

## **ACSP Competitions Photo/Video Release Statement**

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## Competition Definitions

The following terms are used throughout competitions. In an effort to help competitors thoroughly understand the competition rules the following definitions are provided. You should familiarize yourself with all the terms that are applicable to you.

### 3D Nail Artwork

Consist of three dimensional design created on acrylic or flat surface. Created under any theme and/or subject. It takes nail art out of flat dimension and the design that stands up off the nails. Artwork with all dimensions - height, width and depth. This is NOT Fantasy.

### Acetone

A solvent from the ketone family that dissolves nail polish and acrylics for removal.

### Acid Primer

An acidic primer, usually methacrylic acid type primer, which helps enhancement products stick to the natural nail.

### Acrylic

A nail system using two parts: liquid monomer and powdered polymer. A precise ratio of the two components forms a hard, cured coating on the nails. This is the strongest nail coating option.

### Acrylic brush

A special brush used to apply the acrylic nail product. The brushes usually feature natural hair bristles and are available in different sizes and shapes.

### Attire

A model's clothes, outfit or costume plus accessories.

**Competition Director**

A representative of management who is in charge of the entire competition, along with organization of all the contests, has the final interpretation on any questions or situations that may occur.

**Competition Chairperson**

An individual who is responsible for the supervision of a specific competition or group of competitions.

**Consumer**

One who uses materials or services for one's own personal needs.

**Cosmetic Enhancement**

Any permanent or temporary make-up, moisturizers, false eyelashes, temporary tattoos, paint, glitter, etc.

**Cure**

Hardening of a nail coating. Curing is not the same as drying. Nail products continue to cure even after they are dry.

**Fantasy**

Is defined" an extravagant, creative design conceived only for display and ideally demonstrating the artistic use of new and established materials.

**Fill-in**

Maintaining nails after the initial full set. As the nails grow, this process adds acrylic to cover those new areas. Acrylic nails typically require fill-ins every two or three weeks. This process is also called back-fill, fill, touch-up or maintenance.

**Forms**

Paper with adhesive backs that are placed under the free-edge at the fingers end to extend the acrylic past the fingertip. Forms may also come in reusable styles that are made out of thin, flexible plastic and bendable wire.

## **General Rules and Regulations**

Rules that in some manner apply to all the competitors and competitions.

## **Hairpiece**

Human, animal or artificial hair with or without a base that has been permanently or semi-permanently attached to the model's hair.

## **Hair Extension**

Human, animal or artificial hair with or without a base that has been permanently or semi-permanently attached to the model's hair.

## **International 30 Point Scoring System**

A standardized, numerical scoring system used by all major Cosmetology Competitions **throughout the world**.

## **Intricacy of the Design**

Having many interrelated parts or facets; **complex** or involved

## **Judge**

The panel of Judges is a group of professional individuals sanctioned by the competition committee. These individuals judging the contest represent some of the most knowledgeable Cosmetology Competition Experts.

## **Mannequin Hand(s)**

Is a very accurate articulating model of a hand.

## **Morph**

To change smoothly from one image to another by small gradual steps.

## **Nail Art**

Is a creative way to paint, decorate, enhance and embellish the nails. It is the type of artwork that can be done on fingernails and toenails.

### **Nail Jewelry**

Is another way of customizing the nail surface after a manicure or pedicure with the use of Gems, Skin, Feathers, Rhinestones, Glitter, Treads, Fabric, Foils, Beads, Tape, Crystals Jewelry, Paints, Gels and Molds.

### **Objective**

This is a description of the type of work to be presented in each of the specific contests.

### **Ornament**

Any decorative item not made of human, animal or artificial hair.

### **Penalty Points**

Points subtracted from a competitor's final score for infractions of the General Rules of the competition or Specific Rules of an individual contest.

### **Product Restrictions**

Specific products or type of products not to be used within the individual competitions.

### **Professional**

An individual who has fulfilled the established requirements to practice Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetic or Nail services as dictated by the governing body of the State, Region or Country in which he/she lives or works and is currently licensed.

### **Progressive**

Innovative forward thinking use of color methods, cutting methods and styling techniques. This competition calls for unconventional shapes in haircutting that must be supported by highly pigmented, bold or neon colors.

**Reporting Time**

Competitors are to report to the competition arena by the time noted in the specific rules of each competition.

**Rules and Special Instructions**

Are specific rules to be followed within the individual competition.

