

## FIRSTPRESS — FAQ

### **1. What is FirstPress?**

FirstPress is a competitive online platform where rap artists participate in structured music tournaments.

Artists compete, earn Rating Points (RP), move up ranks, qualify for the monthly Top-5, and gain visibility within the league system.

FirstPress is not just a battle — it is a ranking-based music competition platform.

### **2. How does the monthly structure work?**

Each month consists of:

- Weeks 1–3 → Regular Tournaments
- Week 4 → Division Cup (higher-tier tournament)

Artists earn Rating Points (RP) throughout the month.

At the end of the month: - The Top-5 players are determined based on the total RP earned during that calendar month.

### **3. What are Rating Points (RP)?**

Rating Points determine your rank and position on the leaderboard.

Points are awarded based on tournament placement:

1st place — 30 RP

2nd place — 20 RP

3rd place — 20 RP

4th place — 15 RP

5th place — 10 RP

All other participants — 3 RP

RP accumulates over time and defines your long-term status.

### **4. What are the ranks?**

Ranks are based on total RP:

- Rookie — 1–99 RP
- Underground — 100–299 RP
- MC — 300–599 RP
- Master — 600–999 RP
- Legend — 1000+ RP

New users receive their first rank after participating in one tournament.

### **5. What happens if I stop participating?**

If you are inactive:

- 30 days without participation → -5% RP
- 60 days without participation → -10% RP

Your rating will never drop below 1 RP.

## **6. Are tournaments free?**

Currently, all tournaments on FirstPress are free to participate in.

We may introduce paid features in the future, such as subscriptions or token-based access to certain tournaments.

If this happens, all pricing and conditions will be clearly explained in advance.

## **7. How do Regular Tournaments work?**

- All participants receive the same beat.
- Track length must be 60–90 seconds.
- Format: MP3 only.
- Participants vote for each other's tracks.
- Ranking Points are awarded based on placement.

## **8. What is the Division Cup?**

The Division Cup takes place during Week 4 of each month.

Unlike Regular Tournaments:

- You may use any beat (free, purchased, or self-produced).
- The track must be 60–90 seconds long.
- The track must not have been previously released or published.
- The primary genre must be rap / hip-hop.

The Division Cup is considered a higher-tier tournament. Participation conditions may change in the future.

## **9. Can I use my own beat?**

Yes — in the Division Cup.

In Regular Tournaments, all participants must use the provided beat.

**10. What audio format is allowed?**

Only MP3 files are accepted. Track length must be between 60 and 90 seconds.

**11. Is vocal processing allowed?**

Yes. Any vocal processing, including Auto-Tune and effects, is allowed.

**12. Can I re-upload my track?**

Yes. You may re-upload your submission up to two times before the deadline.

**13. Can I publish my tournament track elsewhere?**

Tracks may be shared on personal social media for non-commercial purposes only.

Commercial distribution or monetization is not permitted through FirstPress.

**14. Who owns the beat?**

FirstPress does not grant any rights (exclusive or non-exclusive) to beats provided for participation.

Participants are fully responsible for ensuring they have the legal right to use any instrumental they submit.

If a beat is awarded as a prize, the winner receives the specific license defined at the time of the award.

**15. Who chooses the winner?**

Winners are determined by participant voting.

Each participant has one vote per voting round and cannot vote for themselves.

**16. What happens if I break the rules?**

Your track may be rejected, or you may be disqualified.

Repeated violations may result in account suspension.

**17. Can the rules change?**

Yes.

FirstPress reserves the right to update or modify the rules at any time.

Continued participation implies acceptance of the current version.