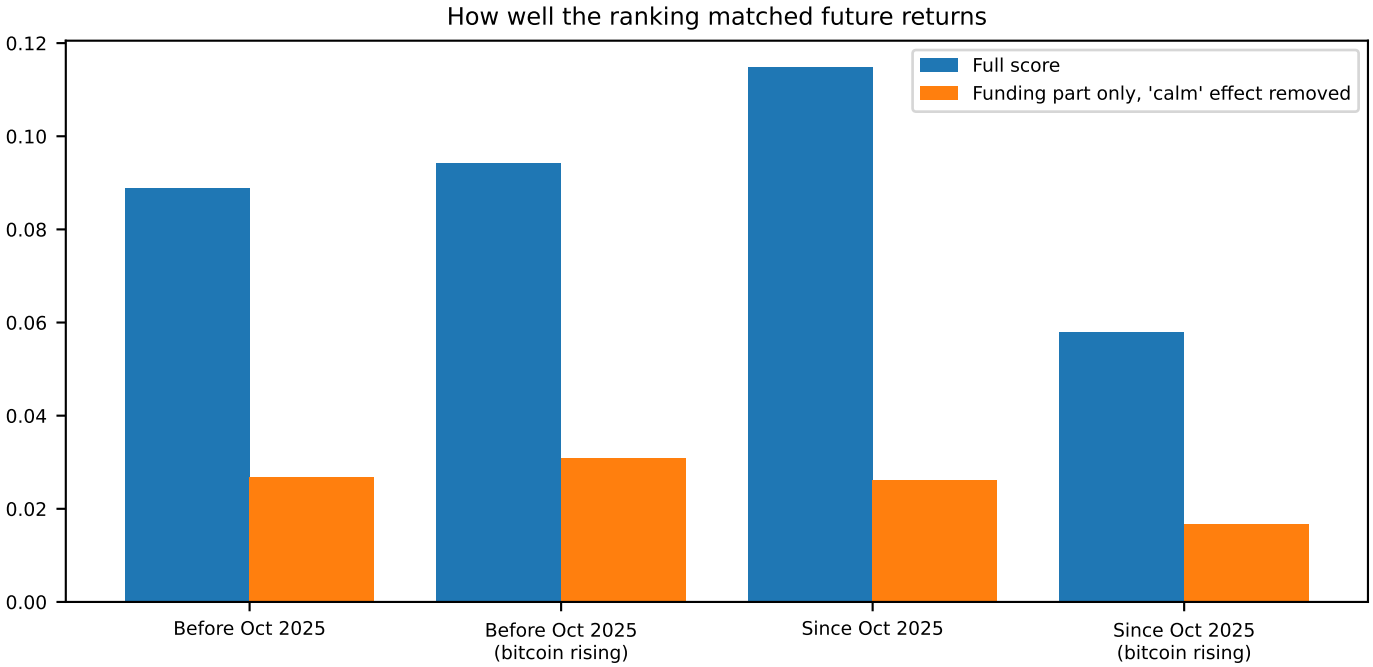
A crowd-sourced crypto tournament wants a daily ranking of about 300 coins, scored against the next 20 days of returns, and pays mostly for signals that are original (that add something beyond the crowd's combined signal).

Our approach

A simple score with no machine learning: half from how calm a coin has been (60 days), half from how little traders pay to hold bullish bets. We tested it weekly on up to 85 Binance coins (74 on average), with the tournament's 2-day delay.

Results

The ranking matched future returns well: about 0.09-0.10 before Oct 2025 and 0.115 since (0 means no link; good tournament signals often score a few hundredths). New in this round: it also worked when bitcoin was rising before Oct 2025, not only in falls. But nearly all of the edge comes from the 'calm coins do better' part; once that part is removed, the funding part adds only about 0.03 and is not reliable.



Honest caveats

Because 'calm coins do better' is a well-known pattern that many players likely already use, the tournament's originality score may be low. We used 74 coins, not 300, and our data cannot cover the full universe. In rising markets since Oct 2025 the signal was weak.

Proposed next step

Submit to the tournament for 8-12 live rounds with no money at stake, and judge it on the originality score before any stake.

Tests: rules fixed in advance; 1-day trading delay; trading costs doubled; luck check adjusted for all 741 ideas tried.