**Sage/Wise man**

A competition official who is on the competition floor during an entire contest. The Sage's job is to assure all competitors abide by all General Rules for the entire competition as well as the Specific Rules for each individual contest. This official has the power to assess penalty points for any infractions of rules described under "Penalty Points".

**Student**

An individual currently enrolled in an educational program who has not fulfilled the established requirements to practice Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetic or Nail services as dictated by the governing body of the State, Region or Country in which he/she lives or works and is not currently licensed in the field in which they are competing.

**Time Allowed**

This is the length of working time for the competitor to complete his/her presentation for judging.

**Tool Restrictions**

Specific tools or types of tools not to be used within the individual competitions.

**Visual/Printed Diagram**

Drawings that depict information using lines, shapes and colors.

## General Rules and Regulations for All Competitions

1. Competitions are open to all student cosmetologists, barbers, nail technicians, and estheticians currently attending a cosmetology, nail, barber or esthetics school. School contact information must be included on each Student Competitor Registration Form. Any student having finished their hours for no more than **30 days** may be eligible to compete but must show proof of dates.
2. For each competition entered, the competitor must submit an Official Competition Registration Form and Model Release Form with the required fee. Models under the age of eighteen (18) must have a parental signature on the Model Release Form. No refunds or credits of entry fees will be issued.
3. Only one model/mannequin will be allowed per competitor/per competition. The model cannot be the competitor nor can the competitor be the model, but must be a separate person. It is the responsibility of each competitor to furnish his or her own model at his or her own expense.
4. Competitor and model must be together when signing in at the registration desk for ID verification.
5. The competition chairperson or appointed person will conduct the competitions. Judges, Sages and Tally personnel, appointed by and along with the chairperson, will constitute the committee. The competitors agree to abide by the decision of the judges.
6. The competition chairperson shall consult with the sages when an infraction of the rules occurs. Penalty points ranging from **one (1) to three (3) or a Disqualification** will be assessed by the Competition Committee depending on the nature and severity of the infraction. Judges will not be made aware of any infraction penalized by the sages.
7. Only table, chairs and mirrors will be provided at the competition site. No hood dryers are provided for competitors. **One electrical outlet is provided (two standard outlets) only where indicated in specific rules. Tools drawing more than 1800 watts are NOT allowed.** Wattage labels must appear on blow dryers. No ceramic stoves or free irons. No outside lighting sources of any type are allowed in the competition arena.
8. Instructors may not serve as models in student competitions.
9. On-site registration will be accepted up until one hour prior to each specific competition.
10. **Competitor and model must be in the contest holding area 30 minutes prior to competition for roll call.**
11. **The competitor is responsible** for providing their own Blood Contamination Kit, which should include antiseptic spray, disposable toweling, Band-Aids, styptic powder or liquid, sealable plastic bag and rigid container to place any accidental blood contamination.
12. The Director of Competitions and the Competition Committee shall determine any rule not herein provided for. The decision of the committee shall be final.
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## Student - Commercial Hair Shaping

*This is an open commercial street wear competition, you may choose whatever cut you prefer on your choice of male or female mannequin.*

**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 9:00 AM

**Reporting Time:** 8:30 AM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (8 AM) and then report for competition at 8:30 AM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

### **Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor



**Time Allowed:** 30 minutes on a **female or male mannequin**.

**Rules and Special Instructions:**

1. Each competitor will report to the competition arena with one female or male mannequin, table clamp mannequin holder or tripod. **No live model.**
2. Mannequin may have commercial hair color and chemical texturing done prior to competition.
3. No kind of technical instructions or directions are permitted in the arena during the competition.
4. **Judges may inspect the mannequin prior to the beginning of the competition.**
5. Create your own haircut, this is an open commercial street wear competition. The mannequin's hair must be wet and combed straight when entering the arena. Mannequin's hair may be checked to ensure it is wet.
6. A minimum of 1 inch of hair must be removed from the entire head.
7. No electrical cutting tools are allowed. Shears, razors and battery powered clippers only.
8. Once time has been called no cutting implements can be used.
9. The mannequin will be left in its numbered position for judging.
10. A comb should be left on the table so that judges may comb through the hair.
11. Refer to the General Rules and Regulations

**Judges will be looking for:** The competitor is to create a fashionable and original commercial haircut that reflects current trends. It should show commercial aspects that the consumer would be more apt to wear on the street to work or school every day and at the same time be fashionable.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

**DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

**Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

3-C Any marks on the mannequin.

