Competition Date: August 18-20, 2025.

Competition Location: Downtown Grande Hotel & Casino 206 N 3rd St Las Vegas, NV 89101

Competition Outline:

Competitors will be challenged in 2 competitions that they can compete in either **one or both**... the **Flair Bartending Round** and/or **Flairco Freestyle Battle**. Flair Bartending Round will make one Vegas Iced Tea with Working Flair and one original cocktail four times on stage featuring **2 of the Spirit Sponsors** & **Reàl Syrups**. You will have a back bar providing different expressions of the sponsors to choose from to include in your Specialty Cocktail. The overall winner will be the best competitor with the best original **Specialty Cocktail** and with the best Flair performance on stage in one division of competition.

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You will test your accuracy during your round with a designated bottle of water and earn five bonus points if you are accurate... but... if you miss the pour you will be deducted five points. **The Spill-Stop Challenge Free Pour** is **MANDATORY**... will you be able to pour accurately under pressure? You will pick randomly before your round and free pour during your round either **1/2oz**, **1 1/2oz** or **2oz** pour.

This event is part of the **FBA Tour** and all competitors must register for a **free FBA membership** to compete and we will be broadcasting live on Cocktail Network Live with some great opportunities for competitors and the audience alike to make some money and exposure. FBA Membership at <u>https://barflair.org</u>



Flairco Freestyle Round :

(Optional Separate Comp & Open to Anybody)

The handcuffs come off for this optional round open to anybody regardless if they signed up for the main competition or just this segment. This round is a single elimination Flairco bottles and tins only where your swag and moves advance you to the next round. Think of a one on one dance battle with bottle & tins!

Two competitors will be paired up at random and flip a coin, whomever wins the coin toss will choose to go first or second during this three round battle.

Round #1: 15 seconds for Bartender 1, 15 seconds for Bartender 2.

Round #2: 30 seconds for Bartender 1, 30 seconds for Bartender 2.

Round #3: 30 seconds for Bartender 1, 30 seconds for Bartender 2.

The first competitor to the stage during their time will get to call the coin toss.

The DJ will choose the music for you... for Qualifying & Finals.

The bartenders will go back to back with a few quick seconds in-between rounds. There are no limits to the amount of Flairco & tins you would like to use per round... and remember to let your swagger shine!

Competitors **ARE NOT ALLOWED** to cross the line in the center of the stage into their opponents space. On the second warning of the round their will be a deduction of **<u>1 Point for that round.</u>**

After Round 3, the three judges will each choose either Bartender 1 or Bartender 2 to advance to the next battle... all based on who they thought brought the Flair and swagger best.

We will have six 750ml Flairco bottles and six tins setup on each side of the stage for each bartender to utilize or they can use their own Flaircos and tins for the battle if they choose as long as the bottles are Flairco and not a competing brand.

Props are encouraged but no glass or things that would make a mess for the next group of bartenders after you.

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

Click on the boxes below for examples to help give you inspiration...







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Reàl Cocktail Ingredients began in 2006 with a singular focus; to create the first cream of coconut product that wasn't packaged in a can. But after sharing Coco Reàl with mixologists all over the world, we uncovered a need for a new line of puree products that would allow these cocktail artists to meet the demands of mixology minded consumers everywhere and continue to push the boundaries of cocktail creation to new heights.

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The only way to truly understand how Reàl is revolutionizing cocktails for mixologists and consumers alike is to experience it for yourself. So go enjoy a drink made with Reàl, it'll change the way you think about cocktails. Cheers!

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For the last 20+ years, Finest Call has worked tirelessly to create a line of premium cocktail mixers that bartenders everywhere can trust. From the tens of thousands of bars and restaurants that stock our products, to the hundreds of thousands of bartenders and mixologists who serve mixed drinks and ultimately, millions of patrons who enjoy it, Finest Call has become a worldwide staple and a major part of today's cocktail landscape.

