

SkillsUSA Illinois Cosmetology State Contest

Schedule and Rules - 2017

Contest Schedule –

- ✂ 7:30 Register competitors, turn in resume and kit check
- ✂ 8:00 Written Test – comprehensive, multiple-choice test, 50 questions
- ✂ 8:30 Set up for Long Hair Design
- ✂ 8:45 Long Hair Design phase – 1 hour timing
- ✂ 9:45 Sanitize area, set up for Women’s Picture Cut and Design phase
- ✂ 10:00 Women’s Picture Cut and Design – 45 minute timing
- ✂ 10:45 Sanitize area, set up for Men’s Picture Cut and Design phase
- ✂ 11:00 ½ at lunch, ½ Interview Scenarios
- ✂ 11:45 ½ Interview Scenarios, ½ at lunch
- ✂ 12:30 Men’s Picture Cut and Design – 45 minute timing
- ✂ 1:15 Sanitize area, set up for Women’s 90° Cut and Design
- ✂ 1:30 Women’s 90° Cut and Design – 45 minutes
- ✂ 2:15 Sanitize area and exit contest area

Manikins used –

Long Hair Design – long, blonde manikin

Women’s Picture Cut & 90° Cut – Ms. Nikki from Marianna

Men’s Picture Cut – Mr. Brad from Marianna

Manikin stands will be provided.

Contest Rules –

1. No electronic devices are allowed at any time during this competition including during lunch.
2. Students will need to bring money for lunch and eat in the designated area.
3. No talking permitted between competitors or advisors during the competition. Competitors will be allowed to converse with fellow competitors during lunch, but not their advisor. Competitors will be disqualified if evidence of coaching from their advisor or fellow competitors has occurred. Such examples would be mouthing words, verbal cues and hand signals.
4. A professional attitude is expected from the competitors.
5. No hair additions or décor of any type is allowed in the hair, including the addition of jewelry or lashes.
6. No touching another contestant's manikin or using another competitor's product is allowed.
7. When time has been called at the end of a phase, immediately remove your manikin from its stand and place it on the front table next to your competitor number. Judging will occur at the front tables to allow for the flow of the competition to continue.
8. Sanitizing of the area is to be done with any household cleaning spray and paper towels or cleaning wipes.
9. Each student is expected to bring the Women's and Men's Cut pictures with them to the competition. Additional pictures will not be provided.
10. All items listed on the technical standards "Equipment and Materials" list must be present for the kit check.
11. No capes should be placed on the manikin and the competitor is not to wear an apron of any type.
12. The Women's and Men's Picture Cut can be styled with brushes and thermal tools. The Woman's 90® Cut can be styled using fingers and a blow dryer only.
13. Styling products used during this contest MUST be of a professional brand.
14. If you cut or injure yourself during the competition, inform the contest supervisor immediately.
15. The Long Hair Design manikin will be given to you the evening of the Cosmetology contest meeting following the Opening Ceremony. Each competitor is expected to shampoo and prepare the manikin for Friday morning's competition. Each manikin's hair has been pre-measured and could be subject to re-measuring upon its return. Any Long Hair Design manikin that has been altered will result in disqualification for this phase.

Uniform Guidelines –

For Men – White dress shirt (plain or SkillsUSA), black tie (plain or SkillsUSA), black dress slacks and closed-toed black leather work shoes or dress shoes

For women –White collarless blouse, black dress pants, black socks (or black or nude hose), and closed-toed black leather work shoes or dress shoes, white SkillsUSA Cosmetology Smock (optional)

Items not allowed according to the uniform guidelines –

- ✂ Cream or ivory tops.
- ✂ Tops that reveal cleavage, armpits, stomach or the backside.
- ✂ Tops that are see-through. A white camisole or shell is allowed to be worn under the white blouse.
- ✂ Yoga pants, leggings or black jeans.
- ✂ Shoes that are canvas, netted, suede, glittery, or embellished.
- ✂ Shoes that are not solid black.
- ✂ Shoes that resemble a “TOMS” style of shoe. These are not supportive work shoes or dressy shoes.
- ✂ High heels are discouraged due to the discomfort of working on a concrete floor. A small heel would be acceptable.

Competitor Interview Scenario –

Competitors must be able to respond to oral questions, demonstrate customer service skills by phone or in person and/or demonstrate oral presentation skills:

- ✂ One of the following scenarios will be tested in front of a panel of judges:
 - Booking a new client for a service in person
 - Placing a follow-up call after a service
 - Making a professional product recommendation to a client
- ✂ The scenario should only last approximately 2 minutes. A telephone will be provided for the follow-up call scenario and a retail prop can be brought by the competitor in the case the product recommendation scenario is requested.

Women's 90° Cut – (a required cut at the National & State Contest)

Competitor must be able to duplicate a uniform layer (90°) haircut and design. Competitor will style the hair with a blow dryer and fingers only. This cut will be performed on the Women's Picture Cut manikin and will be scored during the timing. All cutting must be done from the guide to the uncut hair. Cutting should not happen from the uncut hair up to the guide.

1. Time allotted – 45 minutes.
2. This cut is to be performed with shears. No point cutting or texturizing techniques required.
3. Tools assembled and station prepared.
4. Create a four section parting.
 - a. part from forehead to nape and from ear to ear
5. Drop 1" circular, hairline guide.
6. Establish the design length around the back perimeter.
 - a. Cut at one-finger elevation.
 - b. Cut desired length in the center.
 - c. Proceed to cut from the center to one ear in a rounded line.
 - d. Return to the center and cut to the other ear in a rounded line.
7. Establish the design length around the front perimeter.
 - a. Cut at one-finger elevation.
 - b. Cut desired length in the center.
 - c. Proceed to cut from the center to one ear in a rounded line.
 - d. Return to the center and cut to the other ear in a rounded line.
8. Establish the interior guide at the top of the head (apex).
 - a. Pull up a small section at the apex and cut to the same length as in the nape and forehead.
9. Continue cutting guideline to front hairline.
 - a. Part a 1" section from the center of the apex to the forehead.
 - b. Cut from the apex guide to the guide established at the front hairline.
10. Continue cutting guideline from the apex to nape.
 - a. Part a 1" section from the center of the apex to the nape.
 - b. Cut from the apex guide to the guide established in the back hairline.
11. Use vertical partings to blend top guide to bottom design line.
12. Maintain a constant 90° elevation throughout the procedure.
13. Follow a traveling guide to maintain uniformly-layered lengths.
14. Perform a cross-check of procedure for accuracy.
 - a. Can only cut a small amount.
 - b. Cross-check horizontal, bottom up or angled.
15. Check perimeter guideline and finish as necessary.
16. Finished cut should be uniformly blended.
17. Blow hair dry to frame the face.
18. Clean and organize station.