NAILPRO GLOBAL COMPETITIONS ASIA

WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS NAIL COMPETITIONS

2026 HONG-KONG FINAL CUP

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA-HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026

HCEC, Hong Kong 12~13 November 2026

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Competition Schedule

Time	Category	Detail	Time
12 Nov 2026	Turn-in Entry Submission		08:00~13:00
	Check-in		08:00~
	Basic Manicure - Red 45min	Entry	08:00~08:20
		Q&A	08:20~08:30
		Competition	08:30~09:15
	Soak-Off Gel Application_The Orange 30min	Entry	09:30~09:50
		Q&A	09:50~10:00
		Competition	10:00~10:30
	It's All About the Bling! 45min	Entry	10:50~11:00
		Q&A	11:00~11:10
		Pre-Work	11:10~11:25
		Competition	11:25~12:10
	Soft Gel Tips Application with Salon Art 45min	Entry	12:20~12:30
		Q&A	12:30~12:40
		Competition	12:40~13:25
	Sculptured Nails 150min	Entry	13:40~13:50
		Q&A	13:50~14:00
		Competition	14:00~16:30
13 Nov 2026	Award Ceremony		10:00~12:00

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General Competition Rules & Information

2026 Qualifications

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA-HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026 is open to all beauty professionals licensed or qualified to perform nail services. Current students and beauty professionals from states or countries in which licensing is not required are also eligible to compete. Proof of licensure or qualification (such as school enrollment certificate or letter confirming salon employment) may be required, so please bring proof of your cosmetology, nail technician or manicurist license. Competitors need to be licensed in the state in which they reside. Age requirement is 16 years of age or older.

General Rules

*****ALL RULES ARE SUBJECT TO POINT DEDUCTIONS AND/OR DISQUALIFICATION!*****

1. All work for each entry must be completed by the competitor registered for that competition. If NAILPRO ASIA finds this rule has been violated, the competitor will be prohibited from competing in any NAILPRO ASIA or NAILPRO -run competition for the period of one year.

2. Competitors may TURN-IN more than one entry. It is up to the competitor to get the entry to the competition and arrange for the entry to be returned to the competitor. NAILPRO ASIA will only be responsible for any TURN-IN entries prior to the competition. We will not be accepting entries arriving ON-SITE and will not be responsible for returning entries to the competitor.

3. ALL WORK MUST BE DONE ON-SITE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. No pre-done work is allowed, unless otherwise noted. If NAILPRO ASIA finds this rule has been violated, the competitor will be prohibited from competing in any NAILPRO ASIA or NAILPRO -run competition for the period of one year.

4. Any competitor or model found not complying with the NAILPRO ASIA rules before, during or until the close of the show is subject to possible disqualification and/or point deduction. In the event disqualification occurs after awards and/or prizes, cash or otherwise, have been distributed, the disqualified contestant must return their trophy as well as all prizes to NAILPRO ASIA staff. He or she will also be prohibited to participate in any NAILPRO ASIA or NAILPRO -run competition for one year.

5. Competitors must report at the scheduled report time to receive entry information. Late arrivals or entries may not be accepted. Nail art entries may be turned in by someone other than the competitor. NAILPRO ASIA cannot be responsible for artwork turned in by someone other than the competitor. The rules will be reviewed in mandatory briefing scheduled 5 or 15 minutes before the start of each competition unless otherwise noted.

6. Competitors must supply ALL necessary products and supplies, including lamps and extension cords for each competition they enter, (unless otherwise noted). Products must be in labeled containers. Competitors must have all products they are going to use out on their work area, and all cases must be closed. After the competition has begun, competitors may not reach into the case without competition staff present.

7. Once the questions only or briefing starts, competitors will not be allowed to touch their models until

the start of the competition. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

8. Competitors are given 1 (ONE) chair – if chairs are not needed you may use 2, however if there is a shortage you will be required to give up the extra chairs you are using.

9. Any prohibited products or supplies found at a competitor's workstation/or under your towels, mats or whatever you are working on during a competition will be confiscated, and the competitor may be disqualified at the discretion of the NAILPRO ASIA staff. NAILPRO ASIA judges and staff reserve the right to walk the floor at any time they deem to necessary to check tables for products that are not allowed during the current or future competitions. Products will be returned at conclusion of award ceremony, and only by request.

