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**Maryland 2023
Championships**

Nail Care Competition
Saturday, March 25, 2023
Center of Applied Technology North

The **Nail Care Contest** will be judging and scoring on the Light Cured Gel Application in accordance to the **2023 Technical Standards**. To align the contest within industry practice they will be going away from wraps and replacing it with light cured gels. While this is an industry wide change it is also a major change within the Technical Standards and the competencies.

Please Note that ALL Contestants must provide their own UV lamp/light source and extension cord for the Gel application portion of the Contest.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

8:00 – 8:30	Contestant & Model Check In You will check in and at this time turn in your Written Description of your nail art theme and your resume. All of these documents must be typewritten and contained within a plastic sleeve. A CD with a digital photo of the nail art to be created during the contest. Photo may include props. Models DO NOT need to Submit a resume!
8:30 – 9:00	Contest Briefing – (house rules, clock, expectations, etc...) Set Up & Kit Check Set Up for Acrylic Application
9:00 – 10:00	Acrylic Application The model's right hand will be used to sculpt nails with forms, no tips, using the two-tone/French-manicure technique. White, Natural-for the free edge, Pink or Clear-nail bed Acrylic Powders Colors. • Acrylic Application: product control, clarity/no bubbles, smile line, c-curve, arch, thinness and continuity. Finished Appearance: clarity, smoothness, shape & length consistent finger to finger and proportionate to hand, high-gloss shine and cuticle involvement.

10:00 – 10:10	Judging of Acrylic Sculpted Tips & Gel & Tip. Application Clean-up of Gel & Tip. Application Set-up for Polish & Nail Art application.
10:10 – 10:20	Set Up for Gel & Tip Application.
10:20 – 11:20	<p>Gel & Tip Application The left hand of the model will have nail tips applied, blended and overlaid with a Gel system. All items necessary to complete five nails with a tip and light-cured gel overlay.</p> <p>Based on salon quality nails, the following will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tip Application: fit, alignment, and blending. Tip and glue do not have to come from same manufacturer. Any tip may be used. • Gel Application: product control, even coverage, apex in stress area and thinness. • Finished Appearance: clarity, smoothness, shape & length consistent finger to finger and proportionate to hand, high-gloss shine and cuticle involvement.
11:20 – 11:30	Judging of Acrylic Sculpted Tips & Gel & Tip. Application Clean-up of Gel & Tip. Application Set-up for Polish & Nail Art application.
11:30 – 12:00	LUNCH
12:00 – 12:10	Set Up for Polish & Nail Art Application.
12:10 – 1:10	<p>Polish & Nail Art Application Two coats of Dark Red Crème Lacquer/Polish are to be applied to the model's right hand. The following will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neatness, coverage, evenness and cuticle involvement. <p>Nail art is to be applied to all 5 fingers of the model's left hand. A specific theme should carry through on all 5 fingers and in a written description. Diagrams of the art you intend to create can be used, however, diagrams are limited to the finished product and may not be step by step instructions. Photos are allowed. All nail art must be created using gel polishes/gel paints, lacquers and/or acrylic paint Only! Top Coat may be used as a sealer, ONLY ON NAIL ART!!! No props allowed. The following will be evaluated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creativity; theme, follow through of theme, artist expression, and color coordination. • Level of Difficulty; complexity of design. • Precision; neatness and clarity of lines. • Theme Continuity
1:10 – 1:20	Judging of Polish & Nail Art Application Clean-up.

<p>1:20 – 2:00</p>	<p>Oral Presentations Contestants will give a 3-5 minute presentation on the benefits of Natural Nail Care. You will direct your presentation to the judges as if they were a client who came to you for a consultation. Props may be used.</p> <p>Contestants should use props to as cheat sheets or to sell the client on a natural nail service</p> <p>The presentation should cover the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended natural nail care services. • Results the client should expect. • The home care products the client would need to purchase and use to obtain these results.
<p>2:00 – 2:30</p>	<p>Contest Debriefing Contestants, Models, Teachers and Advisors - are all welcome and encouraged to attend.</p>