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2007 FBA PRO TOUR Event Requirements

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The FBA PRO TOUR is a linked system of events from countries all over the world. Competitors will compete in these events to earn tour points. These points will be calculated by the FBA and will accumulate over the entire year for each competitor. At the end of the tour year the competitor with the most points will be crowned FBA PRO TOUR CHAMPION.

The FBA PRO TOUR is funded entirely by the events contributing to the point accumulation. The total cash and prize purse for 2007 will be at least USD\$15,000, with at least USD\$5000 in cash going to the champion. Competitors know this and will attend the events that feed into this prize package and provide valuable tour points.

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, adjust, and approve the rules and format. All format and rules must be submitted to the FBA at least 4 months before event date to be approved.

One of the goals of the FBA PRO TOUR is to provide a standardized "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. This allows competitors to easily transition from one event to another with minimal competitor and staff confusion as well as lower administration overhead.

One of our goals is 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 at the end of this document and send it to protour@barflair.org. You must submit your application 4 months prior to the proposed event date.

2007 FBA PRO TOUR PACKAGE EXPLAINED:

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

Advertising:

- Your event listed on the FBA Events page as a Sanctioned FBA 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 2 months prior to event date.
- Your event included in mass email to our members around the world.
- Your event logo included on all FBA PRO TOUR media exposure.
- The FBA website gets over 1.6 million hits per month.

Competitor Motivation:

- Competitors all over the world recognize the FBA and the FBA PRO TOUR as the best, the most consistent, and the standard in flair bartending events.
- Each Pro Tour event earns the competitors points toward the end of year prizes and placement.
- Many competitors rely on the FBA 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 FBA Pro Tour Grand Champion is currently the most prestigious title in the industry.

FBA Support:

- The FBA will assist your event by standardizing 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.

2007 FBA PRO TOUR LEVELS EXPLAINED:

LEVEL 1:

FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$500

Point Multiplier: 1X Scale: Regional events

Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$2000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 1

Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6

Event Date and Format Posted: 3 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months

Everything Posted: 1 Month

LEVEL 2:

FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$1000

Point Multiplier: 2X

Scale: Regional to National events
Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$4000
Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1
Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 2

Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6

Event Date and Format Posted: 4 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months

Everything Posted: 1 Month

LEVEL 3:

FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$2000

Point Multiplier: 3X

Scale: Regional to International events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$6000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 3

Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6

Event Date and Format Posted : 4 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months

Everything Posted: 1 Month

LEVEL 4:

FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$3000

Point Multiplier: 4X

Scale: National to International events Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$10000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 1 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 4

Minimum Format: None Minimum Finalists: 6

Event Date and Format Posted: 5 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months

Everything Posted: 1 Month

LEVEL 5:

FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$4000

Point Multiplier: 5X Scale: International events

Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$20000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 2 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 5 Minimum Format: Multiple Rounds

Minimum Finalists: 6

Event Date and Format Posted: 6 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months

Everything Posted: 1 Month

LEVEL 6:

FBA Pro Tour fee: USD\$5000

Point Multiplier: 6X Scale: International events

Minimum Total Prize Money: USD\$25000 Minimum FBA Certified Master Judge: 2 Minimum FBA Certified Judges (total): 5 Minimum Format: Speed, Accuracy & Flair

Minimum Finalists: 8

Event Date and Format Posted: 6 Months Rules & Prize Money Posted: 2 Months

Everything Posted: 1 Month

^{*} There is a multiple event discount available. The more events you run, the bigger your discount.

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

2007 FBA 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 competitors in an FBA Pro Tour event must be registered and active members of the FBA. All scores are tracked by the competitors FBA Number.

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
- Contest ID will be provided to you by the FBA.
- 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	110	1	F	
Mike McLean	003083	110	2	F	
Rick Barcode	002047	110	3	F	
Philip Duff	001191	110	4	F	
Ken Hall	001239	110	5	F	Ken suffered a large cut and was taken to the hospital.

QUALIFING SCORES

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2007 FBA PRO TOUR PRIZE BREAKDOWN:

PLACE	MONEY	FBA MEMBERSHIP	TROPHYS	OTHER
1 st	USD\$5000	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	BAG, JERSEY
2 nd	USD\$3000	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	BAG, JERSEY
3 rd	USD\$2000	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	BAG, JERSEY
4 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY
5 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	JERSEY
6 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
7 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
8 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
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15 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
16 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
17 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
18 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
19 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
20 th		12 Month Extension	TROPHY	
Top Female	USD\$1000	12 Month Extension	TROPHY	

2007 FBA PRO TOUR Event Application

Please submit a copy of the event rules and prize breakdown with this application to protour@barflair.org, or mail them to:

FBA 104 E. Fairview Ave. #283 Meridian, ID 83642 What Tour Level would you like to apply for? What is the name of the event? What are the dates of the event? What is the location (city, state, country) of the event? What is the Organizing Company's Name, if any? What is the organizing primary contacts name? What is the above contacts phone number? What is the above contacts email address? What is the organizing company's website, if any? Will the event information be hosted on the FBA's site or its own? What website will the event information be hosted on? (If you wish for all of the information to be hosted on the FBA site, there will be a service fee associated with the webmaster costs. The FBA can facilitate a message board, rules, registration, and general information for your event.)