10 Bowls containing marbles, stones or any objects are not allowed on or in working area at any time**.**

11 Competitors are NOT allowed in or near the judging area at any time. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

12. Once the competition begins, competitors and/or models may NOT leave the competition area without the permission of the competition staff. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

13 When a competition ends, models must stand and follow the instructions given by the competition staff. Models may NOT leave the competition area until excused by the competition staff. When directed, competitors must promptly clean their workstations and leave the competition area.

14 Access to the competition area is limited to competitors, models, and NAILPRO ASIA staff ONLY. Anyone entering the floor for a competitor or model and/or approaching a competitor or delivering items to a competitor without Floor Judge's permission, the competitor will be given a 5-point deduction no questions asked!

15. If at any time a competitor has an issue with the results or decisions of judges it is mandatory that it be discussed in a respectful manner. If there is a problem with a rule infraction it must be reported at once. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE COMPETITION IS UNDER WAY OR WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE AWARDS. If so, you will be sanctioned as well.

16. If the competitor insists on acting disrespectful, it will be at the discretion of the judge to not allow that competitor to compete in any or all upcoming NAILPRO competitions.

17. The NAILPRO ASIA competition organizing committees reserve the right to final interpretation of all rules.

18. Copyrighted Art – NO Copyrighted art is allowed at any time. All designs bearing even a similar likeness will is not allowed. Penalties will be given at judges' discretion and possible disqualification may be incurred.

19. All on-site competitors must wear the official NAILPRO ASIA T-shirt provided by the organizer while inside the competition arena for clear identification as official competitors. Competitors who do not wear the official T-shirt during the competition may not be eligible for the **BANDI Sponsor Award** and/or **I'ZEMI Sponsor Award**, where applicable.

Models: - Give this section to your model or be sure your model is aware of all

these rules!

1. Competitors must supply their own models when models are required. Models must be at least 18 years old, OR if a release is signed by the parents no younger than 14, AND one or both parent(s) are present while the minor is modeling. Models will be required to show ID if asked by NAILPRO ASIA Staff. Only live models may be used.
2. Competitors are responsible for making sure that they and their models understand and comply with the competition rules. Failure to comply may result in point deduction or disqualification at the discretion of the NAILPRO ASIA staff.

3. Models are not permitted to lay their heads on the tables at any time during judging! If they are not cooperating with the judges, you will receive a 5-point deduction. If it continues you may be disqualified. During the judging process, models may NOT speak to other models or to the judges. They may not use cellphones at any time during the entire judging process.

4. At no time during a competition may models assist the competitor in any capacity. Models may not blow dust, lick their nails at any time prior to being judged. If a staff member asks the model to stop breaking these rules. It will be at the discretion of the floor judge/sage to disqualify the competitor's model for bad model behavior.

5. Models are NOT allowed to wear any jewelry on their hands, wrists, or arms, including watches. Failure to comply will result in a deduction of 5 points in the category of overall.

6. Models are NOT permitted to move the judge's curtain during the judging process.

7. When a competition ends, competitors must immediately stop working, and move away from their workstations as directed. Competitors are NOT allowed to touch their models again until after they have been judged. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

8. Any designated NAILPRO ASIA Floor Judges have the authority to impose a 5-point deduction for anyone causing disruption, being disrespectful of NAILPRO ASIA Staff, or for all rule violations.

INFORMATION

***These competition rules are in effect for NAILPRO Competitions ASIA-HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026. For questions about the rules, please contact us at nailprocupasia@gmail.com.**

1. Upon registration, competitors give consent to WATC® and all its properties to freely use in any form or manner they seem fit for WATC®'s magazines, websites, and projects. In addition, to reproduce all photographs, videos or such taken at the show, including those taken by photographers, or others hired for the show by WATC®. Not limited to anyone working in conjunction with NAILPRO Competitions ASIA. All photos, images and videos or film shot are property of WATC® and may not be used without written permission. Your registration is considered as a signed release.

2. When you arrive to report, the competitor will be given a certificate of participation with round stickers with their entry numbers. The stickers are one for the competitor and one for the model, and are color coded for each separate competition. When putting the sticker on your model make sure it stays in the middle of the model's back of the hand. **PLEASE TURN THE NUMBERS SO THEY FACE AWAY FROM THE MODEL**. Please place the sticker on model's right hand unless a one-handed competition – then it is on the hand being judged.

3. **Themes**: Are guideline rules. If the themes are not followed disqualification or point, deductions are possible. Decision will be that of the NAILPRO Competitions ASIA staff and will be announced during awards ceremony. Please note when a color or shades of a color are given as a theme, it means no other color may be used unless otherwise noted.

