

Fantasy

Fantasy nails are where creativity knows no limits. This category invites competitors to step beyond traditional nail design and create bold, imaginative pieces that tell a story. From sculpted elements to mixed media, fantasy nails are true works of art brought to life with the over all look.

1. This category will take place in person on the day of the competition
2. You must create 10 separate tips to adhere to the 10 nails during the competition
3. Nails are to be pre-made ahead of time. Only attaching to the model and any last-minute adjustments and fixes can be done in this time allocated.
4. You will have 30mins to adhere the nails to your model.
5. The fantasy work can be adhered to the nails in anyway
6. If a nail falls off or anything moves when the model walks to the judging area, it will remain that way and judge accordingly
7. Model needs to be able to stand with the nails on show while being judged
8. Only the model and competitor are allowed on the competition floor.
9. The costume, make-up and hair may be assembled before the competition and can be a team effort.
10. All pieces or embellishments to go on the nails are to be completely created prior to the competition, then assembled and placed/adhered to the nails during the competition
11. The use of lights, mechanical components, and interactive elements (including movement and sound) is permitted to enhance the overall fantasy design. These elements may be used where effects cannot be achieved using nail products alone and must complement, not overpower, the nail work
12. Nail embellishments may be used but must not exceed 20% of the overall design. Embellishments are defined as any pre-made or non-handcrafted decorative items, including but not limited to crystals, rhinestones, studs, chains, and similar material
13. No 3D printed or precast items are permitted. This includes any commercially made or pre-formed decorative pieces such as charms, resin shapes, or ready-made components.
14. All 3D elements must be hand-sculpted by the competitor.
15. The use of moulds is permitted only as an aid in the creation process. Any element created using a mould must be further refined, detailed, and incorporated into a larger handcrafted design. Competitors must be able to demonstrate that the final piece is predominantly hand-created, and this should be shown in their step-by-step process.
16. Art design must be completed using a minimum of 3 Mediums (e.g. Acrylic Powder & Liquid, Gel Products, Acrylic Water based paints)
17. All nail art products are allowed including but not limited to, gel polish, gel paint, acrylic (L&P), foils, glitter, studs, crystals, bullion beads, pigments, chromes, pearls.
18. A brief 1 paragraph description of the mediums used, and inspiration for the design to be included with your submission, this needs to be a typed sheet giving a short step by step of your design no more than 2 pages long.