



## INJA FRANCE 2022

### HANDS-ON COMPETITIONS RULES

1. INJA competitions are open to students and professional nail technicians.
2. **NEW in 2022 : All hands-on competition are one hand only**
3. As an international competition participant, the competitor must respect both all rules and manners of such kind of competition and the specific rules of INJA competitions.  
Universal and commonsensical standards will apply if not specified in the INJA rules.
4. Three divisions are open in the competition (level 1.2.3). All competitors should register in the right division depending on his/her previous results in other international competitions (please refer to the division rules available online). They should use our contact form and ask the competition organization if they are not sure about the division they qualify for.
5. Once the competitor has registered, he/she cannot change divisions without direct permission from the head judge or INJA supervisor.
6. Due to the large attendance of international competitors, INJA and the competition's organization is not responsible for verifying that each competitor enters into the correct division.
7. Any competitor who intentionally or recklessly apply to a lower division than the actual division they belong in will be disqualified.
8. Depending on previous trophies won in other international competitions, it is possible to register in two different divisions for hands-on and box competitions.
9. A competitor will be disqualified and banned from all future INJA and Nailympion competitions if they are caught cheating at the time of any of the competitions.
10. INJA and the competition's organization reserves the right to refuse entry to any competitor.
11. There are no refunds of competition fees
12. Competition fees are non-transferable
13. All photos and videos taken by INJA and the competition's personnel or hired contractors are the sole property of INJA and the competition's organization, to be used in whatever fashion deemed appropriate by them without compensation to the competitors and models.
14. Competitors must use a live model and arrange for the model themselves.

15. Competitor and Models must be at least 18 years old for divisions 1,2&3.
16. INJA and the competition's organization are not responsible for any competitor not adhering to or understanding all of the rules.
17. There is no smoking, drinking Alcohol or eating allowed on the competition floor unless allowed by organizer prior to the competition.
18. No mobile phones, tablets or computers of any kind on the competition floor during the competition for both the competitor and the model. No Apple iWatch or Samsung watches that can be used to communicate are allowed.
19. No outside communication with competitors while competitions are going on.
20. Competitors may not be on the competition floor until the floor is open for set up. If the competitor is competing in the following competition, you may leave your table set up but must clear the floor until the arena judge opens it up for the next competitions set up.
21. Competitors not understanding English or the language of the hosting country must provide their own translator.
22. Translators must read over the rules with the competitor prior to the competition briefing to assure the competitor understands all of the rules
23. The translator must be present during the competition briefing and stay just outside the competition floor in a designated area during the competition in the event that they are needed for communication with the competitor.
24. Only competitors and models are allowed to enter into the competition floor. However, translators are allowed to enter the competition floor when the communication with the competitors is necessary and also during the briefing.
25. Each competition will have a briefing 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition.
26. All competitors and models must be present for the briefing.
27. Once the briefing of a competition begins, the competitor may not touch the models nails until the competition begins. If anyone or any competitor touches the models nails after the briefing and before the competition begins, there will be a 5 points deduction from their final score.
28. Models' nails will be checked by the arena judge after the briefing to be certain no application has been done prior to the start of the competition.
29. Competitors allowed to prepare the natural nail prior to the competition. But absolutely no application work of any kind until the competition officially begins.
30. If it is decided by the floor head arena judge that application work has been done on the model prior to competition, the competitor will receive a 5 points deduction to their final score.
31. Competitors are allowed to set up table, products and supplies during the competition briefing
32. Competitors or models may not go into their kits once the competition has started.
33. All products being used during the competition must be clearly labeled. Hand written labels are acceptable.
34. Competitors must bring all of the necessary electrical supplies, including UV/LED lamps, extension cords, adapters, electric files and table lights.