4. **Competitors must designate their level of experience (Student, Novice or Veteran) when they register, except when competing in a Non-Divisional competition. It is the responsibility of the competitor to be sure they are registered in the correct division.** If we are made aware you have designated yourself as a novice and you are a veteran, you will be disqualified and required to return trophy and any prizes given.

5. Competitors may not post any of their competition work to any social media platform whatsoever before the awards ceremony! Any competitor found violating this rule will possibly be given a warning or more likely disqualified from that competition in which they posted their work.

6. The award ceremony will be aired through social media live on the last day.

• **Student** competitors who attend beauty or nail-related academies are eligible and must provide a proof of qualification (student ID).

• **Novice Art** competitor has not won in any DIVISIONAL NAIL ART competition at a beauty show.

• **Novice Extension** competitor has not won in any DIVISIONAL EXTENSION competition at a beauty show.

• **Veteran Art** competitor has won first-place in a DIVISIONAL NAIL ART competition at a beauty show.

• **Veteran Extension** competitor has won first-place in a DIVISIONAL NAIL EXTENSION competition at a beauty show.

• **A Non-Divisional** competition consists of Veteran, Novice and Student competitors. No first-place win will move anyone up a division.

DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS

ART NAIL COMPETITIONS: (UNIT: USD / Entry)

- FLAT HAND PAINTED NAIL ART: $50 Student | $80 Novice | $100 Veteran
- IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BLING WITH MIXED MEDIA: $50 Student | $80 Novice | $100 Veteran

EXTENSION COMPETITIONS: (UNIT: USD / Entry)

- SCULPTURED NAILS: $50 Student | $80 Novice | $100 Veteran
- FIVESTYLE SCULPTURED NAIL: $50 Student | $80 Novice | $100 Veteran

NON-DIVISIONAL COMPETITIONS: (UNIT: USD / Entry)

- SOAK-OFF GEL APPLICATION_THE ORANGE: $80
- SOFT-GEL TIPS APPLICATION WITH SALON ART: $100

- IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BLING!: $100
- CHROME/STAMPING: $100
- SALON PEDICURE NAIL ART: $100

STUDENT COMPETITIONS: (UNIT: USD / Entry)

- BASIC MANICURE-RED: $50 Student

7. Any novice competition with 4 or less competitors, the first-place winner is not required to move to veteran status. If you choose to you can but are not allowed to return to novice.

8. Novice competitors who win first-place in a Nail Art Competition award must advance to the veteran level of Nail Art for the next competition. You may continue to compete, as a novice in any extension competitions provided you have not won a first place in such a competition.

9. A team of competitors that wants to participate in the NAILPRO ASIA Team Challenge must announce their team affiliation upon registering. The number of team members is unlimited. Top 5 team member scores earned will count toward the NAILPRO Team Cup. (If a competitor joins a team, or changes teams between shows, the score earned by that competitor in prior competitions will remain with the original team.) Competitors who compete on a manufacturer's team must compete using only manufacturer's labeled products from that company. Files and metal implements are excluded.

10. NAILPRO Competitions ASIA-HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026 utilizes analytic scoring to judge the entries. Three judges preview the novice entries and veteran entries as two separate groups. Through the process of elimination, the judges select no more than ten finalists at each level to be scored. All other entries are excused prior to scoring by the judges. Non divisional competitions use the same preview and judging system.

11. The finalists at each level are viewed simultaneously during the scoring process. Finalists are evaluated in ten categories; each category is worth a possible ten points, ranging from 1 (Unacceptable) to 10 (Flawless) except where otherwise noted. Each of the three judges is responsible for three to four categories. The categories for each competition are listed in the rules specific to that competition.

12. Any ties will be broken by the Head Judge. The decision of the judges is final.

13. **All Competition Veteran, Novice and Student winners will receive a trophy/or medallion and certificates unless otherwise noted**. And all the winners will receive gifts from the official sponsors.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026

There must be a minimum of four competitors in each competition for the competition to proceed as planned. NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 reserves the right to cancel the competition if there are less than 4 competitors in a competition division. This means four each in veteran, and four each in novice or four non-divisional. If a Novice competition fails to be held, the novice entrants present will

be allowed to compete in the veteran division for that competition only. If they win, they will not be moved up a level. In the event there are less than 4 Veteran competitors in the competition will reserve the right to compete in the lower division and they will not be rewarded. However, the score will be added for championship.

