**Nail Care**

District 8 Competition

January 15, 2023

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**Nail Care Contest**

# Purpose:

To evaluate each contestant’s preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of nail care.

Students will demonstrate their skills in nail care techniques and display creativity in the nail art segment of the competition. Contestants will exercise cleanliness, execution of skill, precision and professionalism throughout the contest.

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# Clothing Requirements: Official Skills -clothing is not required for districts

* MEN: White polo shirt, black dress slacks, black socks and black leather work shoes.
* WOMEN: White top, black dress slacks, black socks or black or skin-tone hose, and black leather work shoes. Professional white smock is permitted
* MODELS: Businesslike, white blouse; black dress slacks or skirt; black or skin-tone hose; and black shoes.

# Eligibility

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in Cosmetology program at a career and technical school.

# Equipment and Materials:

1. Supplied by Host
	1. Manicure area
	2. Paper towels/towels
	3. Anti-microbial hand cleanser
	4. First aid kit
	5. Access to water
	6. Electrical outlet
	7. Disinfectant tray with solution for implements
	8. Garbage/plastic bags for disposal
2. Supplied by competitor
	1. Sanitizer
	2. Manicuring implements
	3. Polish remover
	4. Assortment of nail files
	5. Adhesive
	6. Tip clipper
	7. Block buffer (**No chamois**)
	8. Nail tips. Any tip natural or clear
	9. Acrylic liquid, acrylic powder, acrylic brushes
	10. Towels (white with no stains or holes)
	11. Dehydrator
	12. Primer
	13. Dappen dishes (must have covers)
	14. Nail forms
	15. Gel to complete a nail tip gel overlay. Gel **can be a hard gel or a hybrid gel/acrylic product.**

## Note: Gel polish, temporary or no-light gels may not be used for gel overlay

* 1. Light to cure the gel
	2. Nail art brushes
	3. Nail art products (Items allowed to complete the flat nail art application: Medium choices: acrylic paints, polishes/lacquers, colored powders (acrylic and dip), gel polish, rhinestones sizes 20ss and under, glitters , dusts, and adhesives, i.e., gel top coats/glue Note: **No pre-prepared items can be used; items are limited to those intended for use on nails.** Top coat may be used as a sealer
	4. Cotton
	5. Disinfectant solution to clean your table
	6. Small scissors
	7. Safety glasses, mask
1. Any other items brought by the contestant must be declared at the time of the contestant pre- contest site check-in.

## The acrylic polymer and acrylic monomer used for the sculptured nail applications must be produced by the same manufacturer.

1. **All products used to create the gel nail overlay must be produced by the same manufacturer**.
2. Table set-up must only consist of the items specific to the contest (nail techniques, nail art).

Contest Specifications:

Students will demonstrate their skills in nail care techniques and display creativity in the nail art segment of the competition. Contestants will exercise cleanliness, execution of skill, precision and professionalism throughout the contest. This contest consists of two parts; nail techniques and nail art

1. Nail techniques on left hand. Time allotted: 1 hour including 10 minute setup
	1. Left thumb, Left index: Full sculptured acrylic nail with form; white free edge with pink body.
	2. Left Middle: Tip with acrylic overlay, pink body and white tip
	3. Left ring and Left pinky: Tip with light cured gel overlay.
2. Nail Art. Time allotted: 1 hour including 10 minute setup
	1. Apply to the left hand
		1. Two coats of red polish
	2. Apply to the right hand
		1. Nail art with all 5 fingers using the same design theme (flat nail art)

## Artificial nails (nail tips Natural or clear )with pink or clear acrylic overlays) MUST be applied to the right hand prior to the day of the competition.

Contestant may bring a picture of the nail art for reference

Model must not have polish on either hand at the start of the competition. Spray nail dryer is permitted

Props are permitted but not necessary.

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE:

* A ten-question multiple choice quiz will be given.
* A combination of the scores will determine the winner.
* The judge’s decisions are final.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

No talking. Professional attitude and communication is expected throughout the contest. Contestants will have 3 hours and 15 minutes from start to finish. Models and contestants will be required to have hands cleansed with an anti-microbial cleanser prior to contest.

Models and contestant will use a hand sanitizer in the contest area.

No jewelry is allowed on model during the competition (rings, watches, bracelets, etc.). All implements to be used must be clean and sanitary.

No electric filing, airbrushing, decals, or nail stampers can be used. Contestant may not use skins, decals/stencils or cast moldings.

Contestants tip blenders.

Top coat or sealer is only permitted on the nail art application.

Model is not permitted to have polish on either hand at the start of the contest.

All products must be properly identified with the manufacturer’s original packaging and original label. Product labels cannot be defaced.

Required implements and products must be accounted for and professionally organized. Proper control and usage of products and tools will be expected at all times.

Once time is called, contestant must stop working. Touching the model after time is called will result in three penalty points.

All items should be brought to the contest site organized by task.

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Disqualification or penalty points taken can occur for the following:

Any rules not followed with NO exceptions!!

Leaving competition area before completion of task (applies to both contestant and model) without proper escort.

Setup can only consist of items needed for the specific contest application in progress. Time will be allowed between each contest segment to reset the table.

SKILLSUSA DISTRICT 8 COMPETITION

NAIL CARE SCORECARD

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|  | Contestant Number |
| ITEMS EVALUATED | POSSIBLE POINTS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Preparation and ProfessionalismStation prep with all necessary materials | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acrylic Application Product control UniformityC curve Smile line | 300 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gel Overlay Product control UniformityC curve | 300 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lacquer Application Complete coverage No color on cuticle Free edge tippedNo color under nail | 50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nail art Consistent theme NeatSharp lines Creative | 300 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Penalty For safety or unprofessional clothing | Up to -50 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Possible Points | 1,000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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