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Specializing in hand tools for the bartender, Spill-Stop has been dedicated to making high quality bar supplies since 1935. We offer a wide range of bar supplies & our pourers are widely regarded as the most popular in the industry. We are the original makers of the 285-50 Chrome Tapered Free Pourer, which is made in our factory outside of Chicago. Spill-Stop means quality & we are dedicated to equipping the world's bartenders with high-quality tools they've relied on to execute their craft for generations.

Our History

Founded in 1935 by Fritz Katsky, Spill-Stop has a rich history. In 1945, Daniel Silverstein, who had experience in hotel management, joined as a minority partner, acquiring the company in 1951. His son, Bob Silverstein, began his journey with Spill-Stop as a teenager, running Spill-Stop from 1977 to 2024. Today, Spill-Stop continues its mission to bring high quality "hand tools for the bartender" to the world.

Chrome Tapered Pourer with poly-kork 285-50

The original chrome tapered free pourer. Look for the Spill-Stop name: your assurance of quality workmanship for more than 80 years. Seamless tapered spout allows controlled medium speed pouring. Packed 1 dozen per poly bag. 1 gross per carton. Minimum shipment – 1 gross. Made in USA

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BARPRODUCTS.COM: Equipping Bartenders with the Tools to Shine

BarProducts.com is a leading online supplier dedicated to serving the bartending and hospitality industry with high-quality tools, equipment, and custom solutions. Since 1995, BarProducts.com has built a reputation for supporting bartenders of all levels—from rookies behind the stick to world-class mixologists—by providing the essentials they need to work efficiently and showcase their creativity. As a bartender-founded and operated company, BarProducts.com understands the real-world needs of service professionals and offers a vast selection of products designed to improve speed, organization, and style behind the bar.

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FBA: FLAIR BARTENDERS ASSOCIATION: SERVICE First, FLAIR Second & PASSION Always

The art of <u>Flair Bartending</u> has been around since the late 1800's with the Professor Jerry Thomas and his flaming cocktail the Blue Blazer. We see this with a quick napkin flip, a joke, some bar magic, a multi bottle pour, or even doing a short routine to entertain your guests, flair bartending is simply taking your bar service to the next level and entertaining your guests how they want to be entertained.

The Flair Bartenders Association (FBA) has been the longest heartbeat of the global flair bartending community—a place where passion, precision, and performance collide. Dedicated to fostering connection, growth, and excellence, the FBA provides a world-class stage for bartenders of all backgrounds to compete, learn, and push the boundaries of their craft.

Through prestigious competitions, expert-led trainings, and a thriving international network, the FBA unites flair bartenders in a shared mission: to elevate the art of bartending and inspire the next generation of performers. Whether you're a seasoned professional or an aspiring artist, the FBA is your platform to hone your skills, connect with like-minded innovators, and showcase your talent on a global scale.

More than an organization, the FBA is a family of flair enthusiasts —supporting, celebrating, and driving the evolution of this electrifying craft. From the neon-lit bars of bustling cities to the grandest stages in the industry, we give bartenders the spotlight they deserve and the tools they need to turn passion into greatness.

Flair is more than a skill—it's a movement. "SERVICE first, FLAIR second, & PASSION always"

For more info on **FBA** you can visit: https://barflair.org

FBA Instagram: @fba.flairbartendersassociation





Cocktail Network Live

"Showcasing bartenders making high quality cocktails while entertaining from behind the bar".

Cocktail Network Live is an online presence created by Rob Husted and Dean Serneels. Cocktail Network Live is working to pivot bartending events into consumable social media content live on multiple platforms. We are dedicated to highlighting those that make these events so spectacular and fun for the industry. The competitors themselves. It is you that make these events fun, dynamic and inspiring for others. We are dedicated to showcasing everyone as an individual brand and create lucrative opportunities for all the bartenders competing. For each competitor to get the most out of a Cocktail Network Live event we ask that they each provide content to CNL to use during the broadcast.

