



## GENERAL RULES

1. The Nailympion France Competition is open to any student or professional nail technician.
2. Competitors must respect all competition rules and regulations, and more generally comply with the usual standards of usual international nail competitions.
3. A competitor will be disqualified if he or she intentionally or recklessly registers in a lower division than he actually belongs to.
4. A competitor may be disqualified and rejected from future Nailympion competitions if caught cheating.
5. Competitors must report the division they are entering when they have completed the registration sheet. Once registered, the division cannot be changed without the permission of the head judge.
6. Competitors must enter the highest division their rating allows.
7. Due to the great international attendance and participation, the competition organizers will not be responsible for verifying that each competitor enters the correct division.
8. the organization of the competition reserve the right of admission.
9. Competition fees will not be refunded and are non-transferable.
10. All photos or videos recorded by the competition staff are the exclusive property of the Nailympion France and may be published and used by them without having to compensate competitors or models.
11. Competitors will have to use real models and manage the models themselves.
12. Both competitors and models will have to be of legal age. If the competitor or the model is a minor, he or she must have an authorization letter signed by a parent or guardian that will be delivered at the time of starting the competition. It must be delivered at the competition table at the time of the set up.
13. Smoking or drinking alcoholic beverages is not allowed in the competition area.

*We recommend water or well-closed bottled drinks to avoid electrical inconveniences, candies, cereal bars for the competitor and the model for the long hours of continuous competition. Please always be respectful with the use of the table and the arena since another competitor could use your place later.*

14. Cell phones, tablets or computers of any kind may not be used during the competition by both competitors and models. Smartwatches of any kind that allow communication are also not allowed. Cell phones will only be allowed in airplane mode for those who want to use them as a stopwatch or clock on the table. The use of phones or devices for communication or viewing photos is strictly prohibited. Competitors may have cameras to take photos of their models once the competition has started. Competitors may have printouts of drawings for inspiration.

15. There will be no external communication with the competitors while the competition is in progress.

16. Competitors should not be in the competition area until the order is given and everything is ready. Only those competitors who are in the next match will be allowed to leave the table set up and clear the area until the arena judges resume the next match.

17. Competitors who do not understand English or the language of the host country must have their own translator.

18. The translators must read the rules to the competitor they are accompanying before the information session to be sure that they have understood all the rules imposed.

19. Translators should stay at the briefing and stay outside the competition area in a designated area, as they will be required during the competition for possible communications with the competitor.

20. The organizers are not responsible if the competitor does not comply with or does not understand all the rules.

21. Only competitors and models can enter the competition area. However, the translators will be able to enter when communication with the competitor is necessary and also during the briefing.

22. Each competition will have a 15 minute briefing before the start of the competition.

23. Both competitors and models must attend the table preparation time, 30 minutes before each competition.

24. The first 15 minutes will be for reading the rules and organizing the tables, and preparing the models if the competition allows it. Once the 15 minutes have passed, the competitor will not be able to touch their model's nails until the competition begins. If the competitor manages to touch his model's nails in the interval between the end of the briefing and the beginning of the competition, 5 points will be deducted from the final score.

25. The models' nails will be checked by the judges during the preparation of the tables to be sure that no work has been done on nails.

26. Competitors are allowed to prepare the natural nail before the competition. But you will not be able to apply any type of work until the competition begins.

27. Competitors will be able to organize the material during the first 15 minutes of reading the rules. In the following 15 minutes they will not be able to take anything out of their briefcases without the authorization of an arena judge.

28. Competitors will not be able to go to their bag, case or suitcase once the competition has started.

29. All products must be clearly labelled.
30. Competitors must bring their own electrical instruments such as table lamps, UV/LED lamps, extension cords and adapters.
31. Each competitor will have an electrical outlet. 220 v (French plug)
32. Competitors must bring their own products. Any brand is allowed.
33. The use of templates, stencil, stamping, silicone molds or others is strictly prohibited in all competitions.
34. Once the estimated time has elapsed, competitors must immediately stop working and raise their hands. The model must get up and stand in line to be judged. They will be organized by division.
35. Competitors caught touching their models after the timer will have 10 points deducted from their final score.
36. Models with tattoos on the forearm or hands must comply with the rule of covering them before being judged and it is the competitor's responsibility to bring the material to cover them at the time of preparation of the table or to wear them covered.
37. Models must not wear any jewelry on their hands or wrists.
38. When indicated, the competitors will be responsible for their model arriving at the judging area and clarifying to the model that she has to go through each and every one of the judges and take the regulation photo before leaving the competition area.
39. Models must not leave the judging area until they have been fully judged.
40. The models that leave the judging area before being judged will be disqualified, they will not be able to be valued again, if the nails were partially valued, those points will be taken into account for higher prizes, but it is the responsibility of the competitor to explain to the model the process and until what time they should be without cell phones waiting for the assessment, without touching their hands.
41. Any competitor who does not abide by the established rules will have their corresponding scores subtracted. For those rules not specified there will be 1 point deduction and a warning. The next infraction will be penalized with 5 deduction points and the third infraction will be cause for disqualification.
42. In any case of dispute or tie on the scores that affect places from 1 to 10, the decision will be determined by the main judge. There are analytics and strategics what's of resolving this issues, no one will determine this by personal opinion.
43. The decisions of the head judges will be final and irrevocable.
44. The sheets with the results of the qualifications will be available to all competitors after the competition, then they cannot be claimed, if they are not present they can leave a written authorization for someone to collect them on their behalf.
45. The competition will have at least three competitors. If there are less, we will use a record promedium from past competitions.