Individuals and teams with the highest cumulative scores from NAILPRO NAILAPALOOZA ASIA 2026, NAILPRO ASIA-KOREA 2026, NAILPRO ASIA-THAILAND 2026, and NAILPRO ASIA-HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026 will be honored as grand champion of 2026 cup.

INDIVIDUAL CUP (Vet/Novice)

Grand Champion

The Veteran/Novice competitor with the highest cumulative score at the end of NAILPRO ASIA will be crowned NAILPRO Competitions ASIA Grand Champion for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Grand Champion will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Grand Champion trophy & certificate
- KRW 1,000,000 cash prize
- Appointed as an intern judge of NAILPRO ASIA competitions or free entry for next competition
- Gifts from official sponsors

BANDI Award

A Veteran/Novice competitor with the single highest score (near perfect) in any **ART** category of the entire NAILPRO Competition ASIA season will be crowned NAILPRO Competitions ASIA BANDI Award for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 BANDI Award will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 BANDI Award trophy & certificate
- KRW 500,000 cash prize
- Gifts from BANDI

I'ZEMI Award

A Veteran/Novice competitor with the single highest score (near perfect) in any **STRUCTURE** category of the entire NAILPRO Competition ASIA season will be crowned NAILPRO Competitions ASIA I'ZEMI Award for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 I'ZEMI Award will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 I'ZEMI Award trophy & certificate

- KRW 500,000 cash prize
- Gifts from I'ZEMI

TOP 10

Top 10 Veteran/Novice competitors with the highest cumulative scores at the end of NAILPRO ASIA will be awarded for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 TOP 10 will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 TOP 10 medal & certificate

INDIVIDUAL CUP (Student)

Student Champion

The student competitor with the highest cumulative score at the end of NAILPRO ASIA will be crowned NAILPRO Competitions ASIA-Student Champion for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Student Champion will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Student Champion trophy & certificate
- A KRW 300,000 cash prize
- Gift from the official sponsors

TEAM CUP

Team Grand Champion

The team with the highest cumulative score at the end of NAILPRO ASIA will be crowned NAILPRO Competitions ASIA Team Grand Champion for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Team Grand Champion will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Team Grand Champion trophy & certificate
- Gift from the official sponsors

TOP 10 Team

Top 10 teams with the highest cumulative scores at the end of NAILPRO ASIA-Cup will be awarded for that year.

NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 Team TOP 10 will receive:

- The NAILPRO Competitions ASIA 2026 TOP 10 Team trophy & certificate

New rules, competitions and/or new information are always up for discussion. All ideas, comments, suggestions and or questions MUST be presented via e-mail to nailprocupasia@gmail.com.

[TURN-IN] Flat Hand Painted Nail Art (Gel / Acrylic)

STUDENT / NOVICE / VETERAN

1. Flat Hand Painted Nail Art entry must consist of **a set of 10 individual manufacturer tips**. The length must be **no longer than 5cm in length and no wider than 1.9cm** if they were flattened out. **Tips must be graduated in size**. Tips must remain individual and not be secured to one another. Design may encompass all 10 tips as a picture, but tips must remain individual.

2. Competitors may submit more than one entry but must pay a registration fee for each entry. If submitting more than one entry, only the points from the highest scoring entry count or team cup if you are one of the top 5-point earners.

3. The theme for each Flat Hand Painted Nail Art competition must consist across all 10 tips.

- **NAILPRO Competitions ASIA-HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026: Ghosts Around the World**

4. On-Site / MAIL-IN: Entries must be presented in a closed box for us to transport. Inside the box the ten tips must be SECURELY fastened to a plain (one color no texture no mirror), flat surface for the judging process. The size of the mounting surface is to be a maximum of 15cm wide by 20cm deep by 0.6cm tall and it must be FLAT, FLUSH AND STURDY. Do not attach your entry to the bottom of the box upon TURN-IN. The judges MUST BE ABLE TO REMOVE YOUR WORK FROM THE BOX.

5. **Mail-in / Turn-in Entries**

① Your entry may be turned in ON-SITE by competitor (**12 NOV 2026**) or someone other than the competitor.

② You must include your name and email-IN the shipping box. (**Please DO NOT include your name anywhere on your entry.**)

③ You must receive a tracking number when you send your entry.

④ You must email NAILPRO ASIA (nailprocupasia@gmail.com) with the date the submission was sent.