In addition to the time on stage time we are creating other content around each competitor to help further promote, market and give optional sponsorship opportunities to each competitor to utilize the content that Cocktail Network Live is requesting from each competitor.



BROADCASTED LIVE AT... https://cocktailnetworklive.com/live

Competitor Sponsorship defined. (all fees to be negotiated and paid between the competitor and their sponsor. CNL will not be involved in this) Competitors will be open to three tiers of personal sponsorship for each event. These sponsors may not conflict with competition or broadcast sponsors.. A title or logo will be presented on the screen at some point during the competitors time on stage. (CNL reserves all rights associated with the execution of this element.)

- Personal Brand The Competitors personal #,@ or .com or company may be mentioned. IE follow John Doe at www.johndoe.com
- 2) Work Sponsor The bar or organization that the competitor directly works for. If the competitor is independent than an additional sponsor may be used. Visit John at XYZ Casino on weekends. The competitor is responsible to negotiate any fees or assistance that the sponsor is willing to pay for.
- 3) Pro Sponsor This is an entity that pays the competitor directly to promote it. John may wear clothing or use tools on stage to promote the entity.

Cocktail Network Live is a resource we are building to help bring education, exposure, opportunities and funds to bartenders and enthusiasts worldwide while helping grow our passions of bartending.

Professional bartenders have talent and marketable skills. We strive to be a platform to help showcase these talents and skills while giving back to the bartenders and helping us all grow together.



Overall Flair Bartending Event Rules:

- The only vodka, gin, rum, tequila & whiskey allowed in the competition are **the Sponsors brands**.
- The only syrups allowed in the competition are <u>Reàl Syrups</u>.
- No competing mixers of **Finest Call** allowed in the competition.
- The competitors will each have <u>six minutes</u> on stage to impress the judges with their original cocktail and Vegas Iced Tea that can be made in any order.

<u>Cocktail #1: Vegas Iced Tea with Working Flair</u> (You are making 1 of these)

- 1/2oz Vodka (half full)
- 1/2oz Gin (half full)
- 1/2oz Rum (half full)
- 1/2oz Tequila (half full)
- 1/2oz of Whiskey (half full)
- 2oz Finest Call Single Pressed Lemon (set to any amount over 2oz)
- Shake with ice and strain over fresh ice into 14oz tall glass Barconic 14oz Alpine Tall / Beverage Glass – Case of 12 SKU GW-15244-C
- Top with Energy Drink
- Garnish: Lemon wedge
- Tall Straw

Cocktail #2 Specialty Cocktail

(You are making 4 of these) At least 2 Spirit Sponsors (totaling a minimum of 1 1/2oz) per cocktail Reàl Syrups (any expression & minimum of 1/2oz) per cocktail Ingredients: Competitors Choice Glassware & Garnish: Competitor Provided

- On stage there will be a back bar with various expressions of Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila & Whiskey set half full, Accuracy bottle of water set half full, Finest Call Single Pressed set at any amount and Reàl Syrups the competitor can utilize in their original **Vegas Iced Tea** & **Specialty Cocktail**.
- Competitors may utilize any additional store bought ingredients, noncompeting spirits or mixers, glassware, ice, garnishes, etc... in their Specialty Cocktail they wish as long as they supply it themselves, it is in their recipes and it adheres to the rules with a minimum of <u>1/2oz</u> of liquid in each bottle.
- Non-competing spirits in your recipe will be supplied by the competitor and must be in its original bottle and packaging and can be set to any level above the minimum of <u>1/2oz</u> of Liqour in each bottle.
- <u>No other Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila, Whiskey, syrup or competitive mixer</u> <u>or Energy Drink will be allowed.</u>

