**Natural Hair Design and Braids**

**PURPOSE**

To evaluate each contestant’s preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in Natural Hair Design and Braids by challenging students to be creative stylists and practice technical skills.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with cosmetology as the occupational objective.

**CLOTHING**

* White Polo shirt or White Dress Shirt
* Black Dress Slacks (no jeggings or leggings, no spandex, no yoga pants, no skin-tight pants, no denim)
* Black belt with no ornamentation (if slacks have belt loops)
* Black dress socks or black or skin-tone hose is allowed under slacks
* Black leather work shoes (closed toe)

Jewelry is allowable, as long as it conforms to professional attire and is not a safety issue.

*If students show up in attire that is unprofessional, they are not allowed to compete.*

**EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS**

**Supplied by the Technical Committee**

* Tables
* Picture for duplication
* Timer / time-keeper
* Electrical outlet
* First Aid Kit and Blood Exposure Kit
* All necessary information for the judges and tally committee.

**Supplied by the Contestant (Supply List)**

* Burmax : (2) “Lauren” Brown Manikin #651or compatible (do not cut). \*Manikin cannot be pre-sectioned.

*Note: To purchase manikins, call Burmax 1-800-645-5118 Service Dept - Ask for a SkillsUSA discount*

* Manikin Stand/Holder Tripod
* Pen/pencil
* 1 Large Trash Bag for soiled linens/towels and such, no labelling needed
* Small Broom and Dust pan
* Disinfectant Spray
* Note Pad (for Oral Communications Segment)
* Resume
* **KIT –**
* Manikin stand
* Hair ornaments and extensions
* Hair product required for style.
* Shears
* Spray water bottle
* Towels
* Styling brushes, combs, hair/bobby pins, rubber bands etc.
* All-purpose Cape
* Sanex neck strips

**GENERAL CONTEST INFORMATION**

* **Manikins –** All participants must bring the required manikins for competition.

\**See manikin list for specific manikins for each contest.*

* **Contestant Notebook –** Contestants are to prepare a notebook to present to the Chairperson at orientation. Contents of the notebook should include:
* **Theme –** Natural Hair / Braid Design.
* **Sketch –** An original hand-drawn sketch of your total concept should be framed and placed at your station.
* **Resume** **–** All contestants will turn in a typed, 1 page, professional resume.
* **Items Not Allowed –**
* **Electric Stoves** -- Contestant will be disqualified if this item is used.
* **Cell phones or other electronic devices** are ***NOT*** allowed in the competition area.
* **Talking –** No talking to other contestants, instructors, or audience members during the competition is allowed. Doing so may result in disqualification. If you have a question, raise your hand and a sage or the competition chairperson will see to your needs.
* **Breaks –** Breaks will be given during competition. Contestants are not allowed to leave the area except with a chaperone for restroom visits or emergencies. If contestant gets sick during the competition and need to leave the contest area, no extra time will be allotted.
* **Work Time** **–** You can begin the contest when the chairperson signals so and you must stop when time is called. Continuing to work will result in point deductions. All contestants must participate in all phases of the competition, including written (if applicable) and Oral Communications.
* Upon completion of the competition – **DO NOT Remove Manikins** from the **competition area until instructed to do by the contest chairperson.**
* **Sanitation** – Contestant must disinfect and clean-up their work station/area, which includes a total breakdown of their work station/area. 1 Trash Bag is required, no labeling needed. ***THIS IS NOT STATE BOARD SANITATION*** *– Just what we are requiring for this competition.* Sanitation for this contest includes –
* Sanitizing the workspace at the beginning,
* Sanitizing the workspace at the end,
* Items are not thrown on the floor throughout the competition, and
* All used items go in the trash bag*.*
* Secondary contestants will compete against secondary and postsecondary will only compete against postsecondary.
* JUDGES DECISIONS ARE FINAL

**SCOPE OF THE CONTEST**

**Segment 1: Natural Hair Design – Braiding (Style Duplication)**

* **1 hour, 30 minutes**
* “Lauren” or compatible manikin
* Contestant will duplicate a Natural Hair – Braid design selected by the cosmetology technical committee.
* The finished style must resemble the picture preselected by the contest chairperson.
* Contestants must provide all working materials to complete the task.
* Complete cleaning and disinfection of work area and prepare for next segment.
* Judges will score only the finished look in this segment.

**Segment 2: Natural Hair Design – Braiding (Creative Freestyle Design)**

* **2 hours, 30 minutes**
* “Lauren” or compatible manikin
* The contestant will perform a Natural Hair – Braiding Creative Freestyle Design.
* Include extensions.
* No limits on ornamentation.
* Contestants must provide all working materials to complete the design.
* The completed design must resemble the student-designed sketch.
* Judges will score only the finished look in this section.

**Segment 3: Oral Communications**

* Contestants will participate in an oral presentation/interview with the judges.

**JUDGING**

* The judging will be on creativity, originality, execution, adaptability, and overall total – look.
* Judges will be looking for balance, symmetry, relatability to today’s fashion trends and neatness.
* The contestant may select the style.
* All Styling will be completed at the competition.
* The finished style is to be a contemporary salon style of contestant's choice.

**SCORING INFORMATION**

* 200 Points – Creativity
* 250 Points – Originality
* 250 Points – Coordination of ornaments/extensions to finished design.
* 200 Points – Overall Finished Total Look.
* 100 Points – Oral Communications
* Point Penalty Categories:
* Incorrect Manikin – 200 point deduction
* Late Arrival penalty – 200 point deduction
* Sanitation / Clean-up – up to 100 point deduction.
* Kit Check – up to 30 point deduction
* Clothing penalty – up to 10 point deduction
* Resume penalty – 10 point deduction

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS SCENARIO:**

**“BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT BY PHONE”**

*\*\* All Cosmetology-related competitors will perform an oral interview.*

1. Mock telephone conversation scenario: Booking an appointment with a first-time client. The client is new to the area. The client will be booking the appointment in the cosmetology/contest discipline area that the students is competing in.
2. Competitors may bring note pad and pencil to write down information.
3. Judge will be seated across from the competitor acting as the client.
4. Judging Criteria:  **(100 points)**
* 10 pts - Pleasant voice
* 10 pts - Identified salon
* 10 pts - Identified stylist
* 10 pts - Asked for client’s first and last name
* 10 pts - Asked for client’s phone number
* 10 pts - Asked for type of service client is requesting
* 10 pts - Used client’s name at least once in the conversation
* 10 pts - Confirmed service to be done, time and date
* 10 pts - Suggested additional services
* 10 pts - Outstanding presentation