⑤ You will receive a confirmation email when the submission is received.

⑥ It is the competitor's responsibility to track the shipment if they do not receive a confirmation from us in a timely manner.

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⑧ ALL MAIL-IN ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY **30 OCT 2026.**

⑨ Please send TURN-IN Entries to:

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6. All work must be done by hand painting only. Absolutely no airbrushing is allowed. Only gel paint and regular polish for Gel Flat Hand Painted Nail Art may be used. Only acrylic paint and regular

polish for Acrylic Flat Hand Painted Nail Art may be used. Stamping of any type is not allowed.

7. The surface of the tips must be flush; NO raised surfaces.

8. Top coat or UV gel sealant may be used ONLY AS A TOP COAT but must NOT contain any glitter.

9. NO Copyrighted art is allowed at any time. Penalties will be given at judges' discretion and possible disqualification may be incurred. Competitors may use a similar version of copyrighted art, design, or logo but they must not be identical to the original. If artwork does not follow criteria judges will determine point deductions.

10. Competitors must prepare and submit a written statement in two parts in English: one detailing the products and processes used to create the art (do NOT name specific brands or manufacturers), and one telling the story of your interpretation of the theme. Failure to provide this information will result in a 5-point deduction in overall score. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME**.

11. Flat Hand Painted Nail Art will be judged in the following categories: originality, visual interest, color, presentation, balance, design, detail, overall impression, complexity, workmanship, tip length and theme

12. Flat Hand Painted Nail Art design that wins, or has already won, first place at a NAILPRO competition cannot be reused by the winner or copied by other competitors in subsequent NAILPRO competitions. The NAILPRO competition staff reserves the right to disqualify any design it considers to be too similar to a winning design.

[TURN-IN] It's All About the Bling! with Mixed Media

STUDENT / NOVICE / VETERAN

1. Competitors must use all the following mediums for this competition. 3-D Nail Art, Acrylic Flat Hand Painted Nail Art, Gel Flat Hand Painted Nail Art with additional rhinestone embellishments and an alternate technique which must be noted and pointed out. Failure to use less result in a 10-point deduction for each medium not used.

2. Competitors may submit more than one entry but must pay a registration fee for each entry. If submitting more than one entry, only the points from the highest scoring entry count or team cup if you are one of the top 5-point earners.

3. All entries must consist of **a set of 10 individual manufacturer tips**. They must be from a manufacturer box. The length must be **no longer than 5cm in length and no wider than 1.9cm** if they were flattened out. Tips must be graduated in size. Finished tips must be wearable. Tips must remain individual and not be secured to one another. Design may encompass all 10 tips as a picture, but tips must remain individual. **The design may be NO more than 2.54cm in height, and 2.54cm in width from the tip surface.** It may be no longer than the length of the tip. No part of the entry may extend over the 6x8" base. If the entry exceeds these dimensions the entry may be disqualified.

4. On-Site / MAIL-IN: Entries must be presented in a closed box for us to transport. Inside the box the ten tips must be SECURELY fastened to a plain (one color no texture no mirror), flat surface for the judging process. The size of the mounting surface is to be a maximum of 15cm wide by 20cm deep by 0.6cm tall and it must be FLAT, FLUSH AND STURDY. Do not attach your entry to the bottom of the box upon TURN-IN. The judges MUST BE ABLE TO REMOVE YOUR WORK FROM THE BOX.

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6. The theme for each Mixed Media Nail Art competition must consist across all 10 tips.

- **NAILPRO Competitions ASIA HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026: AI Dreams**

7. Tip original color does NOT matter.

8. Top coat, UV gel sealant or glitter polish may be used.

9. Embellishments or adornments may be used but must NOT exceed 25% of the overall design.

10. NO molds may be used to assist with any design.

11. NO Copyrighted art is allowed at any time. Penalties will be given at judges' discretion and possible disqualification may be incurred. Competitors may use a similar version of copyrighted art, design, or logo but they must not be identical to the original. If artwork does not follow criteria judges will determine point deductions.

12. Competitors must prepare and submit a written statement in two parts in English: one detailing the products and processes used to create the art (do NOT name specific brands or manufacturers), and one telling the story of your interpretation of the theme. Failure to provide this information will result in a 5-point deduction in overall score. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME**.