35. Each competitor will be provided one electrical outlet.
36. Competitors must provide their own products (any brands allowed)
37. Strictly no molds that create a well-shaped nail may be used for any of the competitions.
38. Once the allotted time is up the competitors must immediately stop working and put their hands up. The model must stand up and get in line for judging immediately.
39. Competitors caught touching their models' hands after the time has been called will receive a 10 points deduction to their final score
40. Models that have any tattoos on the lower arms or anywhere on their hands must adhere to the rule of having them covered by an official prior to judging.
41. Models may not wear any jewelry on their hands or wrist
42. When instructed, competitors are responsible for getting their model to the judging arena and making certain the model understands that they must be judged by all of the judges before leaving the competition arena.
43. Models must not leave the judging area until they have been completely judged.
44. Any model that leaves the judging arena prior to being completely judged will be disqualified.
45. Any competitor not abiding by these rules will take whatever point deduction is allowed in the rules. For any rules not specifying a point deduction, there will be one warning. The second infringement will be penalized by a 5 point deduction and the third infringement will be cause for disqualification of the competition.
46. In the event of a tie or of any disputes to the scoring places first through ten, the head judge will make the decision.
47. The head judges' decision is final.
48. Score sheets will be made available for all competitors
49. In the event that a competition only has 4 competitors, only 1st place trophy will be awarded.
50. The competition must have a minimum of 3 competitors in it. If less than 3 competitors have entered, the competitor may choose to enter into a division in the next higher division or choose to pull out of it and get a refund on the competition fees.
51. The use of any type of fire or heating devices, which can ignite that are used directly on the model during the application or curing process is prohibited on the competition floor for all of the competitions.
52. The competitor is allowed to bring a small trolley or something that can be used as an extra table to put extra items on top when necessary due to small tables that are sometimes provided.
53. The competitor can put all the needed items in a open box that be placed on top of the competitors nail kit.
54. There is absolutely no touching of the models once the models are lined up in the queue for judging.
55. Once the briefing begins, the models' hands must be on the table and the competitors hands must be placed on their laps under the table.
56. There will be a 5 points deduction for any violation of the any of the rules.

## **SALON STYLE FRENCH**

### **Gel / acrylic design extensions on forms or tips applied with french manucure style**

- 1. It's a one hand competition**
2. Time allowed is 1.5 hours (150 minutes)
3. All general rules apply to this competition.
4. The competitor may use gel or acrylic.
5. Forms and tips are allowed.
6. Only natural or clear tips may be used (no white tips). Tips may be fitted and prepared but not applied prior to the competition.
7. Competitors are not allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the start of the competition.
8. Doubling of forms is allowed.
9. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the form after the competition starts
10. All nails should be applied with a salon style French manicure (pink & white)
11. The white free edge should be 50% of the pink nail plate in order to get the maximum score
12. Products should be applied evenly with a distinct line between the white and pink colors
13. Length of nails should be of salon kind (no extreme length)
14. The shape of the free edge should imitate a natural nail. Soften squared free edges are allowed.
15. **No stiletto or Almond shapes are allowed.**
16. All nail should be similar in shape in order to get the maximum score.
17. A topcoat or gel sealer should be applied to get maximum brightness.
18. Oil is allowed.
19. Water and soap may be used to clean the model's hand. There should be no dust, product, water, oil or glue on the rear side of nails.
20. Electric files are allowed, but competitor must supply their own machine, electrical cords and adaptors.
21. Competitors should bring their own led or UV lamp.
22. Electric file oil and all types of buffing creams are allowed.
23. Chamois style buffers are allowed both by hand or machine.
24. Pinching tools, c-curve stick and all types of tools used to create a proper structure are allowed
25. Total points for Division 1 is 150, Division 2 is 155 & Division 3 is 160