46. In the competition area, the use of any type of device or heat source that can cause damage that is used directly on the model during the application is prohibited.
47. The competitor may bring a drawer, organizer, basket or tray to put permitted products on the table.
48. The competitor can put all the necessary products in an open box placed on top of the suitcase. (Only permitted materials).
49. Once the briefing begins, the model's hands must be on the table.
50. Competitor must be present to compete in competitions hands on and submitted.
51. The competitor can listen to music with headphones if they wish at the time of the competition, we recommend a single headphone or low sound to hear any warnings through the loudspeaker. The devices must not be visible, nor be intercom. Mp4, ipods, cell phones are allowed only in airplane mode.
52. In this competition we will consider gel products to all those that need to be light-cured in a UV/LED lamp and all self-curing acrylic products.
53. At the beginning of the competition, the competitor will receive an envelope with the box numbers for their submitted works that they must paste before entering and delivering, and stickers for their models with a different identification number for each competition. It is necessary that they take very good care of this material throughout the two days.
- 54. There may be a 5 point deduction for violating of any of these rules.**

## **SPECIFIC HANDS-ON RULES**

- 1.The use of the drill is allowed.
2. The use of oil is allowed. The use of oil for drill is allowed.
4. The use of nail polish dryer of all kinds is allowed.
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6. All manicure tools are allowed.
7. Curving utensils, tweezers and other tools to create a correct structure are allowed.
8. Competitors are allowed to measure or cut the molds prior to the competition. Pasting double molds is allowed prior to the competition. Metal bases are allowed to be applied prior to the competition.
9. Soap and water are allowed. Wet towels are allowed.
10. All smile lines must be done by hand and competitor's pulse.
11. Gel competitors must bring their own UV/LED gel lamps.
12. Drills are allowed but each competitor must bring their own drill and the necessary power cords and adapters (compliant with french plug and 220 Volt electrical standard).

13. Chamois and polishing creams are allowed.
14. Chamois files are allowed both hand and drill files.
15. Tools such as pliers, pins and c-curve sticks are allowed.
16. All products and utensils must be on the table before the competition begins.
17. All products must be properly labelled
18. Competitors who don't wait for the competition kick-off will be disqualified
19. Competitors must raise both hands at the competition end signal. Those who don't stop working immediately will get a penalty.

## **Competition awards**

### **Winner of division**

- Each division has a winner
- The award is open to all division
- In order to qualify, competitors must at least participate in 3 hands-on competitions
- The final score will be the sum of the **3 best hands-on competition scores**
- The Nail Art Challenge accounts for 2 competitions

### **Grand Champion France 2023**

- A unique award will be granted
- The award is open to the competitors of all divisions
- In order to qualify, competitors must at least participate in 6 hands-on competitions
- The final score will be the sum of the **6 best hands-on competition scores**
- The Nail Art Challenge accounts for 2 competitions

### **Team Trophy**

- A unique award will be granted
- Each team includes a minimum of 3 competitors and a maximum of 6 competitors
- Only the teams regularly registered prior to the competition can run for the prize
- While registering individually, the team leader must register the team (choose "I Want to register a team") and enter the team name before other members go registering on line
- While registering individually on line, each team member must choose "I want to register as a team" and enter their team name
- No new team member will be added on arrival at the competition
- Members of the same team can belong to different divisions
- Only hands-on competition points qualify for the Team Trophy
- The final team score is the sum of the 3 best scores in each hands-on competition
- There must be at least one member in a french competition and one member in a nail art competition to qualify

# **SALON STYLE FRENCH**

## **Gel / acrylic extensions on forms or tips applied with salon style french manicure**

- 1. It's a one hand competition**
2. Time allowed is **1.5 hours** (150 minutes)
3. All general rules / hands-on 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. Softer 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