13. Mixed Media Nail Art will be judged in the following categories: originality, visual interest, color, presentation, balance, design & detail, dimension, overall impression, complexity, workmanship, tip width & length, and theme

14. Any Mixed Media Nail Art design that has already won first place at any NAILPRO competition cannot be reused by the winner or copied by other competitors in subsequent NAILPRO competitions. The NAILPRO competition staff will disqualify any design it considers similar to a winning design.

[TURN-IN] Salon Pedicure Nail Art

NON-DIVISIONAL

1. Salon Pedicure Nail Art entry must consist of a set of 5 individual manufacturer toe nail tips. They must be from a manufacturer box. The length of the tips must be **no longer than 2.5cm and no wider than 1.9cm**, if they were flattened out. Tips must be graduated in size. Finished tips must be wearable meaning, they are individual and able to be mounted to a base. Tips must remain individual and not be secured to one another by any medium. Design may encompass all 5 tips as a picture, but tips must remain individual. If tips do not meet the requirements, the design will receive a point deduction. The design itself may be **NO more than 2.5cm in height, and 2.5cm in width and be NO longer than 3.8cm**. If the entry exceeds these dimensions, the entry may be disqualified.

2. Competitors may submit more than one entry but must pay a registration fee for each entry. If submitting more than one entry, only the points from the highest scoring entry count or team cup if you are one of the top 5-point earners.

3. The theme for each Salon Pedicure Nail Art competition must consist across all 5 tips.

- **NAILPRO Competitions ASIA- HONG KONG FINAL CUP 2026: Runway Ready**

4. On-Site / MAIL-IN: Entries must be presented in a closed box for us to transport. Inside the box the ten tips must be SECURELY fastened to a plain (one color no texture no mirror), flat surface for the judging process. The size of the mounting surface is to be a maximum of 15cm wide by 20cm deep by 0.6cm tall and it must be FLAT, FLUSH AND STURDY. Do not attach your entry to the bottom of the box upon TURN-IN. The judges MUST BE ABLE TO REMOVE YOUR WORK FROM THE BOX.

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6. Finished design should be wearable and appropriate for day-to-day activity and lifestyle without difficulty. Finished design should be able to recreate within appropriate salon service time frame.

7. All nail art must be made from professional nail products (colored liquid-and-powder acrylic, light-cured gel, wraps and resin, polish, paint, ink, etc.). Chrome or metallic powders can be used and incorporated in the design.

8. Use of any embellishment or adornment is allowed, and it should be used in consideration of enhancing the overall design and theme color. **However, any use of 3D mold, stickers, art decals or printed designed foils are NOT allowed**.

9. Top coat, UV gel sealant or glitter/effect polishes may be used. Finished design can have textured or raised surface.

10. NO Copyrighted art is allowed at any time. Penalties will be given at judges' discretion and possible disqualification may be incurred. Competitors may use a similar version of copyrighted art, design, or logo but they must not be identical to the original. If artwork does not follow criteria judges will determine point deductions.

11. Competitors must prepare and submit a written statement in two parts **in English**: one detailing the products and processes used to create the art (**do NOT name specific brands or manufacturers**), and one telling the story of your interpretation of the theme. Please list all embellishments or products on your written statement. Failure to provide this information will result in a 5-point deduction in overall score. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME.**

12. Salon Pedicure Nail Art will be judged in the following 12 categories: originality, product application, design, workmanship, balance, color, visual interest, complexity, detail, presentation, tip length & shape (wearability) and overall impression

13. Any Salon Pedicure Nail Art design that wins, or has already won, first place at a NAILPRO competition cannot be reused by the winner or copied by other competitors in subsequent NAILPRO competitions. The NAILPRO competition staff reserves the right to disqualify any design it considers to be too similar to a winning design.

[TURN-IN] Chrome/Stamping

NON-DIVISIONAL

1. Chrome/Stamping entry must consist of **5 individual manufacturer tips**. The length must be **no longer than 5cm in length and no wider than 1.9cm** if they were flattened out. **Tips must be graduated in size by length**. The design must encompass all 5 tips, but tips must remain individual. Design with a base of Chrome and then artistically decorated with a stamping technique. The color of Chrome is your choice.

2. Competitors may submit more than one entry but must pay a registration fee for each entry. If submitting more than one entry, only the points from the highest scoring entry count or team cup if you are one of the top 5-point earners.