- **Competitors may supply additional sponsor bottles to set at 1/2oz or more for Exhibition Flair for their Specialty Cocktail.** The Vegas Iced Tea must be made with the supplied Working Flair bottles though.
- Homemade non-alcoholic ingredients <u>ARE ALLOWED</u>. Homemade alcoholic ingredients <u>ARE NOT ALLOWED</u>.
- Competitors may utilize any non-competing non-alcoholic homemade ingredients, juices, egg whites, aqua faba, teas, etc... in Competitor Choice bottles. Competitor choice bottles are clear unlabeled bottles for ingredients listed above and only if it's in your recipe for your specialty cocktail. <u>No</u> <u>electrical tape, not tinted glass, no stickers, no distinguishing marks/</u> <u>branding or elements, ... "clear unlabeled bottles" only.</u>
- Competitor choice bottles and other non-competing spirits bottles in your recipes other than Working Flair Spirit Sponsors bottles may be set to any level above the minimum of <u>1/2oz</u> in each bottle with NO electrical tape.
- Competitor choice bottles **may not** contain any alcoholic ingredients. All spirit bottles must be in its original bottle with a good label and no tape.
- There is no limit on ingredients or garnish for your specialty cocktail.
- The only thing allowed in the ice bin is an <u>ice scoop or clean tin</u>. If you put your used tins, garnishes, juices, etc... in the ice bin during your round there will be a <u>"wrong procedure"</u> deduction for each occurrence.
- Competitors must clear their station within two (2) minutes after their routine.
- The bar will be cleaned and reset after each contestant. The bartender will have three (3) minutes to arrange their tins, specialty bottles, specialty storen-pours, and props in their station. You may use the back bar for more room.
- Competitors that have a high degree of difficulty or Guest involvement in their routines must discuss their routine and be pre-approved by **Rob Husted** prior to the start of your round.
- Any drinks, props, assistance or equipment that is not already at the bar other then standard bar equipment must be pre-approved by **Rob Husted**.
- If the competitor would like music for their routine they must submit their clearly labeled <u>thumb drive</u> to the DJ during the preliminary meeting at 3pm. No phones, No YouTube playlists, etc...
- No fire other than a small torch for garnishes will be permitted on stage.

- The only Spirit Sponsor bottles supplied on stage are the half full ones on the bar schematic. Competitors MAY supply additional Spirit Sponsor bottles with good labels with no electrical tape or additional stickers set to any amount to use for the Specialty cocktail only with a minimum of <u>1/2oz</u> of Liqour in each bottle. The Working Flair cocktail must be made with the supplied half full bottles.
- You may pre-ice & pre-garnish your glassware for all of your cocktails on the bartop.
- Competitors can not rearrange items on the back bar schematic prior to the start of their round but can only add to the back bar. The front bar **MAY BE** rearranged.
- Each competitor is required to fully register for a **FREE FBA Membership** so we can track your scores and you can utilize resources for the competition.
- Each competitor is responsible for producing a 30 second commercial video submitted by <u>August 17th</u> showcasing <u>SPILL-STOP #285-50</u> Metal Pour Spout and <u>FINEST CALL</u> 30 second, not 31 seconds not 45 seconds... 30 seconds.
- Each competitor is responsible for their FBA User account info consisting of <u>Full Name, Head Shot, Personal Brand, Work Sponsor, Pro Sponsor</u> <u>(optional logo), Years Bartending and Years Flairing by August 16th.</u>
- Competitor Info & 30 sec Spill-Stop #285-50 & Finest Call commercials are mandatory and can be updated to your FBA "User" page. If not received you will get a 50 point deduction. Do not wait until the last minute on this and there will not be any issues with delayed flights, missing product, funerals, Didn't know how, etc... PLAN AHEAD and be Professional.
- Competitors must supply all other ingredients for their cocktails including glassware other than standard ice, Vodka, Gin, Rum, Tequila, Whiskey, Energy Drink, Lemon wedges, Finest Call Single Pressed Lime & Lemon and Reàl syrups.
- Competitors will have an opportunity to a <u>"One Touch"</u> after their round ends either behind the bar or at the Mixology judges table to be able to add or do <u>ONE SAME THING</u> to <u>all four</u> of their <u>specialty cocktail</u> or <u>Vegas</u> <u>Iced Tea</u>. Examples would be to pour 1 missing ingredient into their poured cocktails, use a small torch to torch a garnish, add a missing garnish to their cocktails, add a foam to their cocktails, etc...