### **Total points :**

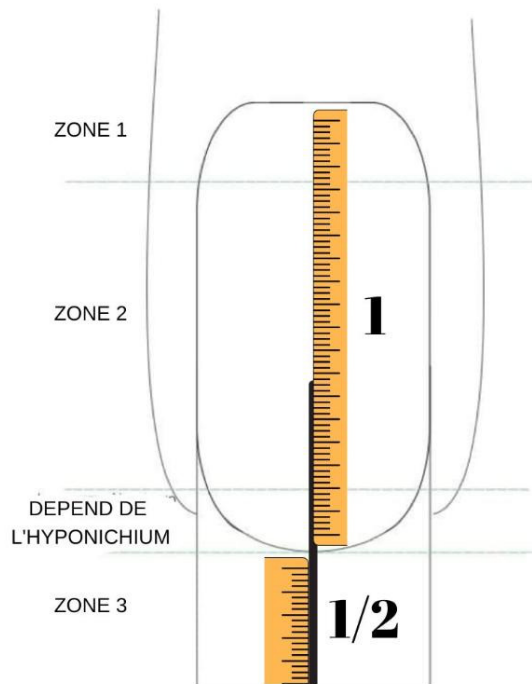
- **150 for divisions 1 et First Timer**
- **155 for division 2**
- **160 for division 3**

**Criteria :**

convex 10, concave 10, arch and apex 10, form or tip fit application 10, free edge thickness 10, sidewalls 10, lateral side extension 10, c-curve 10, nail shape 10, surface smoothness 10, length 10, high shine finish 5, product control 5, polish application 5, cuticle area 10, underside 10,

Smile : 5 points for division 1 et First Timers, 10 points for divisions 2, et 15 points for division 3.

## salon style french



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# STILETTO NAIL ART

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

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

**Total points : 95 points (all divisions)**

### **Criteria :**

convex 5, concave 5, arch and apex 5 free, edge thickness 5, sidewalls 5, lateral side extension 5, surface smoothness 5, uniformity of nail shape 5, length 5, underside 5, cuticle area 5, product control 5, high shine 5, creativity of design 10, total impression 10, level of difficulty 10.



# BABY BOOMER

*Gel/ acrylic design on chablon nails or tips*

*Applied with babyboomer style manicure*

1. All general/ hands-on 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

**Total points : 75 points (all divisions)**

**Criteria :**

surface smoothness 5, brilliance 5, shaded degraded (ombre dégrader) 5, underside 5, arch and apex location 5, uniformity of shape 5, form or tip or capsules fit 5, cuticle area 5, convex 5, concave 5, sidewalls 5, lateral side extension 5, free edge thickness (1,5mms)5, c-curve 5, length 5.

# **FRENCH TWIST COLOR**

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

***nail art and decoration encapsulated in the nail structure***

1. **Total time allowed is 2 hours (120 minutes)**
2. **This is a one hand competition**
3. This competition combines the element of art with the technical aspect of the nail structure.
4. Competitors will be scored by the combination of both technical and artistic criteria
5. The free hedge of the nail can have any shape but should have the same shape
6. The competitor can choose whether to sculpt with gels or acrylics
7. The nails have to be sculpted with forms
8. Tips are not allowed
9. The competitor can use products in any color
10. Artwork can be encapsulated without limitation. No ornaments or any work on the surface are allowed. Nails should have a smooth surface
11. No inlay premade of any kind are allowed in the application. All kinds of accessories, glitter, effects, without predetermined shape are allowed
12. Nails will be scored similarly to most sculpture competitions
13. **Nails should have the appearance of French with up to 50% color.** There are no limits on the colors used
14. The smile is optional and to the taste of each competitor
15. Categories such as creativity, artistic design and originality will also be valued and will be scored
16. The application can be designed according to the desire and skill of the competitor
17. Gel sealers and top coats are allowed
18. All general and hands-on rules apply

**Total points : 105**

**Criteria :** concave 5, convex 5, arch et apex 5, free edge thickness 5, sidewalls 5, side extension 5, surface smoothness 5, shape uniformity 5, length 5, nail underside 5, cuticles 5, product control 5, high shine 5, créativité 10, total impression 10, level of difficulty 10, originality 10

