

theCNTC International Nail Championship

Salon Style Competition Rules

1. Competitor will have 1.5 hours to complete a set of salon-style nail enhancements on a live model using either forms or tips (clear or natural tips only).
2. Competitor may use any combination of sheer pink, clear, and white enhancement products only (liquid-and-powder acrylic, light-cured gel, etc.). Enhancement products containing glitter and/or any other colour are not allowed.
3. 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.
4. No consideration will be given for any pre-existing damage to a model's natural nails, cuticles or hands. Choose your model wisely.
5. If sculpting with forms, competitor may lay out forms before the competition, but forms must be flat and in original condition. Forms may not be altered or applied until the competition starts. If overlaying tips, competitor may select tips before the competition, but tips may not be altered or applied until the competition starts.
6. All files and buffers must be new and unused; electric files are allowed.
7. Cleansing products (soaps, etc.) and moisturizing products (oils, creams, lotions, etc.) are allowed.
8. The nail enhancements on one hand (competitor's choice) must be polished with red cream traditional polish. Base coat, ridge filler and top coat are allowed.
9. The nail enhancements on the unpolished hand must be French-style (pink/clear and white), finished to a high shine and completely free of polish.
10. Salon Style entries will be judged in the following categories:

C-curves

- the curvature of the nails is symmetrical, consistent and suitable for the competition

Cuticle Area

- the product is flush to the natural nails and close to the eponychium
- the model's skin is in excellent condition

Finish Work

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

Lateral Structure

- the nail enhancements align perfectly with the sides of the natural nails
- the arch of the nails is consistently located

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 the thickness and length are suitable

Polish Application

- the polish completely covers the nails and appears smooth, even and clean

Product Control

- the product is completely free of air bubbles and pits and the colour is consistent

Smile Lines

- the smile lines are crisp, symmetrical and consistent

Surface Structure

- the top and bottom surfaces of the nails are smooth and perfectly contoured