Scoring:

The contest shall be based on a point system, with a total of **three hundred eighty (380) points** available to each competitor. Points may be accumulated during one round of competition with a fixed maximum number of points per round: 250 points for Flair and 125 points for Mixology and possible 5 point bonus for the Spill-Stop Challenge Free Pour.

Flair Points:

Showmanship: 100 points. Sponsor Promotion: 50 points. Originality: 50 points. Difficulty: 50 points.

Mixology Points:

Bartending Technique: 50 points. Presentation: 25 points. Taste & Aroma: 25 points. Originality: 25 points.

<u>Spill-Stop Free Pour Points: (Mandatory Pour with designated Spill-Stop Pour Test bottle with a Spill-Stop #285-50 Pour Spout)</u>

5 Bonus points if you are accurate or 5 Point deduction if you are not accurate. **Must be poured during your round and you will pull the amount randomly of either 1 1/2oz, 2oz or 1/2oz pour right before your round starts**.

All of the competitors that correctly pour their Spill-Stop Free Pours during their rounds will enter the Spill-Stop Challenge finals right before we announce the winners for a winner take all Spill-Stop Challenge Pour Off for \$250.00.

Deductions:

Spills: 1 point Drops: 1 point Wrong/Missing Ingredient/Wrong Procedure: 5 points Breaks: 10 points Missing the Spill-Stop Challenge Free Pour: 5 points Not attempting a Finest Call Stall: 50 points Not submitting a 30 sec Spill-Stop & Finest Call commercial: 50 points Not submitting your competitor slide info: Disqualification Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Disqualification

Fl<u>air Category Definitions:</u>

Showmanship (100 points)

Showmanship: The bartender will receive points for how engaging and entertaining they are with the crowd and judges. Does your personality shine on stage and are you captivating or are you stone faced with little emotion?

Sponsor Promotion (50 points)

Sponsor Promotion: The bartender will receive points for how well they promote the sponsors during their routine. Are they just showing the bottles label out before pouring or are they incorporating fun ways to promote the brands that support the competition through flairing the sponsored bottles more, props, use of music, signs and other creative ways to say THANK YOU.

Originality (50 points)

Originality: The bartender will receive points for an original move that is new or hasn't really been seen yet. Let your own style shine through.

Difficulty (50 points)

Difficulty: The bartender will receive points for making drinks with some style of Flair. The more degree of difficulty the more points will be awarded.

————<u>Mixology Category Definitions:</u>————————

Bartending Technique (50 points)

Technique- The bartender will be judged on their overall bartending technique and bartending skills during the cocktail building experience. Are you a master of your tools behind the bar or do show you are still learning proper clean efficient techniques?

Presentation (25 points)

Presentation- The judges will be looking at the overall appearance of the cocktail, is it appealing to the eye? Does it stand out from other cocktails? Does the overall appearance make sense?

Taste & Aroma (25 points)