# GEL FRENCH SCULPTURED

## Gel extensions designed on forms applied with french manicure style

1. **It's a one hand competition**
2. Time allowed is **1.5 hours** (90 minutes)
3. All general rules / hands-on rules apply to this competition.
4. This competition is about traditional pink and white "French" style. Competitors must **only use the following colors : white, transparent pink, cover pink, clear (transparent)**
5. This is not a "salon" style competition. Nails should be sculpted very thin : maximum allowed is 1.5 millimeter (measured at the free edge center). The structure should be well contoured within the interior (concave) and exterior (convex) and the tip of the free edge should have a symmetric and concentric shape ( c-curve) in the structure.
6. Expected nail shape is **extreme square**. No other shape is allowed in this competition.
7. The competitor must use **only traditional gel**. No other product is allowed in nail design.
8. The smile line should be designed in the traditional manner, using the **reverse technique**. Competitors are not allowed to use painting, gel paint or white polish to create the smile.
9. **Only chablon nails** are allowed. Competitors must use forms, not tips.
10. Forms may be prepared and pre-sized before the competition
11. Doubling forms is allowed
12. Metal supports are allowed and can be added to the forms prior to the competition
13. A top coat or sealer must be applied in order to get a high shine result.
14. Glue is not allowed. In order to avoid warning or penalty, no glue should be displayed on the competitor's table
15. Drill is allowed
16. Oil and drill oil are allowed. Oil should not be flow, be in excess or remain on the underside
17. The nail underside should be clean (no dust, excess product). The competitor may use water and soap, or pressurized air, in order to clean the model's hand
18. Pinching tools, C-curve sticks and all traditional manicure tools are allowed

### Total points :

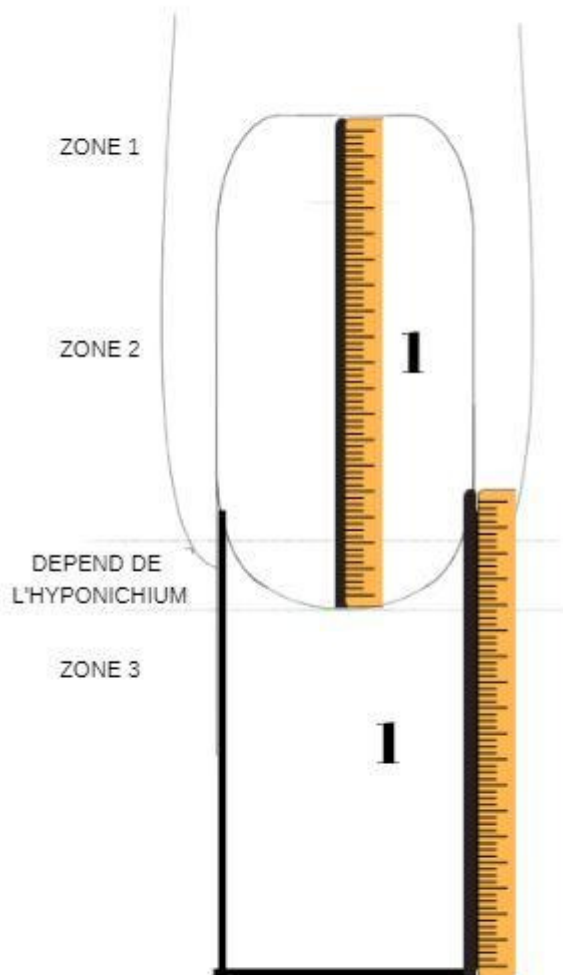
- **150 for divisions 1 et First Timer**
- **155 for division 2**
- **160 for division 3**

### Criteria :

high shine 5, product control 5, surface smoothness 10, underside 10, arch apex 10, nail shape 10, form fit 10, cuticle area 10, convex 10, concave 10, sidewalls 10, lateral side extension 10, free edge thickness 10, c-curve 10, length 10.

Smile : 5 points for division 1 et First Timers, 10 points for divisions 2, et 15 points for division 3.

# FRENCH GEL SCULPTURED



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# ULTIMATE NAIL ART

## *3D artwork design*

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. The Nail Art Challenge accounts for 2 competitions in trophy requirements
24. All general rules apply in this competition.

**Total possible points : 245.**

**Criteria :** convex 5,concave 5, arch and apex 5, free edge thickness 5, sidewalls 5, lateral side extension 5, surface smoothness 5, uniformity of nail shape 5, length 5, underside 5, cuticle area, 5 product control 5, high shine 5, use of color 20, continuity of theme 10, graphic quality 10, clarity of design 20, originality 20, media 10, overall workmanship 10, creativity 10, level of difficulty 20, balance 10, composition 10, presentation 10, 3d presentation 20.

# ONE TONE

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

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

**Total possible points : 125**

**Criteria :**

Concave 10, Convex 10, apex 10, form fit 10, nail shape 10, thickness (1.5mm) 10, sidewalls 10, lateral extension 10, c-curve 10, length 5, high shine 10, cuticle area 10, underside 10.