

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL HAIR COMPETITIONS

1. Models wear capes during cutting and styling.
2. One electrical outlet provided for each competitor.
3. Plug in one electrical tool at a time.
4. Models refrain from using blow dryers or arrange hair with fingers.
5. Models must sit facing forward looking into mirror during judging.
6. No costumes or uniforms worn by models for any competition.
7. Judging for all hair competitions is based on the following;
 - a) Workmanship skills
 - b) Suitability to the category and model's head and face structure.
 - c) Degree of new creativity.
 - d) Use of colour to enhance haircut and style.

8. All scores are based on thirty point system ranging from 30 –20 points.

Closed competitions for Provincial entries are – “Provincial Championship”, and “New Talent Women’s Cut & Style”. All other competitions are open to competitors and from other areas.

COMPETITION MAXIMUM DEMERIT OUTLINE

Women’s or Men’s Hair Competitions

Hairstyle out of category	- 3
Colour out of category	- 3
Hair cutting – no change of length	- 1 to - 5
Pre-cutting per area, minimum	- 1
Hair not wet throughout	- 1
Indecent Attire	- 3
Coaching from the audience	- 5
Latecomers	- 5
Misuse of Conduct	- 5

Demerits given by sages on competition floor are reviewed by Commissionaire before tabulation.

WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL TRENDY CUT & STYLE

The hair cut must be a trendy fashion hair cut and style which is wearable using any combination of lengths from long or short showing technical haircutting skills which become the model's features. The finished style must show the nature of the cut. No hair extensions allowed.

1. **WET HAIR** – Model's hair must be wet throughout and combed straight back before the competition begins. Penalties will be given if sages must wet the hair.
2. **HAIR LENGTH** – One inch (2.5 cm) of the hair must be throughout the head. Failure to do so will result in demerits. The sages will check the length before and again during the competition to assure that the length is visibly changed. Any hair length in fashion, which suits the model may be applied.
3. **HAIR COLOUR** – The choice of colours must reinforce the hair cut and style. A minimum of 2 colours **MUST** be used.
4. **TOOLS AND PRODUCT** – Any hair-cutting tool may be used, including styling aids and apply a light spray finish.
5. **CLOTHING** – Must comply with day fashion and be appropriate.
6. **COMPETITION TIME** – 45 minutes.
7. **RULES** - See general rules for all other regulations and demerits.

NEW TALENT WOMEN'S CUT & STYLE

This competition calls for an adaptable young cut & style with texture and colours to compliment the cut of the model. Any adaptable lengths may be used. The finished hairstyle must be kept within the structure of the haircut. Extensions are **not** permitted. This competition is open to current students and or graduates from January 2005.

1. **WET HAIR** – Model's hair must be wet throughout and combed straight back before the start of the competition. Penalties may be given if sages have to wet the hair.
2. **HAIR LENGTH** – One inch (2.5 cm) of hair must be cut throughout the entire head. Failure to do so will result in demerits. The sages will check hair length before and during the competition to assure that the length is visibly changed. Any hair length in fashion, which suites the model may be applied.
3. **COLORATION** – Colours **MUST** bring out the workmanship of the haircut.
4. **TOOLS AND PRODUCTS** – Any hair-cutting tool may be used, including styling aids and sprays.
5. **CLOTHING** – Must comply with day fashion and be appropriate.
6. **COMPETITION TIME** – 45 minutes.
7. **RULES** - See general rules for all regulations and demerits.

MEN'S PROFESSIONAL FASHION CUT & STYLE

A wearable day haircut and finished style will be created for the consumer. Any hair length may be used, but suit the model. NO extreme cuts, avant-garde or extensions. The finished cut must show the cutting skills.

1. **WET HAIR** – Model's hair must be wet throughout and combed straight back before the competition begins. The sages will check degree of wetness and the hair lengths. Any infractions will have penalties
2. **HAIR LENGTH** – A minimum of ½ inch (1.25 cm) must be cut around the entire head. Any pre-shaping or pre-cutting will be checked by sages. Failure to do so will result in demerits.
3. **TOOLS AND PRODUCTS** – Any hair cutting tool may be used, as well as sprays, and styling aids. Any hand held electrical tool is allowed to complete the hairstyle.
4. **COLOUR** – Trendy colours may be used but must work to suit the model and the cut.
5. **CLOTHING** – Dressy day fashion attire. Theatrical costumes and military uniforms not permitted.
6. **COMPETITION TIME** – 45 minutes.
7. **RULES** - See general rules for all other regulations and demerits.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Technical Creative Day Style)

A petite creative style must be performed applying attractive movements of lines, design patterns, and textures. The finish must be clean to show detail in designing. The form must be in balance with the model's stature and head size. No large evening hairstyles, Avant-Garde, or resemblance of hair by night.

1. **WET HAIR** – Model's hair will be wet throughout and combed straight back. Sages will check the degree of wetness before the contest begins.
2. **TOOLS AND PRODUCT** – Any electric hand held tool may be used to style the hair, as well as products and hairspray.
3. **HAIR PIECES** – Wigs, extensions, and any type hairpiece not permitted.
4. **COLOUR** – Two or more colours may be used (NO neon colours).
5. **COMPETITION TIME** – 20 minutes.
6. **RULES** - See general rules and demerits for other regulations.

ELEGANT EVENING LONG HAIR

This competition is a ladies evening fashion hairstyle, which represents beauty, and elegance using the models' own hair. It must be becoming to the model and the complete attire.

1. **REPORT TO FLOOR** – Models will come on the competition floor with dry clean hair and no pre-setting of any kind (rollers or pre-set). One female only.
2. **HAIR LENGTH** – Minimum hair length in the back to bottom of shoulder blades. The front may have light fringes not to extend further back than 1 inch from hairline. The top of the head may have lengths no shorter than jaw length.
3. **TOOLS AND PRODUCTS** – Any electric tools may be used during comb out time. Styling products and hairsprays are allowed.
4. **HAIRPIECES** – No hairpieces of any kind or extensions. Small ornaments only may be allowed.
5. **HAIR COLOURS** – All commercial colours are acceptable.
6. **CLOTHING** – Long gown or pant outfit. The theme is elegant.
7. Sages will observe before and during competition for any infractions of rules. See general rules and demerits for other regulations.
8. **JUDGING** – Models will sit facing the mirror during first phase of judging and stand for last portion to determine the most outstanding model.
9. **COMPETITION TIME** – 30 minutes.
10. **RULES** - See general rules and demerits for other regulations.

NAIL COMPETITION INFORMATION

1. Nail competitions are open to students in certain provinces and professional nail technicians. Proof of schooling, licensing or a business card may be required.
2. It is the competitor and model's responsibility to understand and comply with the competition rules. Failure to comply may result in demerits or disqualification.
3. These competition rules are in effect for all Allied Beauty Association nail competitions in 2008. Rules and regulations are not negotiable. The A.B.A. competition director reserves the right of final interpretation of the rules.
4. Upon registration, competitors and models automatically give consent to be photographed by the Allied Beauty Association. These images may be reproduced and used freely at the discretion of the association. All images are property of the A.B.A. and may not be used without written permission. Models and competitors must be 18 years or older.
5. Competition registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable
6. Competition registration and check-in close 45 minutes prior to the start of the competition. Competitors and models must check in by the required time to receive their competition number. Late arrivals will not be accepted and entrance fee will be forfeited.
7. Competitors, once checked in, must proceed directly to the competition area and commence set-up. Please take only the space you need and be respectful of others.
8. Models are not permitted to wear any jewellery nor have any identifiable marks on their hands or wrists.

9. Access to the competition area is strictly limited to competitors, models and competition staff. Once the competition has started, competitors and models are not permitted to leave the competition area. Competition staff will inform competitors when to leave the competition area. Models may not leave until they have been judged. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
10. A briefing of the rules will be held immediately prior to the start of the competition. Any questions regarding the rules must be addressed by this time.
11. Once the briefing starts, competitors are not permitted to touch their model's hands again until the competitions starts. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
12. Interference or distractions from the audience is not permitted. Competitors are expected to be quiet and respectful of others during the competition process. One warning will be issued. A second infraction will result in disqualification.
13. Once time has been called, competitors must stop working immediately. Models must stand and raise their hands to shoulder height and competitors must stay seated until directed. Competitors are not permitted to touch their models again until after judging. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
14. Models will be asked to step away from the table and follow instructions of the competition staff. Once instructed, competitors are expected to promptly clean their work area and exit the competition area.
15. The judges and competitors will have a brief preview of the nails before judging. Judges preview the models to assess the overall skill level of each category of competitors. Models are to approach the judging area and slide their hands under the curtain for each judge to view. Once models are viewed by the judges, the competitors will be permitted a brief pre-viewing of all the models' nails. Competitors and models must not touch the nails. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
16. A "blind judging" process will be used to critique the models by numerical order. Models are to line up and slide their hands under the curtain for each judge to evaluate 4-5 criteria of the finished nails. Up to 10 points may be awarded for each criterion. (10 – flawless) (1 – unacceptable) Once all three judges have viewed the nails, the model may leave the competition area.
17. Models are not permitted to move the judge's curtain at any time. Models must not speak to other models or to the judges during the judging process.
18. Competitors are not permitted near the judging area at any time. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
19. Competition staff will calculate the final scores for all entries. The competition director will verify the totals and placements of the competitors in each level. **The Head Judge** will break any ties. The decision of the judges is final.
20. The winners will be announced at the award ceremony. Competition staff will distribute all score sheets following the ceremony. Judges will be available at this time to answer questions and to critique competitors' work.
21. The A.B.A. competitions represent and showcase the best the industry has to offer. All competition participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner.

SALON-STYLE NAIL RULES

1. Competitors will be allotted 1½ hours to complete a full set (2 hands) of **Salon-style** nail enhancements using either forms or tips.
2. Any professional powder/liquid, gel, or wrap product of your choice may be used to create French style nails. Only sheer pink, clear and white enhancement products are permitted. (No colour or glitter products)
3. Competitors must apply red cream (no glitter or frost) polish to one hand (their choice) during the competition. Basecoat and topcoat are permitted.
4. **Nail enhancements on the unpolished hand must be French-style, finished to a high shine and completely free of polish. White tips and "Cookie Cutter" tools may be used but will receive 5 points for difficulty score**
5. Cleansing products (soaps) and moisturizing products (oils, creams, lotions) will be permitted. (Avoid over-use as this may interfere with judging.)
6. All files and buffers must be new and un-prepped prior to the competition. Files, etc. may be "broken in" once inspected by the floor judge. Chamois buffers and buffing products are permitted.
7. Tips must be in manufacturer's original packaging. Tips must be pre-selected and set out for the floor judges to inspect but not be altered in any way prior to the start of the competition. (Only 10 tips are permitted to be pre-selected. In the event that another tip is needed during the competition, raise your hand for the floor judge to witness you selecting another tip.)
8. Nail forms of any style may be used and set out. Paper and metal forms must be flat and Teflon forms must be in original condition. Forms may not be altered or applied prior to the start of the competition. (Only 10 forms are permitted to be pre-selected. If another form is needed, raise your hand to have the floor judge witness your selection.)
9. Floor judges will inspect your work area for rule infractions, cleanliness, etc. and will note demerits. Once you are set up, raise your hand to signal a floor judge that you are ready to have them inspect your model's nails and your work area.
10. Model's nails may be prepared for product application but product must not be applied until the start of the competition. Nails must be short with no visible free edge (corners may be left for form fit). No consideration will be given for damage to model's hands or nails prior to the start of the competition.
11. Work may be done by hand or with electric file.
12. Competitors must furnish all necessary supplies. One electrical outlet, table and chairs will be provided to each competitor. Bring an extension cord or power bar if you require more than one outlet.
13. Only professional products are acceptable. Products must be in manufacturer's original containers. All items on the table must be labeled.
14. Competitors must clean their work area and leave the competition within a timely manner as directed by competition staff.
15. Nails will be judged on arch/stress area, concave/convex structure, c-curve, cuticle area, free edge, length, product control, nail extension, sidewalls, smile lines, surface finish, underside detail, polish, and overall appearance (harmony). Each category will be scored from 1 – 10:

- 1 *Unacceptable*
- 2 *Improvement Needed*
- 3 *Below Average*
- 4-5 *Fair – Average*
- 6-7 *Above Average - Good*
- 8 *Very Good/Winning Technique*
- 9 *Excellent/Almost Flawless*
- 10 *Completely Flawless*

16. Points will be awarded for degree of difficulty as follows:

Pink/clear & white sculptured	10
Pink/clear & white over natural /clear tips	8
Pink/clear & white with white tips	7
Pink/clear with white tips /"Cookie Cutter" whites	5

17. Any rule infraction will result in an automatic 5 demerits unless otherwise indicated. Please be sure to read the rules carefully and contact competition staff for clarification prior to the competition date.