## STILETTO NAIL ART

### *Gel/ acrylic design on chablon nails with artwork*

1. All general rules apply to this competition
2. Total time allowed for this competition is **2 hours**
3. This is a one hand competition.
4. The competition will be marked using various criteria, from the technical aspects of nail structure, to artwork, creativity and combination of colors.
5. The nails should have a traditional Stiletto shape (with the tip of the nail coming to a fine point). No other shape is allowed.
6. The competitor is allowed to choose to sculpt with gel or acrylic
7. The nails must be sculpted with forms. Tips are not allowed
8. Any colors are allowed including glitter.
9. All nails should be applied with nail art.
10. The nail art theme is free. The application can be designed to the competitor's desire and ability.
11. Artwork can be applied inside the application or on top of the nails (no more than 5 millimeters in height).
12. The competitor may use all types of paint, rhinestones or bullion.
13. The hand painting will only count for 20% in the total score of all artistic criteria.
14. Artwork must be created during the competition (pre-made elements and decals of any kind should not be used).
15. Gel sealers or top coat must be applied.
16. Water and soap may be used to clean the model's hand. There should be no dust, product, water, oil or glue on the rear side of nails.
17. Electric files are allowed.
18. Oil is allowed.
19. Electric file oil is allowed.
20. Pinching tools, c-curve sticks and all types of tools used to create a proper structure can be used.
21. The natural nail may be prepared up to the primer application
22. The competitors are not allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the start of the competition.
23. Doubling of forms is allowed.
24. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the forms after the competition starts
25. Total possible points is 95

## **BABY BOOMER**

***Gel/ acrylic design on chablon nails or tips***

***Applied with babyboomer style manicure***

1. All general Rules apply
2. The time allowed is 1.5 hours (90 minutes).
3. The competition is one hand only.
4. The Babyboomer artwork consists in creating a shaded effect with a gradient from the colored basis to the free white edge.
5. All nails must be similar in shape and application of colors.
6. Gel and acrylic are allowed.
7. All shades of white, clear and transparent pink are allowed.
8. Products with a pearl or glittering effect are allowed.
9. The nail length should be salon style. No extreme length is expected.
10. Allowed shapes are : rounded square, ballerina, oval and almond.
11. All pinch tools are allowed.
12. Tips and forms are allowed.
13. Tip colors must be natural or transparent (white tips are forbidden).
14. Tips can be prepared prior to the competition but not applied on nails.
15. The competitors are allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the competition.
16. Doubling of forms is allowed.
17. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the forms prior to the competition
18. A top coat or sealer must be applied
19. Water and soap may be used to clean the model's hand. There should be no dust, product, water, oil or glue on the rear side of nails.
20. Electric files are allowed.
21. Oil is allowed
22. Electric file oil is allowed
23. Total possible points is 75

## SOAK OFF FASHION DESIGN

### *Natural nails with artwork based on a phtography*

1. All general Rules apply
2. The time allowed is 1 hour (60 minutes).
3. This competition is one hand only.
4. This is the only competition on natural nails (no extensions allowed)
5. At the beginning of the competition, the competitors are given the same photography. This photography sets the theme for the expected artwork.
6. Then there is a 30 minutes preparation time. At this first step, the competitor can use paper and stencils to draw the artwork he/she plans to do, but he/she should not start the manicure.
7. Then there are another 30 minutes to get the manicure and artwork done (one hand)
8. The model nails should not be prepared or applied with any product prior to the competition
9. The manicure is part of the competition.
10. The models nails should not be manicured one week at last before the competition. The floor judges will verify the models' nails and may give a 5 point penalty if this rule is not applied.
11. Any free edge shape is allowed.
12. Only gel or soak off design is allowed
13. Nail polish and painting are not allowed.
14. All kind of colors are allowed. The competitors can use as many as he/she wants to.
15. The use of pre-made elements is forbidden. All artwork must be handcraft.
16. The use of foils, bullions, rhinestones is allowed to enhance the artwork. Glue is allowed
17. Creativity and originality will be valued.
18. The way the competitor interprets the theme (yet respecting it) will be scored.
19. The nails surface should be smooth (except decoration elements).
20. A top coat or sealer must be used.
21. All nails must be applied with artwork (they can be different).
22. Total possible points is 120.

