WFA GRAND SLAM REQUIREMENTS 2015



What is the WFA Grand Slam?

- A world wide tournament consisting or competitions based all over the globe. All competitions have the expertise and professionalism enforced by the World Flair Association.
- Competitors travel to Grand Slam competitions from all over the world, in order to earn points to find out who will be crowned Grand Slam World Champion each year
- Grand Slam competitions are the most prestigious and sort after competitions. They have the best judges and the best competitors which in turn attracts the biggest sponsors
- Competitors will then make it through to the Grand Slam Final in London at the end of the year, to try and earn your spot in the "Super Six" (super six, details to be released soon)

The Costs

- To be listed as a Grand Slam Competition is absolutely FREE. Yes FREE.
- As with any competition there are some costs you can't escape, and to have the best competition you can, you should see our "budgeting" section for more help.

Sponsors

- Grand Slam competitions, must now all be streamed live, which means attracting approximately 5000 viewers on the day.
- With Facebook and the WFA website, that will attract another 5000 people a week.
- With the new requirements it is now compulsory for competitors to use sponsor bottles on stage and make real drinks with the sponsor products.
- Not too mention sponsors will see the biggest competitors, most professional judges with everything consulted by the WFA...What more could they want?

GS Comps attract more competitors because...

- It will be judged fairly and professionally by highly trained and experienced judges
- The Stage and Practice area will be a determined size.
- Competitors want to win **Grand Slam World Championship**. The most prestigious prize in flair.
- Competitors are taken care of with refreshments and good organisation.
- It is streamed live so they get the most exposure.
- There is good prize money.

To be on the Grand Slam my competition MUST...

1....have **One** WFA Head Judge present.

2. ...have **One** WFA Grand Slam judge present.

3. ...have **One** WFA approved judge present.

4. ...have **Two** deduction judges present at the competition.

5. ...have a total prize fund of more than €5000.

6. ... have a stage at least Four soft boxes to light the performance area.

7. ...have a stage **5 meters by 3 meters** minimum.

8. ...have **FREE refreshments** for competitors throughout the competition.

9. ...have a practice area big enough for **7 bartenders** to train at once with glass bottles. 25m by 15m.

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10....have the **practice area lit up** with soft boxes for competitors to be able to train for their show.

11....have at least two bottles from the sponsors available for each competitor to practice with.

- 12....have a presentation of the **Purple and Black Gradings levels** available during the briefing, and a presentation on stage during the announcements.
- 13....be **streamed live** online to the standard required (please see WFA Grand Slam final in London or Flairmania Latvia)
- 14....have a promo clip, pictures and/or a press release about the competition for promotional purposes.
- 15....make sure ALL competitors **register** through the WFA website to join the competition! This is essential to update their profile after the competition has finished.

16....ensure that the **organiser DOES NOT JUDGE!**

17....have a **preparation area** for competitors to prepare their bottles.

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18....allow competitors to set up their own bottles.

19....ensure that the MC, DJ, Bar Backs and Judges have been **briefed by the Head judge** on their job sheets. *(see job sheets)*

20....include the **set rules** into your competition. (see below)

21....use the **WFA scoring system.**

22....Give ample time for judges to add up the scores. (see schedule template)

23....A translator should be present for judges that is needed.

24...The running order will be decided by the **Grading level** of the bartender in the competition.

25....There MUST be **WiFi** access available for the Head Judge

What do you get from the WFA?

- Free consultancy for your competition.
- **Advertising** on the WFA website Home Page, Grand Slam Page and on the WFA Calendar. The most extensive flair calendar on the internet.
- Professional Judges.
- Your competition included into **Emails** sent to ALL WFA members.
- Advertising on **Social Media** through the WFA.
- All **Results** are posted as soon as they are announced.
- Rules and regulations template and the WFA scoring system.

What does the WFA need from you?

- An interview will take place with one of the WFA team to ensure you are ready to cover all points in the requirements.
- To stay in constant communication with updates about your competition.
- FOLLOW the requirements!

Set Rules

- Some set rules MUST be included into EVERY Grand Slam competition. These are:
 - The sponsor bottle must be used for at least <u>10% of every</u> <u>routine</u>.
 - At least <u>One Real Drink</u> must be made on stage and judged.
 - No syrups are allowed in exhibition flair bottles
 - Judges make the Final decision on results!

Budgeting

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Judges

	Travel	Food	Accommodation	1 day	2 days
Head Judge	YES	YES	YES	€500	€850
Grand Slam Judge	YES	YES	YES	€350	€650
Approved Judge	YES	YES	YES	N/A	N/A

MC, DJ & Bar Backs

	Travel	Food	Accommodation
MC	YES	YES	YES
DJ	YES	YES	YES
Bar Back/Helpers x 4	NO	YES	NO

Advertising, Marketing and Promotion

- T-shirts Should be printed for all competitors, and to hand out to members of the audience. Also a good idea to have some to sell.
- Flyers Lots must be printed to hand out to bars and restaurants, and to invite down members of the industry.
- Point of Sale Banners and posters should be printed to show off the Sponsors. A banner should be hung up behind the stage.
- Online Social Media is a strong tool to promote your event. Pay to boost posts.
- Video Promotional videos to be made before and after the competition to generate more awareness.
- All of the above MUST have the WFA Grand Slam logo included.

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