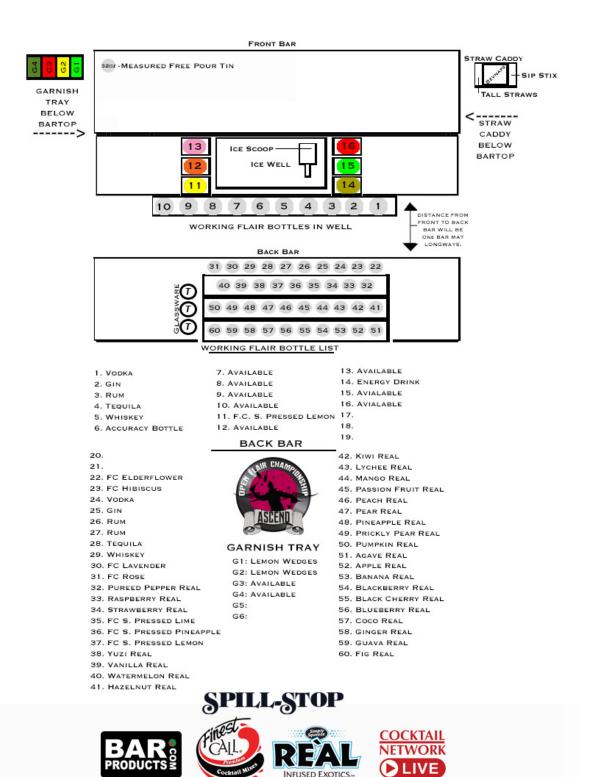
Taste- The judges will be looking for the overall taste of the cocktail. Does the cocktail distinguish itself from other cocktails and is the taste appealing to the palate? Is the taste experience pleasurable and entice the senses as it is enjoyed by the tongue? Is the cocktail well balanced?

Aroma- The judges will be looking for the overall aroma of the cocktail. Is the odor appealing and help stimulate it's consumption or is the odor unappealing and lack characteristics that don't make sense with the recipe?

Originality (25 points)

Originality- How original is the Specialty Cocktail? Is it a replica of their cocktail on their menu already, a variation on one or something completely original and out of the box?

Bar Competition Layout



COMPETITORS CAN REARRANGE THE FRONT BAR & ADD THEIR OWN ITEMS HOW THEY LIKE. COMPETITIORS CAN NOT REARRANGE THE BACK BAR BUT ONLY ADD THEIR OWN ITEMS TO IT.

Itinerary at The Downtown Grand Hotel & Casino

Itinerary Monday August 18th, 2025:

- 3pm: Pool Party
- 8pm: Competitor Meet & Greet
- 9pm: Competitor Meeting (*First ones to complete their paperwork and have everything submitted gets to pick what spot they compete in on Tuesday so show up on time!*)

Itinerary Tuesday August 19th, 2025:

- 11am: Judges Meeting
- Noon: Qualifying Rounds

Itinerary Wednesday August 20th, 2025:

• 5pm: Flair Finals start followed by the Flairco Freestyle Battle Top 8 inside

Prizes

FLAIR FINALS

1st Place: \$5,000 + Trophy 2nd Place: \$2,500 + Trophy 3rd Place: \$1,250 + Trophy 4th Place: \$1,000 + Trophy 5th Place: \$500 + Trophy

FLAIRCO FREESTYLE

1st Place: \$1,000 + Trophy 2nd Place: \$500 + Trophy 3rd Place: \$250 + Trophy 4th Place: \$125 + Trophy

FINEST CALL STALL: \$100 + TROPHY

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: \$100 + TROPHY

BEST OVERALL FEMALE COMPETITOR: \$300 + TROPHY

MOST ACCURATE BARTENDER: \$100 + TROPHY

(Competition separate from on stage & open to anybody on site that wants to compete)

SPILL-STOP CHALLENGE WINNER: \$250 + TROPHY

(Competition from the competitors that accurately poured the correct Spill-Stop Challenge pour during their Qualifying round)

BEST 30 SECOND <u>SPILL-STOP #285-50</u> & <u>FINEST CALL</u> COMPETITOR COMMERCIAL

1st Place: \$500 + Trophy (*please post with #FriendsofCNL*)

The only items supplied for the contest are those listed on the bar layout such as standard ice, ice scoop, Spirit Sponsors, listed expressions of Finest Call, listed expressions of Reàl syrups, Energy Drink, Tall glass for Vegas Iced Tea, lemon wedges, tall straws, free pour tin and free pour bottle of water.

Any other ingredients, including glassware for the competitors Specialty Cocktail must be supplied by the competitor.

Competitor recipes for their specialty cocktail will be submitted in writing no later than at the competitor meeting at 8pm on August 18th 2025.

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