## **FRENCH TWIST**

### ***Gel/acrylic design on chablon nails with artwork***

1. All general rules apply
2. This is a one hand competition
3. This competition combines the element of art with the technical aspect of nail structure.
4. Competitors will be scored on a combination of both technical and artistic criteria.
5. Total time for this competition is 2 hours.
6. Gel or acrylic can be used in design.
7. Only forms can be used. Tips are not allowed.
8. Any free edge shape is allowed.
9. All nails should have the same shape.
10. The color list is restricted to white, transparent pink, cover pink, clear. Shimmer and glitter gels are allowed but with no other colors.
11. Golden or silver colors can be used for decoration.
12. The nail surface should be completely smooth. All artwork must be flat. No 3D artwork or embellishment should be applied upon the surface or included in the nail design.
13. The nails must have the distinguished appearance of French style. However, the separation between pink and white should not appear in the traditional smile line of French manicure.
14. There will be no point allocation to draw a smile line (if any).
15. Creativity, artistic design and originality will be scored.
16. The application can be designed to the competitor's desire and ability.
17. All work must be created at the time of the competition.
18. Decals or pre-assembled art of any kind are not allowed.
19. Gel sealers or top coat must be applied to get maximum shininess.
20. Electric files are allowed
21. Oil is allowed
22. Electric file oils are allowed
23. Pinching tools, c-curve sticks and all types of tools used to create a proper structure are allowed
24. Water and soap may be used to clean the model's hand. There should be no dust, product, water or oil on the rear side of nails.
25. The natural nail may be prepared up to the primer application
26. Competitors are allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the start of the competition. Doubling of forms is allowed. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the form prior to the competition
27. Total possible points earned: 105.

## ULTIMATE NAIL ART

### *3D artwork design and nails application*

1. Total time allowed is 7 hours.
2. Description of the competition is a long running event where the competitor must create a set of nails that have all types of nail art including; 3D acrylic, flat art with gels and/ or acrylic paint, structured nails with unique shapes and styles on models.
3. Time allowed: the competitors will have 7 hours to complete their work. The first day is 4 hours without models present while all 3d work will be created.
4. The second part of the challenge is on the last day. The models will be present and there will be 2 hours to apply the nails on the 1 hand to be applied. There will be a one hour break for judging and the remanding 1 hour after the break will be with models present for the 3d artwork to be applied and added to the top surface. There will be a second judging.
5. Flat art, foils, glitters, flocking, crushed shells, confetti and rhinestones are allowed for extra effect.
6. NO pre-made art such as Fimo or machine-made shapes of any kind.
7. Theme is of the competitors choosing. Theme will be judged based on the cohesive collaboration of artistry and style. There is not an actual theme required. For example; Alice in Wonderland. The theme should have a style and design that represents the competitor's unique style.
8. The models nails should have a unique and new modern style shape. Example; edge, stiletto, or pipe.
9. The models nails may be applied with acrylic or gel but must be sculpted. All colors and type of acrylic and gel are allowed.
10. The nails may be applied however the competitor chooses.
11. The model's nails will be scored in the same manner as any other structured nail competitions it has a unique shape. Example; French twist, design stiletto & design sculpture.
12. Artwork may be applied into the structured nail and on the surface.
13. Flat artwork of all kinds with all types of flat art mediums are allowed.
14. Gel sealers and topcoats are allowed.
15. Use of electric files are allowed.
16. The competitor may not use any of their own pre-made work.
17. All commonly used items needed for 3D sculpting are allowed. Example: wire, aluminum, pipe cleaners.
18. Oil is allowed.
19. Electric file oil is allowed.
20. Pinching tools, C-curve sticks and all types of tools used to create a proper structure are allowed.
21. Competitors are allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the start of the competition. Doubling of forms is allowed. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the form prior to the competition
22. All products and tools will be inspected by a floor judge prior to the competition.
23. All general rules apply in this competition.
24. Total possible points 245.

# Selfie

## *One hand “self” competition*

**IMPORTANT WARNING : this competition will be evaluated and rewarded as any other, HOWEVER it does not count for your global score in the competition.**

