

**PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY  
&  
THE FEDERATION OF NAIL PROFESSIONALS  
NAIL COMPETITIONS 2022**

**General Rules**

1. All Competitors must complete their competition entry on the Professional Beauty website
2. All Competitors must bring their own models
3. Competitors and models must attend at the specified registration time on the day of their competition categories
4. Category Levels – Levels will be shown against each category.

Student Level: To be considered a Student you will need to be currently engaged in nail education or qualified less than one year. Evidence should be brought to the competition to be provided at registration. Evidence can be a student college pass, certificate, letter from tutor and may be in digital or physical form.

Nail Professional: Any nail professional qualified over one year to included educators and any other level of professional.

Open: This category is open to all levels (student, nail professional or educator) and will be judged at one level regardless of time served or experience.

There are 4 'Level' Categories (Competition Nail, Manicure, Fantasy, UV Gel Polish) which will have a Student Level and a Nail Professional Level. These levels will be judged separately. The competition management team reserve the right to amalgamate Student with Nail Professional should there be insufficient Student entries. Placings/points will still go forward to the relevant Championship level.

There are 7 'Open' Categories (Learn A Skill, Pink & White Extreme Nail, Salon Nail, Salon Nail Art Challenge, Shape of Your Art, InstaNail Photographic & Catwalk Showcase ) which are Open categories and therefore available to all types of competitor.

5. Competitors must bring their own kit, set their desk up ready for the relevant Category with no additional products and store all bags (except personal bags) in the designated area for the duration of the Category.
6. Only 'matched systems' will be allowed (eg lamp and UV cured products) and those that have Cosmetic Regulations compliant labels accepted. Product labels including ingredients should be in English. The judging team will make a decision on point deduction/disqualification on a case by case basis.
7. 1 electric socket will be provided. One short extension lead (no longer than 1 metre) must be brought with the Competitor.
8. All competitors should provide their own desk light should they require as this will not be provided unless otherwise stated.

9. Desks must be kept clean and tidy and suitable disposable surface cover must be used (ie couch roll) at all times or points may be deducted.
10. All relevant hygiene protocols must be visible and should include methods of sanitizing/disinfecting hands, files, metal tools and surfaces.
11. Please bring a lined metal waste bin or a disposable bin bag taped to desk for rubbish and safely dispose after each category
12. All products should be in their original, labelled packaging. Solvents may be in pump bottles with a label showing the contents. The labels should be in English.
13. Keep all volatile liquids covered whenever practicable.
14. Competitors and models must be seated with desks set up ready by the Category Briefing 10 mins before the start of the Category and must not touch their model's hands from this point until the start of the Category
15. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure they have their competitor number visible on the desk or on their uniform/top and on their model's hand. These will be provided at registration and for each new Category
16. Models must NOT have jewellery on their lower arm/hand other than a plain wedding band. Any jewellery and hand tattoos will be noted by the Head Judge in case of a discrepancy in scoring.
17. Competitors must be aware of each of the Category Rules (these may on occasion be subject to amendment). In addition, it is strongly advised to be aware of the scoring criteria (category scoresheets are available to be viewed prior to the competition via PB/FNP sources).
18. When the Category finishes Competitors must NOT touch their model's hands for any reason. This can result in a point deduction or a disqualification
19. Products not allowed for the individual Categories will be confiscated by the Floor Judges and can be claimed after the Category
20. Tips must NOT be pre-sized nor pre-tailored. Tip boxes must be organised correctly in sizes with, at least, 10 of each size in the relevant compartments. Only natural or clear tips. NO white tips in any Category
21. Sculpture forms must not be pre-tailored. Around 25 forms (no rolls) must be ready on the desk. Forms with a manufactured 'C' curve support are allowed but the support must not be added before the Category starts
22. Oils and creams are allowed
23. The result of breaking of any of the Rules (General and Category specific) will be at the discretion of the Head Floor Judge and 1 other. This may result in either a warning, loss of 5-10 points or a disqualification.
24. E-files are not allowed to be used in any preparation stage nor on the natural nail plate. They may be used in shaping and refining enhanced nails only
25. Amalgamation The Competition Director reserves the right to amalgamate Student Level with Nail Professional level to create a single Nail Professional Level where there are less than 3 students competing to allow for fairer competition. In the event of the amalgamation of Levels in any category scores, there will only be Nail Professional winner in the Category and placings, however, all scores will go forward to the relevant Student or Nail Professional Championship placings.
26. No work entered in Off Floor Categories can have been used in any other competition previously. If you are entering both Off Floor Categories at this competition, you may use the same nail work.

Failure to abide by the competition general and category rules may result in point deduction or disqualification based on the decision of the Head Judge and the judging team. All decisions are monitored by the Competition Director and an internal checking process is followed to ensure objectivity and fairness is met in any decisions that may cause loss of points or disqualification.

The Competition Director & Head Judge's decision is final.

#### NOTES & GUIDANCE

You should always ensure that you have read and understood the full competitions rules for any category you are entering prior to the competition. You can do this on the Professional Beauty website and on the Federation of Nail Professionals & Professional Beauty Competition Group on Facebook.

At the time of publishing the competition schedule giving dates and times is correct. Unforeseen circumstances may cause amendment however every care will be taken to make the categories work most efficiently for competitors within the amended competition schedule. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the most up to date information available and we would recommend.