3. The theme for each Chrome/Stamping competition must consist across all 5 tips.

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4. On-Site/MAIL-IN: Entries must be presented in a closed box for us to transport. Inside the box the five tips must be SECURELY fastened to a plain (one color no texture no mirror), flat surface for the judging process. The size of the mounting surface is to be a maximum of 6 inches wide by 8 inches deep by ¼ tall and it must be FLAT, FLUSH AND STURDY. Do not attach your entry to the bottom of the box upon TURN-IN. The judges MUST BE ABLE TO REMOVE YOUR WORK FROM THE BOX.

5. **Mail-in / Turn-in Entries**

① Your entry may be turned in ON-SITE by competitor (**12 NOV 2026**) or someone other than the competitor.

② You must include your name and email-IN the shipping box. (**Please DO NOT include your name anywhere on your entry.**)

③ You must receive a tracking number when you send your entry.

④ You must email NAILPRO ASIA (nailprocupasia@gmail.com) with the date the submission was sent.

⑤ You will receive a confirmation email when the submission is received.

⑥ It is the competitor's responsibility to track the shipment if they do not receive a confirmation from us in a timely manner.

⑦ NAILPRO Competitions ASIA, WATC®, NAILHOLIC® are not responsible for lost and/or undelivered or damaged submissions turned in or returned to competitor.

⑧ ALL MAIL-IN ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY **30 OCT 2026.**

⑨ Please send TURN-IN Entries to:

Golden Ages Trading Development Limited
ATTN: NAILPRO ASIA
Factory A4 on 4th Floor of Gee Chang Ind. Bld.
No. 108 Lok Shan Road
To Kwa Wan, Kowloon
Hong Kong
TEL: +852 8489 3191 (Hong Kong) | +8270 4337 2240 (Korea)

6. The type of stamping you do as well as colors you use are also your choice.

7. You may use as many or few colors for stamping or chrome. Metallic colors for stamping are

allowed.

8. Your Chrome application should be completely smooth and shiny. THE CHROME MUST COVER THE ENTIRE NAIL, SIDES AND CUTICLE AREA!

9. All nail extensions must only be professional products.

10. Any shape, length or nail type is allowed. You will be judged on length and shape.

11. Nails must have a flat surface. No build-up of any kind is allowed.

12. You may not enhance your original stamping design with hand painted designs or by adding paint to the stamper with a brush to make a decal look like a design.

13. Top coat or UV gel sealant may be used.

14. NO Copyrighted art is allowed at any time. Penalties will be given at judges' discretion and possible disqualification may be incurred. Competitors may use a similar version of copyrighted art, design, or logo but they must not be identical to the original. If artwork does not follow criteria judges will determine point deductions.

15. Competitors must prepare and submit a written statement in two parts in English: one detailing the products and processes used to create the art (do NOT name specific brands or manufacturers), and one telling the story of your interpretation of the theme. Please list all embellishments or products on your written statement. Failure to provide this information will result in a 5-point deduction in overall score. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME**.

16. Chrome/Stamping will be judged in the following categories: originality, visual interest, color, length & shape, balance, design, stamping technique, detail, overall impression, complexity, workmanship, chrome application

17. Any Chrome/Stamping design that wins, or has already won, first place at a NAILPRO competition cannot be reused by the winner or copied by other competitors in subsequent NAILPRO competitions. The NAILPRO competition staff reserves the right to disqualify any design it considers too similar to a winning design.

[ON-SITE] Soak-Off Gel Application_The Orange

NON-DIVISIONAL

30MIN

1. Complete **one hand covered with any ORANGE soak-off gel polish and the other hand covered with Classic French style PINK and ORANGE soak-off polish combination**. Work must be applied to natural nails only.

2. No enhancement products other than soak-off gel polish may be present at the station. No regular gel may be used in any capacity or point before or during the competition.

3. Competitor will have all products to be used, out and displayed on station for inspection of floor staff before competition begins. Items must be in original containers that clearly read Soak-off Gel.

4. No typical manicure will be performed during the competition. Model's nails should be prepared for soak-off gel polish application before competition start time is called.

5. All files and buffers must be new.

6. Cleansing products are allowed. This includes oils and moisturizers.

7. The natural nails of one hand (competitor's choice) must be covered with any ORANGE soak-off gel polish. Only cream ORANGE colors are allowed. No glitter or shimmer is allowed.

8. The natural nails on the opposite hand must be covered with Classic French-style PINK and ORANGE (same color as full covering) soak-off gel polish combination.