Total time allowed is 1 hour

1. The Selfie is a one hand only competition.
2. This competition is done on the competitor’s own nails. No models is allowed.
3. The nails can be natural or have extensions (any kind are allowed). The nail length should not exceed **3 centimeters**.
4. There is no score for the nails structure design. **Only artwork is scored.**
5. The nails should be manicured and ready for artistic decoration.
6. All nails should be applied with the same color. The competitor may use effects but only one product will be applied.
7. **All competitors will be given a “surprise” bag filled with items that must be incorporated into the artwork. Everyone will receive the same items.**
8. **Each category of items must be represented and used to create the work.** The entire quantity provided for each kind of items may not be used, but there must be enough so that the judges are able to identify the media.
9. **Additional items** may be brought by the competitor to enhance the artwork, like painting, acrylics powder, accessories, color paint and color gels. Nail glue is allowed. Bonding gel, glitter and all types of effects are allowed.
10. Any color is allowed. There is no limit to the number of colors you can use.
11. Each media will be scored separately.
12. All types of top sealer are allowed (Matte, shiny). Top coat is allowed.
13. All products must be clearly labeled
14. All kinds of manicure products are allowed. Try not to use many pre-assembled or manufactured elements (except those given in the surprise bag) as they will not bring you points. Use them in a collaborative way.
10. Electric files are allowed
11. All products and tools must be on the table prior to the start of the competition.
12. Competitors are responsible for bringing their own led or UV lamp.
13. Criteria 10p ; Level of difficulty 10p, Creativity 10p , Use of color 10p, Workmanship 10p, Total impression 10p, Balance 10p, originality 10p , media/variety 10p, Rhythm 10p.
14. **This competition does not qualify for the trophy awards or team trophy.**
15. All general rules apply.

## ONE TONE

### *Chablon nails, square shape only, one tone color*

1. All general Rules apply
2. The time allowed is 1 hour (60 minutes).
3. The competition is one hand only.
4. This is a technical only competition without any artwork.
5. The nail extension should be between 1 and 1.5 centimeters.
6. Gel and acrylics are allowed.
7. The nails should be applied with a cover gel or with any gel with solid, natural or neutral color.
8. Only one tone is allowed all over the hand.
9. The nail design should be very thin. Thickness should not exceed 1.5 mm in the center of the free edge.
10. The competition is focused on designing a perfect nail structure between convex and concave. The free edge must be designed in a symmetrical way and perfectly curved. The C-Curve will be evaluated.
11. The shape should be square (no other shape allowed).
12. Only forms are allowed (using tips is forbidden).
13. All pinching tools and C-Curve sticks are allowed.
14. The competitors are allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the competition.
15. Doubling of forms is allowed.
16. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the forms prior to the competition
17. A top coat or sealer must be applied to get maximum shininess
18. Glue is not allowed. No glue should be on the competitor's table to avoid penalty.
19. Water and soap may be used to clean the model's hand. There should be no dust, product, water or oil on the rear side of nails.
20. Electric files are allowed.
21. Using oil is allowed but there will be penalty if oil is apparent.
22. Electric file oil is allowed
23. All criteria listed above will be scored.
24. Total possible points is 125

## SALON TREND NAIL ART

***Chablon or tip nails applied with Gel or acrylics,  
free shape, free artwork (flat or 3D), salon style.***

1. All general rules apply
2. This is a one hand competition
3. Time allowed for this competition is 1.5 hours (90 minutes)
4. The evaluation will combine both technical and artistic criteria. Regarding the artistic part, creativity, originality and the fair usage of colors will be given a grade.
5. A « salon style » work is expected (no extreme artworks nor extreme lenght).
6. Any shape is allowed.
7. Forms and tips can be used.
8. The competitor can use gel or acrylics. Any kind of gel is allowed.
9. All colors may be used, even glitter and shimmer.
10. The nail design should be very thin. Thickness should not exceed 1.5 mm in the center of the free edge.
11. All nails should be applied with nail art.
12. Nail art should be handcrafted during the competition. Pre-assembled elements and decals are not allowed.
13. Any flat and/or 3D artwork can be made. The competitor may use painting, gel or acrylics.
14. Rhinestones are allowed.
15. The artwork can be part of the nail design or applied on top of the nails (in this case, it should not exceed 5 mm above the nail structure).
16. The competitors are allowed to pre-size or cut the forms prior to the competition.
17. Doubling of forms is allowed.
18. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the forms prior to the competition
19. A top coat or sealer must be applied to get maximum shininess.
20. Water and soap may be used to clean the model's hand. There should be no dust, product, water or oil on the rear side of nails.
21. Electric files are allowed.
22. Using oil is allowed.
23. Electric file oil is allowed
24. All pinching tools and C-Curve sticks are allowed.
25. Total possible points is 95.

