



2008 FBA PRO TOUR Event Requirements

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The FBA PRO TOUR is a linked system of Flair Bartending events in locations all over the world. The Tour is divided into two sub tours, one covering events in North America and the Caribbean, and the other covering the rest of the world. Competitors will compete in these Tour events to earn Tour points. These points will be calculated and will accumulate over the entire year for each competitor. At the end of the year the competitor(s) with the most points in each tour will be crowned TOUR CHAMPION, and the competitor with the most points overall from all tours will be crowned GLOBAL TOUR CHAMPION.

The FBA PRO TOUR is funded entirely by the events contributing to the point accumulation. Due to overwhelming interest in both tours, the Pro Tour fee will be a flat rate of USD\$500 for all events. Top competitors will be rewarded with trophies, FBA Premium Memberships and even custom Pro Tour jerseys. As the Pro Tour continues to grow and add events, we plan to secure an overall tour sponsor, which will help increase the rewards for the top competitors.

The events in the FBA PRO TOUR can be of Regional, National or International in scale, but must be open to all competitors. Events may vary in format, rules, and sponsors but all must be approved by the FBA. Events accepted into the FBA PRO TOUR will be assigned to one of six tiers or levels of operation based on several criteria. Approved events must meet all requirements for the assigned level.

Any event may apply to join the FBA PRO TOUR. We require ample time be given to review and approve the rules and format. **All format and rules must be submitted to the FBA well before the event date to be approved and with higher levels even sooner.** Review the table below for the submission deadline based on desired Tour Level.

One of the goals of the FBA PRO TOUR is to provide a common “sport” platform for the competitors to understand and excel in. While the goals of the events as well as the look and feel may be different, the judging criteria and scoring system should be compatible from one to the others... NOT THE SAME, but compatible. This allows competitors to easily transition from one event to another with minimal competitor and staff confusion as well as lower administration overhead.

We strive to be as fair as possible to all competitors around the world. Keeping this in mind, we require minimum notice time for each level of the FBA PRO TOUR. These notices are to allow competitors to fully prepare for each event on the tour.

To apply to have an event become part of the FBA PRO TOUR, fill out the application form online at www.fbaprotour.com. Review the table below for the application deadline based on desired Tour Level.

2008 PRO TOUR PACKAGE EXPLAINED:

Events added to the PRO TOUR will benefit in the following ways:

Advertising:

- Your event listed on the FBA Events page as a Sanctioned Pro Tour Event.
- Your event listed on the FBA Calendar, which is displayed on several websites.
- Your event advertised on the FBA News page starting 1 to 2 months prior to event date.
- Your event included in mass email to our members around the world.
- Your event logo included on select PRO TOUR media exposure.
- The FBA website gets over 1.5 million hits per month.

Competitor Motivation:

- Competitors all over the world recognize the FBA and the PRO TOUR as the best and most consistent events, as well as the standard in flair bartending.
- Each Pro Tour event earns the competitors points toward the end of year prizes and placement.
- Many competitors rely on the Pro Tour to be the official ranking of the sport and doing well in the tour allows for them to obtain better jobs and extended working visas.
- Being named the Pro Tour Grand Champion is currently the most prestigious title in the industry.

FBA Support:

- The FBA will assist your event by clarifying the rules and format to best fit the expected competition.
- A custom scoring program will be created to score your event if needed.
- FBA Certified judges will be made available for your event to use.
- Direct advertising to members all around the world.

Payments and Protection:

- The non-refundable FBA Pro Tour fee must be paid in full before your event is listed on the FBA Pro Tour, FBA Events Page, FBA Events Calendar, or anywhere else. This is to protect the FBA from non-payment from an event as this has happened in the past.