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of “START”.

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

**Student – 3D Nail Design**

**Examples:**





**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 9:30 AM

**Reporting Time:** 9:00 AM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (8:30 AM) and then report for competition at 9 AM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

**Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 75 minutes on **(1) one mannequin hand**

### **Rules and Special Instructions:**

1. Each competitor enters the arena with (1) one mannequin hand prepared prior to competition with any tip size and length and pre-based acrylic **one solid color** only.
2. Competitor is responsible for supplying all products and tools needed to compete.
3. Students may use monomer and polymer, builder gel, sculpting gel, and poly gel during the contest. Any brand is ok and does not have to be odorless. A **Batter powered** UV/LED light may be used.
4. It is recommended for the competitor to use a mask during the length of time but it is NOT required.
5. The use of a printed visual diagram is permitted.
6. All work, including 3D artwork, is to be made and applied during the competition.
10. Only one hand-held battery-operated fan can be used if needed.
11. **Not allowed:** Stencils, decals, airbrushing or stamping plates.
12. This is NOT a fantasy competition.
13. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations**

**Judges will be looking for:** The competitor to create a 3D Nail Art design that includes originality, visual interest, color, presentation, balance, design, dimension, complexity, workmanship and theme inspiration.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

### **Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

**Two Penalty Points:**

2-A Designs not securely fastened to the nail surface.

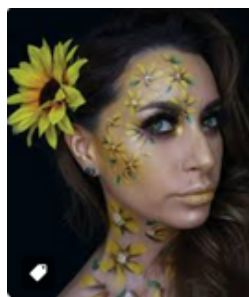
2-B Use of Stencils, decals, airbrushing or Stamping Plates.

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of "START".

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

## Student – Fantasy Makeup



**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 11:00 AM

**Reporting Time:** 10:30 AM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (10 AM) and then report for competition at 10:30 AM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

**Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 45 minutes on a **live model (male or female)**.

**Rules and Special Instructions;**

1. Competitor is allowed to enter only one model.
2. All items for fantasy makeup application must be in the original packaging. Only items for use on the skin can be used.
3. Model's body must be draped in a clean white drape or white sheet and will remain covered for the entire competition. Drapes and white sheets will be removed for final judging.
4. This is a fantasy makeup competition, models should dress accordingly.
5. **Judges will be present** during competition to observe the competitor's technique and execution.

6. Model's face from the neck up must be free of all cosmetics, moisturizers, false eyelashes, cosmetic enhancements, etc. prior to the beginning of the competition. (With the exception of eyelash extensions).
7. All fantasy makeup is applied by the competitor without assistance from anyone, including the model.
8. Items may include: Gems, feathers, rhinestones, glitter, liquid latex, special effects supplies, jewelry, and other accessories needed for the fantasy application.
9. Use of a printed visual diagram is permitted.
10. Stencils may not be used.
11. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations**.

**Judges will be looking for:** Execution, technique, corrective enhancement, color enhancement, fashion effect and overall presentation. NOTE: Hair, wardrobe and jewelry will be taken into consideration for the overall effect.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

#### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

#### **Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

#### **Two Penalty Points:**

2-A Model enters with cosmetics, moisturizers, false eyelashes, cosmetic enhancements, etc. on their face. (With the exception of eyelash extensions).

2-B Model is assisting in the application of make-up.



2-C The model physically helped in creating the finished look.

2-D Use of Stencils

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of “START”.

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

## **Student – Braiding/Twist Style**

**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 11:30 AM

**Reporting Time:** 11 AM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (10:30 AM) and then report for competition at 11 AM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

### **Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 75 minutes on a **live model (male or female)**

### **Rules and Special Instructions**

1. Models can have hair color and chemical texturing prior to competition.
2. Each Competitor may enter one male or female model only.
3. Competitors will report to the competition arena with their model prepped, dried and combed out ready to be braided and/or twisted.
4. No pre-combing, twisting or braiding on models or hair pieces prior to competitions. **All work must be done in the arena during competition.**
5. **Judges will be present during competition to observe the competitor's techniques.**
6. Extensions of any color may be used but must be clean and dry.
7. No electricity will be provided.
8. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations.**

**Judges will be looking for:** The student's interpretation of a fashion forward braided, twisted style as reflected in current trends. Judging will be based on finished appearance, artistry, technique, balance, design, line securing techniques and workmanship. Judges expect a completed design.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

#### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

#### **Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

#### **Two Penalty Points:**

2-A If pre-combing, twisting or braiding on model or hair pieces prior to the start of competitions.

#### **One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of "START".

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

## **Student – Bridal Open Competition**

*Open competition allows the competitor free creativity and choice for depicting an elegant bridal look.*

**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 12:00 PM

**Reporting Time:** 11:30 AM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (11 AM) and then report for competition at 11:30 AM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

### **Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 45 minutes on a **female mannequin**.

### **Rules and Special Instructions:**

1. Each competitor will report to the competition arena with one female mannequin. You must provide your own mannequin and table clamp, mannequin holder or Tripod.
2. Before the call to start, 10 minutes will be given to set up equipment and remove rollers, clips, etc.
3. Competitors are required to comb and style an elegant bridal look of their choosing on a female mannequin.
4. Hair may be set and dried in any manner ready for combing.
5. No electric or battery-operated appliances allowed.
6. Mannequins can have hair color and chemical texturing prior to competition.
7. No pre-combing, pleating or braiding on mannequin or hair pieces prior to competitions. All work must be done during competition.
8. No Veil may be used. Mannequins may be dressed (a scarf or similar around the neck) and jewelry applied.
9. Hairpieces or ornamentation may be used but the base may **not cover more than 1/3 of the head form. Extensions will count as hair pieces and/or hair ornamentation.**
10. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations.**

**Judges will be looking for:** Bridal theme, creativity, originality, detail, workmanship, suitability, and consistency and total over-all appearance. The competitor is to create and execute their forecast design for the fashionable bride of today. Judging will be visual and will be based on creativity, originality, detail, workmanship, suitability, consistency and total over-all appearance.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

### **Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

3-C If a veil is used

**Two Penalty Points:**

2-A If pre-combing, pleating or braiding on models or hair pieces prior to start of competitions.

2-B The base of the hairpieces or ornamentation covers more than 1/3 of the head form.

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of "START".

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

## **Student – Ladies Evening Makeup**

**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 1:00 PM

**Reporting Time:** 12:30 PM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (12 PM) and then report for competition at 12:30 PM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

### **Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 45 minutes on a **female model**.

### **Rules and Special Instructions:**



1. Competitor is allowed to enter only one Female model.
2. Models will report with a clean white headband covering hairline.
3. Model's body must be draped in a clean white drape or white sheet and will remain covered for the entire competition. Draping and headband will be removed for final judging. This is an evening makeup competition, models should dress accordingly.
4. **Judges will be present** during competition to observe the competitor's technique and execution.
5. Model's face from the neck up must be free of all cosmetics, moisturizers, false eyelashes, cosmetic enhancements, etc. prior to the beginning of the competition. (With the exception of eyelash extensions).
6. All makeup is applied by the competitor without assistance from anyone, including the model.
7. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations**.

**Judges will be looking for:** Execution, technique, corrective enhancement, color enhancement, fashion effect and overall presentation. NOTE: Hair, wardrobe and jewelry will be taken into consideration for the overall effect.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

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#### **Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

#### **Two Penalty Points:**

2-A Model enters with cosmetics, moisturizers, false eyelashes, cosmetic enhancements, etc. on her face. (With the exception of eyelash extensions).

2-B Model is assisting in the application of make-up.

2-C The model physically helped in creating the finished look.

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of "START".

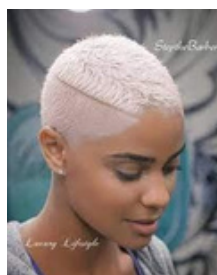
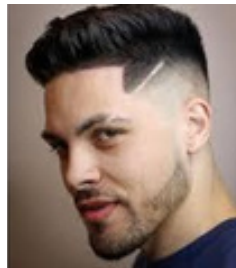
1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

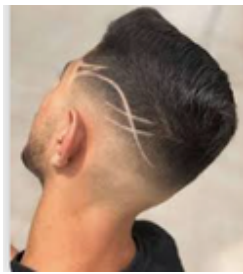
1-C If headband or drape or sheet is any color other than white

## **Student – Clipper Cut Design/Total Look**

**This competition is open to all Student Cosmetologists and Barbers**

Examples:





**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 1:30 PM

**Reporting Time:** 1:00 PM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (12:30 PM) and then report for competition at 1:00 PM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

**Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 60 minutes on a **live model (male or female)**

**Rules and Special Instructions:**

1. This is a Total Fashion Competition. The finish must include Clipper Cut, and appropriate attire to complement the design.
2. Each competitor will report to the competition arena with their model dressed and draped.
3. The model's hair must be clean, dry and free of all products. The hair may be pre-colored with any type of color used to enhance the design.
4. Model's hair should reflect two weeks' growth. NO pre-cutting, shaving or trimming should be detected. This is an OPEN DESIGN competition. Be ORIGINAL, CREATIVE and DETAILED with your color and cut design.
5. **All work must reflect a complete transformation from start to finish.**
6. Tools allowed: Shears, Clippers, Trimmer, Razor, blow dryer (not to exceed 1800 watts) combs and brushes. Only one tool may be plugged in at one time. All manner of styling products may be used.
7. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations**.

**Judges will be looking for:** A finished look that includes originality, creativity, and intricacy of the design and overall attention to detail. This is a Total Look competition – judges will consider hair, attire, etc.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee of Sages a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

**DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

**Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If competitor or model is wearing school or salon logo or name on cape, clothing, jewelry, etc.

3-B If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-CThe use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

3-DIf pre-cutting, shaving or trimming is detected

**Two Penalty Points:**

2-ABlow-Drying tools drawing more than 1800 watts

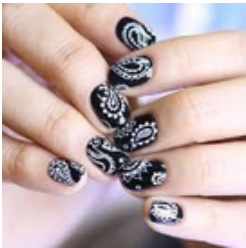
**One Penalty Point:**

1-ASTARTING to work before the call of “START”.

1-BCompetitor continuing to work after time has been called.

## Student - Black & White Nail Art

Examples:





**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 2:00 PM

**Reporting Time:** 1:30 PM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (1 PM) and then report for competition at 1:30 PM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

**Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Trophy for Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 45 minutes on (2) two mannequin hands

**Rules and Special Instructions:**



1. Each competitor enters with (2) two mannequin hands.
2. Competitor is responsible for supplying all tools, such as paint brushes, water dish, water, acrylic paint, acetone and/or black and or white polish needed for the competition. Only polish or acrylic paints can be used in this competition. No gel polish is allowed.
3. Mannequin hands may have any type of professional nail extensions.
4. Nail extensions may be of any shape or length: however, no art shall extend beyond the perimeters of the nail surface itself, nor should the artwork in height exceed three millimeters (3mm) or 1/8".
5. Nail extensions must be clean nails. **No base coat is allowed prior to the start of competition.**
6. Use of printed visual diagram is permitted.
7. The **design** must be strictly **Black** and **White** – must completely cover the nail, no other shades or colors or blending of the two colors are allowed.
8. All artwork, including a base color, is to be applied within the allotted time of 45 minutes.
9. Only one hand-held battery-operated fan can be used.
10. Not permitted: Gems, stone, pierced jewelry, layers of nail extensions, decals, airbrushing/compressors, or pre-made art.
11. All work is to be done by hand.
12. All ten nails will be judged, but nail art need not appear on all ten nails.
13. This is NOT a fantasy competition. No props are allowed.
14. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations**

**Judges will be looking for:** The creation in only black & white with the use of water based acrylic paints or nail polish. Judging will be on the following: originality, use of medium, theme of continuity, and overall workmanship.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

#### **DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

**Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

**Two Penalty Points:**

2-A Art work exceeds the perimeter of the nail surface itself.

2-B Art exceeds a height of 3mm.

2-C Gems, stone, pierced jewelry, layers of nail extensions, decals, airbrushing/compressors, or pre-made art is used.

2-D Props were used

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of "START".

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

## **STUDENT - SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION**

**THEME:** Classic Glamour in Black and white

**Description:** Teams explore a world where elegance is defined not by color, but by contrast.

**Inspiration:** Picture soft silvery light cascading across satin gowns and tuxedo lapels. Monochrome grayscale tones with small burst of color red or purple, pink or yellow to set it off.

**Competition Date:** Saturday, March 14th, 2026

**Competition Begins:** 2:45 PM

**Reporting Time:** 2:15 PM

**Pre-registration:** Fee: \$25

Deadline: Friday, February 27th, 2026 (postmarked)

**On-site Registration:** Fee: \$35 cash

Must register no later than 1 hour prior to competition start time (1:45 PM) and then report for competition at 1:15 PM.

**Registration Area:** North Shore Hotel

201 75th Ave North

Myrtle Beach SC 29572

### **Awards Presentation:**

5:00 PM (approximately) Competitions Arena

1st Place: Traveling Trophy for School – Trophy for each Competitor

2nd Place: Trophy for each Competitor

3rd Place: Trophy for each Competitor

**Time Allowed:** 75 minutes total on a **live model (male or female)**. Before the call to start – 10 minutes will be given for any setting up of equipment and removal of rollers and clips. No Props may be used.

**NO STARTING to work before the call of “START”.**

**Rules and Special Instructions;**

1. Each team will consist of three students from the same school.
2. **One team member for Nails only, one team member for Make-up only and one team member for Hair only** : No overlapping into the other team member's area of expertise.
3. Each team may enter only one model but a school may enter more than one team.
4. Each team (including model) will report to the competition arena with model's hair set and dried in any manner
5. Model will remain covered in a clean white drape or white sheet for the entire competition. Coverings will be removed for final judging.
6. All work must be done during competition.
7. **No electricity will be provided. PLEASE No Power Tools of any type present.**
8. No Props can be used.
9. Refer to the **General Rules and Regulations**.

**NAILS - BLACK AND WHITE, French with a twist or geometric patterns**

1. Models report with any type of nail extensions if desired.
2. Nail surface may have **1 solid color of the competitor's choice** on all nails hands and feet. Each nail may have a different solid color.
3. One solid color for background does/may not represent the majority of the finished design.
4. All nail artwork must be done during the competition. **No Nail Tips that have the art work already pre-attached to tips. All nail work is to be assembled during the allotted time for the judges to observe.**
5. Only one hand-held battery-operated fan can be used.
6. Nail Art does NOT have to appear on all nails but all nails will be judged. Do Not forget the feet. Model may come with pre-done pedicure and toenails painted in **one color Only**.
7. **Not allowed:** Airbrushing, stencils, decals or stamping plates.

**Make-up - Winged liner, bold lips, heavy contouring in grayscale.**

1. No makeup may be applied before competition. Model's face from the neck up must be free of all cosmetics, moisturizers, false eyelashes, cosmetic enhancements, etc. prior to the beginning of the competition. (With the exception of eyelash extensions).
2. No airbrushing.
3. Sages will inspect the model prior to the beginning of the competition.

**Hair - Sleek updos or vintage waves with black and white accessories**

1. Models report to the arena with hair set, dried, ready for combing. The hair must be brushed out completely before placing it into finished design. There should be a visible change in the hair over the course of the competition.
2. Hairpieces or ornamentation may be used but the base may **not cover more than 1/3 of the head form. Extensions will count as hair pieces and/or hair ornamentation.**
3. Hairpieces may be pre-set but not pre-combed. No pre-combing, pleating or braiding on models or hair pieces prior to competitions. All work must be done in the arena during competition.

**Judges will be looking for:** The competitors should explore all horizons in materials and techniques and utilize them in their design and decoration. The judges will be looking for a glamorous complete look that encompasses the theme. incorporating all mentioned elements - Hair, Nails, Makeup and Apparel.

**Penalty Point Chart:** It is the responsibility of a competitor to not only show respect for all the rules, but also to show respect for the intent of the rules. Penalty Points are only subtracted when in the opinion of the Committee a competitor has taken an unfair advantage. The amount of points subtracted for each penalty will be reflective of the severity of the infraction. Penalty points may be assessed for, but not limited to the following;

**DISQUALIFICATION:**

D-1 Competitor arriving late.

D-2 Any competitor who with malicious intent interferes with another competitor or their presentation before, during or after any contest.

**Three Penalty Points:**

3-A If coached by anyone during the competition.

3-B The use (or impression of use) of electronic devices is prohibited in the Competition Arena. This includes smart watches, fit bits, cell phones, tablets, etc.

**Two Penalty Points:**

2-A If the model physically helps in creating the finished look.

2-B If pre-combing, pleating or braiding on model's hair or hair pieces prior to start of competitions.

2-C Base of the hairpieces or ornamentation covers more than 1/3 of the head form.

2-D If nail artwork is pre-attached or assembled before the competition.

2-E If props were used.

2-F Overlapping on the other team member's area of expertise.

2-G Power Tools were present.

**One Penalty Point:**

1-A STARTING to work before the call of "START".

1-B Competitor continues to work after time has been called.

1-C If head covering or drape is any color other than white

