

## **USBF MASTERS PROFESSIONAL CLASSIFICATION**

***This document supersedes any statement (related to Masters Professionals) noted in the rulebook.***

Although the USBF has promoted Pro Masters shows in the past, we are formalizing the entire process. As of 1 January 2012, the USBF will recognize Professional Master Bodybuilders. You can qualify to be a Professional Master Bodybuilder by:

- Level 1 Masters Pro: Being a USBF Professional Bodybuilder (aka, Open Pro) and being at least 40 years old.
- Level 2 Masters Pro: Placing first in an amateur USBF Master 40-49 and 50+ classes (starting in 2010) and applying for Level 2 Masters Pro status prior to competing. Or being a recognize Masters Professional from another natural organization and applying for Level 2 Masters Pro status prior to competing. You can't compete as a Professional while holding amateur membership; you must apply for professional membership. The application link is below:

<http://www.active.com/fitness-membership/baltimore-md/usbf-annual-membership-2012>

Once you qualify for Level 2 Masters Pro status and apply for membership, it will be recorded online at [www.usbf.net](http://www.usbf.net) on the Professional page. Anyone competing as a Level 2 Masters Pro without Professional membership will lose their placing and be suspended from the USBF for 2 years.

Level 2 Masters Professionals can't compete as a professional and amateur in the same show. When not competing as a professional, Level 2 Masters Pros can compete in the open (and only the open) in an effort to win their Open Pro card.

It goes without saying, but I am going to say it anyway, Level 2 Master Pros can't compete in Open Pro classes. The right to compete with Open Pros can only be earned by winning an Overall Title.

To avoid confusion, the statement below should be included on entry forms (if promoting Pro classes):

***As of January 1, 2012, no one can compete as a USBF Professional without first applying for professional status. This is done by registering on-line for Professional membership. The membership link is: <http://www.active.com/fitness-membership/baltimore-md/usbf-annual-membership-2012>.***

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