



# Gel Art Manicure Competition Rules, Judge Instruction & Criteria

## Rules

1. Total time allowed is 1 hours (60minutes)
2. This is a 1 hand competition
3. This competition is done on natural nails only.
4. The required elements for the competition are as followed.
5. The model is to come with nails ready to be manicured. Models must not have ANY products on the nail when they arrive. Removing of product prior to arena evaluations are forbidden.
6. The nails are to be manicured during the competition, soaking is optional. Lotion and massage is not necessary.
7. All models' nails will be checked to make sure manicures and filing of the nail were not done prior to the competition.
8. Nails must appear to be at least 1 week without any type of manicuring.
9. If it is determined that the model's nails have been manicured prior to the competition a 5-point deduction can be enforced on the competitor.
10. The nails must be enhanced and covered with any type of color gels, gel paint, soak off gel, color gel and gel polish. No traditional nail polish or any type of paints that are not considered a gel. Only gel products
11. The nails should appear smooth as possible. No texture on surface
12. e color may have shimmers, glitter and all effects are allowed. Crome is allowed.
13. The nails should have Salon style nail art with the latest trends.
14. Any color is allowed. There is no limited to the number of colors used.
15. Rhinestones, studs, bullion, foil, tape are NOT allowed
16. No pre-assemble artwork allowed
17. All free edge shapes are allowed
18. All work on nails must be done during the competition
19. No traditional nail polish.
20. SHINY Top sealer must be applied
21. Glue is NOT allowed
22. Rules of sanitation must be adhered too.
23. All gel must be clearly labeled
24. All products used for manicuring are allowed.
25. All products and tools must be on the table prior to the start of the competition.
26. You are not allowed to get products out of your case or have product brought in from outside of the competition arena once the hands-on portion of the competition.
27. All General rules apply
28. Total possible points earned 100



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## Judges Instructions

- **5 – 10 points total on all categories.**
- **½ or 1 point a nail.**
- **Each nail is judged on its own merit.**
- **The nail must meet all of the criteria for the category being judged to earn its point.**

## **Nail Shape 10 pt**

- The shape of every nail looks symmetrical. 1 point
- The top of the free edge is filed smoothly 1 point
- All free edge shapes are acceptable, but they must have symmetry.

## **Product Application 10 pt**

- The product surrounding the proximal nail fold must be within 1mm and have a clean application 1 point
- No excessive product build-up surrounding the lateral nail folds 1 point

## **Manicuring 10 pt**

- The proximal nail fold is pushed back and appears properly manicured
- All dead tissue is properly removed.
- Both to earn 1 point
- There is not excessive removal or cutting of the living tissue attached to the nail folds
- The nail grooves are not removed or damaged
- Both to earn 1 point

## **Underside 10 pt**

- No visible dust or debris is allowed. 1 point
- No glue or excessive gel products of any kind. 1 point

## **Surface Smoothness 5 pt**

- The surface of the nail must feel perfectly smooth. ½ point
- The surface of the nail must not have any air bubbles on the surface. ½ point

## **Top Sealer Finishing 5pt**

- The top sealer must be shiny and must be applied on the entire surface of the nail. ½ point
- There should not be any dull spots on the surface from uncurled products and all gel residue must be well removed. The surface should not have any residual inhibition layer ½ point

## **Color Application 10 pt**

- The Application of the product should completely cover the surface of the entire nail. Product must be applied evenly with no streaks. The color should look extremely solid with no transparencies. 1point
  - The tip of the free edge must be covered completely. 1point



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## Judges Instructions for Artistic Categories

- **Criteria is scored as a total scored**
- **All criteria points awarded are from 1-10**
- **Scores are determined by the judges educated opinion based on the specifics of each criteria**

### **Level of Difficulty 10pt**

- The complexity of the design is evaluated on its degree of expertise on each nail.
- The art should be executed in a manner that appears to be difficult on each nail.
- The score is based on the degree of expertise put into the making of the design on each nail.

### **Use of Color 10pt**

- The colors chosen should complement the design
- The colors should represent the design and theme appropriately
- The colors should flow throughout or graduate through all 10 nails.
- The colors should complement and contrast at the same time.

### **Originality 10pt**

- The design should be something you have not seen before.
- If the design is something commonly seen, it should be done in a manner that is in a new creative and unusual use of art media.

### **Creativity 10pt**

- Creative use with products use.
- There should be a creative collaboration of art and style that is brought together.