2008 PRO TOUR LEVELS EXPLAINED:

<p>LEVEL 1: FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500 Point Multiplier: 1X Scale: Regional events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$3000 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 1 Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6 Application Deadline: 3 Months Event Date and Format Posted: 2 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months Everything Posted: 1 Month</p>	<p>LEVEL 2: FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500 Point Multiplier: 2X Scale: Regional to National events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$5000 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 1 Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6 Application Deadline: 4 Months Event Date and Format Posted: 3 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months Everything Posted: 1 Month</p>
<p>LEVEL 3: FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500 Point Multiplier: 3X Scale: Regional to International events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$7500 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 2 Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6 Application Deadline: 4 Months Event Date and Format Posted : 3 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months Everything Posted: 1 Month</p>	<p>LEVEL 4: FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500 Point Multiplier: 4X Scale: National to International events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$15000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 3 Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 8 Application Deadline: 5 Months Event Date and Format Posted: 4 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months Everything Posted: 1 Month</p>
<p>LEVEL 5: FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500 Point Multiplier: 5X Scale: International events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$20,000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 4 Minimum Format: Multiple Rounds Minimum Finalists: 8 Application Deadline: 6 Months Event Date and Format Posted: 4 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months Everything Posted: 1 Month</p>	<p>LEVEL 6: FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500 Point Multiplier: 6X Scale: International events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$25,000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 2 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 4 Minimum Format: Speed, Accuracy & Flair Minimum Finalists: 8 Application Deadline: 6 Months Event Date and Format Posted: 4 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months Everything Posted: 1 Month</p>

* Events joining the Pro Tour can be no higher than a Level 4 for the first year.

* No applications will be accepted after July 31st.

2008 PRO TOUR GUIDELINES:

Qualifiers:

Typical events have one or more sequential days of qualifiers immediately followed by a finals event. This allows competitors who have to travel to the event to only have the same chances as those who live locally.

Some events run multiple qualifiers spanning weeks or even months, with a grand final at the end of the series. Typically the finalists are determined by the top competitors from each month. The exact process of determining the finalists must be clearly posted with the rules deadline. To allow traveling competitors a fair chance of only have to make the journey once, an “out of town”/”last chance” qualifier should be held just prior to the final event. This last qualifier should give preference to out of town competitors over locals and repeat competitors.

Another option to assist out of town competitors is to offer Wild Card spots.

Wild Cards:

A “Wild Card” spot is a straight shot to the finals when not directly qualifying through normal means. This can be accomplished in several ways.

- Taking a few of the highest scored competitors who did not make the cut in normal qualifying.
- Taking several other competitions top finishers as Wild Card spots. The number of spots and from which competitions these spots will come from must be declared and posted at least 2 month prior to the execution of said Wild Card event, and the FBA must be informed of these Wild Card Spots at this time.
- The champion from the previous year may be invited back as a Wild Card.
- A “free ride” may not be given. Wild Cards must be based on results of competing in a legitimate competition and fully justified.

FBA Members:

All scores are tracked by the competitors FBA Number, therefore every competitor must be registered with the FBA. Registering with the FBA grants them the basic FBA Membership. The Basic FBA Membership is FREE so they will not have to pay anything to compete and they will be granted access to the FBA Members Lounge with this package for free.

Competition Results:

Competition results must be turned in to the FBA in the correct format no later than 5 business days after the completion of the event. These results must be submitted in MS Excel, PDF, HTML, or MS Word file formats. The data must be formatted in the following table style layout.

- Competitor Name is only used for checking accuracy
- FBA ID # MUST BE ACCURATE
- A tool will be provided for FBA ID to be looked up if needed
- Leave Contest ID blank.
- Notes can be anything that may explain something special about that score.

FINALS SCORES

Competitor	FBA ID #	Contest ID #	Place	Finals/Quals	Notes
Jim Allison	000001		1	F	
Mike McLean	003083		2	F	
Rick Barcode	002047		3	F	
Philip Duff	001191		4	F	
Ken Hall	001239		5	F	Ken suffered a large cut and was taken to the hospital.

QUALIFYING SCORES

Competitor	FBA ID #	Contest ID #	Place	Finals/Quals	Notes
Ken Hall	001239		1	Q	
Jim Allison	000001		2	Q	
Mike McLean	003083		3	Q	
Rick Barcode	002047		4	Q	
Philip Duff	001191		5	Q	
Neil Garner	002316		6	Q	

2008 FBA PRO TOUR PRIZE BREAKDOWN:

GLOBAL CHAMPION GETS AN ADDITIONAL TROPHY

WORLD BREAKDOWN

PLACE	FBA MEMBERSHIP	TROPHYS	OTHER
1 st	Lifetime Membership	TROPHY	JERSEY
2 nd	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY
3 rd	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY
4 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
5 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
6 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
7 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
8 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
9 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
10 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
Top Female	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY

NORTH AMERICAN BREAKDOWN

PLACE	FBA MEMBERSHIP	TROPHYS	OTHER
1 st	Lifetime Membership	TROPHY	JERSEY
2 nd	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY
3 rd	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY
4 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
5 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
6 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
7 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
8 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
9 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
10 th	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
Top Female	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY