

theCNTC International Nail Championship

Gel Polish Competition Rules

1. Competitor will have 1 hour to complete a set of gel polish nails on a live model.
2. Competitor must use light-cured gel products only to polish the natural nails.
3. No extension of the nail bed(s) or pre-existing product will be allowed.
4. The model's natural nails may be prepared for product application before the competition starts, but product may not be applied until the competition starts.
5. No consideration will be given for any pre-existing damage to a model's natural nails, cuticles or hands. Choose your model wisely.
6. All files and buffers must be new and unused; electric files are not allowed.
7. Cleansing products (soaps, etc.) and moisturizing products (oils, creams, lotions, etc.) are allowed.
8. The gel polish on one hand (competitor's choice) must be polished with red cream gel polish.
9. The gel polish on the opposite hand must be French-style (pink/clear and white).
10. Gel Polish entries will be judged in the following categories:

Finish Work (hands scored separately)

- the nails are very shiny and clean (dust-free)

Gel Polish Application (hands scored separately)

- the gel polish completely covers the nails without being on the skin
- the application is smooth and even

Length and Shape

- the length is consistent between matching nails and in proportion to each other
- the shape is symmetrical and consistent

Overall Impression

- the nails complement the model's hands and appear healthy and well-groomed

Product Control (hands scored separately)

- the product is thinly applied and free of air bubbles or blemishes
- the colour of the product is consistent

Skin Conditioning

- the cuticle work looks complete with no abrasions or cuts to the eponychium
- the skin of the hands looks healthy and well-conditioned

Smile Lines

- the smile lines are crisp, symmetrical and consistent