

Runway Ready – Mystery Set

Competitors will be provided with a runway-inspired photo on the day and allocated 45 minutes to create a cohesive nail design across 5x tips. Drawing inspiration from fashion moments such as the catwalk, red carpet, or iconic figures, this category challenges competitors to think like a designer, translating a visual concept into a refined nail look under time pressure, while maintaining precision, control, and overall aesthetic quality.

1. This category will take place in person on the day of the competition
2. 5x manufactured nail tips will be judged
3. Tips can be any shape
4. Tips must not exceed 2 inches in length.
5. Image will be supplied on the day of the competition.
6. Display board to be no larger than 15cmx20cm
7. The final design must be cohesive across all five tips and clearly reflect the provided inspiration image.
8. Tips must be graduated in size (as if fitting to a natural nail from finger to finger)
9. The design must not exceed 2cm in height
10. Designs may incorporate a range of mediums, including pigments, crystals, gel polish, gel paint, acrylic 3D elements, and stamping.
11. 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
12. 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.
13. NO moulds are permitted
14. NO airbrushing is permitted
15. NO stickers or decals are permitted.
16. All 3D elements must be hand-sculpted by the competitor.
17. Efiles can be used
18. Curing Lamp (LED or UV) is permitted
19. You may use isopropyl.
20. Only professional-grade products are allowed. All products must be in their original manufactured bottles or pots. No handwritten labels. Failure to do so will result in loss of points or disqualification. This is to ensure only permitted products are being used
21. Small bag for rubbish to be attached to workstation and at the completion must be sealed and removed from the competition floor