



NC Nails Esthetics Academy  
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# Nails Competition

## Rules & Regulations

Please read the following carefully before filling out your application.

### **COMPETITION DETAILS:**

- **THEME:** The Candy Shop
- **Setup Time:** Sunday, 5/3 9:00AM - 10:30AM
- **Competition Start Time:** Sunday, 5/3 @11:00AM
- **Competition End Time:** Sunday, 5/3 @2:00PM
- **Award Ceremony:** 3:00PM - 3:30PM
- **Designated Station:** 48"x 24" workspace with power outlet

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

#### All Competitors MUST:

- Complete registration form and pay non-refundable registration fee. Each hand submitted will be judged as a separate entry. You must Pre-register and pay for 1 or 2 hands.
  - REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 (\$50 for our alums)
  - REGISTRATION ENDS: ~~4/12/26 @11:59PM EST~~ **extended until 4/19/26 @11:59PM**
- Be a US Licensed Nail Technician or Cosmetologist. We will verify this.
- Bring your own live model. You cannot use your own hand as the model.
- Bring your own supplies and equipment. Your belongings must not obstruct with another competitor's station.
- Breakdown and clean up your area by 4:30PM

### **RULES:**

1. This competition is an OPEN nails competition which allows competitors to work to their strength that follows the theme.
2. The judges will be looking for the "WOW" factor.
3. All approved nail products may be used to create your masterpiece. If you are unsure, please ask to avoid disqualification.
4. Your kit **MUST** be clean, organized, clearly labeled, and in its original packaging upon arrival.
5. Any dirty or unorganized supplies will be tossed during setup inspection.

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6. Your model **MUST** arrive with only their natural nails. **Any prior nail enhancements will be an immediate disqualification.**
7. Each hand submitted must have 5 fingernails completed.
8. Each nail must be extended **at least** 2 inches in length, measuring from the free edge.
9. Length can be extended by Liquid & Powder, UV gel, Builder gel, or Polygel/ Acrygel.
10. ~~Length must be extended by sculpting ONLY.~~ Length can be extended by sculpting or using nail tips.
11. ~~The THUMB and PINKY finger must be French, any color, SCULPTED ONLY. NO drawn on French. NO other designs on these two fingers.~~ The THUMB has to be French, any color, using tips or sculpted. No drawn on French. The PINKY finger can be now be freestyle.
12. **At least** 1 finger must included 3-D artwork.
13. E-files and LED/UV lamps are allowed.
14. Additional lighting is allowed as long as it does not obstruct with another competitor's station.
15. Water, soap, cream, lotion, and oils are allowed.

**NOT ALLOWED:**

1. **NO** MMA products.
2. **NO** Gel-X, dual forms or tips of any kind to extend. Gel-X and dual forms are still not allowed.
3. **NO** artwork or mixing colors in advance. All customization must be done at the competition station.
4. **NO** stickers, premade molds, or charms.
5. **NO** phone usage at the competition station.
6. After the completion of your set up, competitors **MAY NOT** start or touch the model's hands/nails until the competition starts. **This will be an immediate disqualification.**
7. Competitors and models **MAY NOT** touch the model's hands/nails after the competition has ended and waiting to be judged. **This will be an immediate disqualification.**

**By completing the attached Competition Application:**

- **I have read and fully agree to the terms and conditions set by the host, NC Nails Esthetics Academy.**

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- **I understand all pictures and videos taken of myself and my work can be used at the host's discretion.**
- **I waive all rights to any claims of personal injury, risks, loss or damages from participating in this competition/event.**
- **This application applies to all competitors, models, and guests.**

For any questions or concerns, please email us at [ncneacademy@gmail.com](mailto:ncneacademy@gmail.com)

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