2021 SKILLSUSA-NAIL CARE CONTEST

WE WILL GREATLY MISS SEEING YOU ALL IN PERSON BUT ARE SO EXCITED TO SEE YOUR WORK! WE ARE ALL COMMITED TO MAKING THIS A WONDERFUL COMPETITION, DESPITE THE CHALLENGES.

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

- Work must be completed at the school under the guidance of an instructor.
- Instructor or model (if chosen) cannot do any coaching.
- Either a live model or mannequin hand can be used for all work.
- Work will occur through a live feed provided and time determined by SkillsUSA. Judges will be available to monitor each group of contestants.
- Once work is completed. A short video, or multiple pictures of the finished product must be submitted for all contestants to be used for final judging.

PEDICURING
- This section of the national contest will be excluded from the 2021 contest.
- Additional pedicuring questions will be added to written exam.

ORAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT
This portion will be video only.
- You will create a 3–4-minute video of you recommending to an imaginary client the natural nail services they should receive after removing artificial nails.
- Client wants to try to grow their own nails.
- Include in your recommendation any home care products they should be using to achieve the desired results.
- Props may be used.

ACRYLIC SCULPTURED NAILS & NAIL TIPS WITH LIGHT-CURED ENHANCEMENT PRODUCT OVERLAY
- Work will be live streamed by SkillsUSA and judges will be present to observe in each group.
- Once work is completed, contestant will make a short video and/or take multiple photos for each hand. Videos/photos should be as clear as possible and show nails from all angles for more indepth judging. These will be separate videos for each hand and videos/photos should labeled with contestant number and either “acrylic” or “light-cured”.
- Two hours are allotted to both applications. Constants can complete the work in any order they would like.
- No Oils or Lotion can be used during this portion of the competition.
• All five fingers of the model’s right hand are to be sculpted with forms, no tips, using the two-tone/French-manicure technique. Based on salon quality nails, the following will be evaluated:
  o Acrylic application: product control, clarity/no bubble, smile line, c-curve, arch, thinness and continuity
  o Finished Appearance: smoothness, shape and length consistent finger to finger and proportionate to hand, high-gloss shine and cuticle involvement.

• All five fingers of the model’s left hand are to have nail tips applied and overlaid with a light-cured enhancement system. Can be a hard gel or a hybrid gel/acrylic product. Note: Gel polish, temporary or no-light gels may not be used. Based on salon quality nails, the following will be evaluated:
  o Tip Application: fit, alignment and blending (if required)
  o Light-cured Enhancement Application: product control, clarity/no bubbles, c-curve, arch, thinness and continuity.
  o Finished Appearance: clarity, smoothness, shape & length consistent finger to finger and proportionate to hand, high-gloss shine and cuticle involvement.

WRITTEN EXAM
• Test will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions covering aspects of nail care not physically evaluated during the contest. Those subjects include but not limited to sanitation and disinfection, pedicures, polishing, etc.

NAIL POLISH APPLICATION
• This section of the national contest will be excluded from the 2021 contest.
• Additional polishing questions will be added to written exam.

NAIL ART APPLICATION
• Work will be live streamed by SkillsUSA and judges will be present to observe in each group.
• Once work is completed, contestant will make a short video and/or take multiple photos. Videos/photos should be as clear as possible and show nails from all angles for more indepth judging. These should be labeled with contestant number and “nail art”.
• One hour will be allotted for the work to be completed.
• Nail art is to be applied to all 5 fingers of one of the hands completed during the competition.
• A specific theme is to be carried through on all 5 fingers and in a written description. Contestant must have written and submitted a description of the theme they intend to create prior to contest beginning. Themes should be typewritten, may be decorated and will be emailed.
• Diagrams of the art you intend to create can be used, however, are limited to the finished product and may not be step by step instructions.
• Medium choices to complete the flat nail art application are as follows: acrylic paints, polishes/lacquers, colored powders (acrylic and dip), gel polish, rhinestones sizes 20ss and under, glitters and 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. Topcoat may be used as a sealer. The following will be evaluated:
  o Creativity, theme, follow through of theme, artist expression and color coordination
  o Level of difficulty, complexity of design, use of mediums
  o Precision, neatness and clarity of lines

**EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

Refer to the Technical Standards for equipment and materials needed. Note: No items will be supplied by the technical committee this year. Items needed in this category that will be supplied by contestant are as follows:
• Disinfectant jar with solution
• Printed guidelines/instructions. Schools will need to print this document for student to follow along
• Plastic bags for disposal and refuse
For the items supplied by the contestant, items related to the Pedicure and Polish portions can be omitted as those will not be performed this year.