



# 2014 FBA PRO TOUR Event Requirements

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The FBA PRO TOUR is a linked system of Flair Bartending competitions in locations all over 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 with the most points will be crowned TOUR CHAMPION.

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. The Tour will have different levels of events consisting of “Tour Events” and “Major Tour Events”. See the requirements table below for more details.

The FBA PRO TOUR is funded entirely by the events contributing to the point accumulation. The Pro Tour fees will be USD\$1000 for Majors, USD\$500 for Nationals, and USD\$100 for all other events. Top competitors will be rewarded with trophies and FBA Premium Memberships. 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.

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 MAJOR EVENTS even sooner.** Review the requirements 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 NECESSARILY 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 a 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](http://www.fbaprotour.com). Review the table below for the application deadline based on desired Tour Level.

## **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.

## PRO TOUR LEVELS EXPLAINED:

<p><b>Pro Tour Event – Level 1:</b>  FBA Pro Tour fee: <b>USD\$100</b>  Point Multiplier: <b>1X</b>  Scale: <b>Regional</b>  Minimum Total Prize: <b>USD\$500</b>  Min FBA <u>Approved</u> Judge (total): <b>1</b></p> <p>Minimum Format: <b>None</b>  Minimum Finalists: <b>3</b>  Application Deadline: <b>2 Months</b>  Date and Format Posted: <b>1 Month</b>  Rules &amp; Prizes Posted: <b>1 Month</b>  Everything Posted: <b>1 Month</b></p>	<p><b>Pro Tour Event – Level 5:</b>  FBA Pro Tour fee: <b>USD\$500</b>  Point Multiplier: <b>5X</b>  Scale: <b>National to International</b>  Minimum Total Prize: <b>USD\$5000</b>  Min FBA <u>Certified</u> Judges (total): <b>1</b></p> <p>Minimum Format: <b>None</b>  Minimum Finalists: <b>6</b>  Application Deadline: <b>2 Months</b>  Date and Format Posted: <b>2 Months</b>  Rules &amp; Prizes Posted: <b>1 Month</b>  Everything Posted: <b>1 Month</b></p>	<p><b>Major Pro Tour Event:</b>  FBA Pro Tour fee: <b>USD\$1000</b>  Point Multiplier: <b>25X</b>  Scale: <b>International</b>  Minimum Total Prize: <b>USD\$15,000</b>  Min FBA <u>Master Certified</u> Judge: <b>1</b>  Min FBA <u>Certified</u> Judges (total): <b>3</b>  Minimum Format: <b>None</b>  Minimum Finalists: <b>8</b>  Application Deadline: <b>4 Months</b>  Date and Format Posted: <b>2 Months</b>  Rules &amp; Prizes Posted: <b>2 Months</b>  Everything Posted: <b>1 Month</b></p>
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\* No applications for Major Events will be accepted after August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **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 have the same chances as those who live locally and may have qualified at an earlier time.

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 having 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.

**We strongly recommend that Level 1 Pro Tour Events should have both qualifiers and finals on the same day. With the lower prize money available, this consolidation to 1 day allows competitors to minimize their costs and time away from work.**

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 at an FBA Pro Tour event must be registered with the FBA and in current standing as a Premium FBA Membership. The Premium FBA Membership has an annual cost of USD\$35 and grants the competitor full access to the FBA website, including the FBA Members Lounge and exclusive member discount.

## 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.

- Leave the first column blank
- 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
- Most events will duplicate the Place and Place to Process.
- Notes can be anything that may explain something special about that score.
- Leave Contest ID blank.

### FINALS SCORES

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

### QUALIFYING SCORES

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	Mike McLean	003083	2	2	Q		
	Rick Barcode	002047	3	3	Q		
	Philip Duff	001191	4	4	Q		
	Ken Hall	001239	5	5	Q		

## **FBA PRO TOUR PRIZE BREAKDOWN:**

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FBA MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>TROPHYS</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Lifetime Membership	TROPHY
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY
<b>Top Female</b>	12 Month Extension	TROPHY