9. No artwork is allowed.

10. Soak-Off Gel Application_The Orange will be judged in the following categories: smile lines, shape, soak off gel polish application (French-style), finish work, cuticle area, surface smoothness, soak off gel polish application, product control, length, lateral view, color balance and overall impression

[ON-SITE] Soft Gel Tips Application with Salon Art - powered by Gelish

NON-DIVISIONAL

45MIN

1. Complete **one set of nail extensions on one hand using Soft Gel Tips kit, and create three salon-style nail art designs.**

2. Competitors will receive products for Soft Gel Tips application at the site.

3. Competitors must bring their own gel curing lamps to apply Soft Gel Tips extensions and salon nail art.

4. The theme for each Soft Gel Tip Application with Salon Art competition must consist across 3 tips.

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5. Competitors must bring their own tools and nail art materials to create salon-style nail art that suits the theme, as well as any additional tools and products needed for the Soft Gel Tips application.

6. The thumb and pinky nails should be sealed and finished with a clear gel top coat, without any nail art.

7. Soft Gel Tips Application: A set of full-cover tip nail enhancements should meet the following criteria:

- Products and tips are neatly applied to the nail without excess product on the cuticle, sidewalls, or underside of the natural nails.
- Products and tips are appropriately measured and applied cleanly, without air bubbles or dust, and seamlessly attached to the nail without any air gaps.
- Nail tips are applied close to the cuticle line and cover both sidewalls, with no natural nails exposed.

8. Competitors may file the nail tips during the pre-competition prep time.

9. No standard manicure will be performed during the competition. Models' nails should be prepared for Soft Gel Tips application before the competition begins.

10. Competitors may use primer or base coat under the Soft Gel Tips, but these products must be applied after the competition starts.

11. All artwork must be done on-site. Pre-made artwork is not allowed.

12. A full coat of color is not required (negative space is acceptable).

13. Competitors will create nail art on three extended nails. The design must follow the theme.

14. Nail art may be flat or raised. Raised surfaces must not exceed 0.6cm above the extended nail surface.

16. Competitors may use any embellishments or adornments to create the salon-style nail art; however, embellishments should not cover more than 20% of each nail. Competitors may also create

nail art on the underside of the nails.

17. Glitters and chrome powders are allowed, but they should cover no more than 50% of each nail.

18. Competitors may NOT use any copyrighted art, designs, or logos.

19. Cleansing and moisturizing products are allowed.

20. All files and buffers must be new.

21. Soft Gel Tips Application with Salon Art will be judged in the following categories: workmanship, visual interest, color, finish work, detail, balance, design complexity, theme, product application, product control and overall impression

[ON-SITE] It's All About the Bling! powered by Lian Crystal Rhinestone

NON-DIVISIONAL

45MIN

1. Complete **ONLY with stones you are given over 3 nail tips provided prior to the start of the competition**.

2. Once you have been given your stones, you will have 15 minutes for pre-stone work before the competition begins. This is the only pre-work allowed. You may not attach anything to the nail tips until the competition begins.

3. No hand models required. Provided nail tips can be applied with any solid color prior to the start of the competition. You may have a different color on each nail, but it must be a solid flat color, no glitter, no shimmer. NO ART WHAT SO EVER IS ALLOWED PRIOR.

4. The theme for each It's All About the Bling! competition must consist across all 3 tips.

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5. All Chrome type products are allowed but must be applied AFTER the competition starts. Chrome may only be used on the surface of the nail tips. No raised surfaces prior to the competition. Nail tips must be smooth. No holes may be in the nail tips prior to the competition. You may drill holes in nail tips once the competition begins.

6. There is no preferred length or shape. You may shape the provided nail tips beforehand.

7. Cleansing products (soaps, etc.) and moisturizing products (oils, creams, lotions, etc.) are allowed. Excessive use of oil is not permitted. It will be at the judge's discretion to deduct points for excess oil.

8. When attaching stones, all products used must be clear whether you build a base and/or making pre-stone work.

9. No stones or nail tips other than what is provided. You may NOT add additional stones at any point.

10. Top coat, UV gel sealant may be used.

11. It's All About The Bling! will be judged in the following categories: originality, cleanliness of application, design, workmanship, and balance, amount of bling, visual interest, shape, complexity, brightness, detail and overall impression

12. Any It's All About the Bling! design that wins, or has already won, first place at a NAILPRO competition cannot be reused by the winner or copied by other competitors in subsequent NAILPRO competitions. The NAILPRO competition staff reserves the right to disqualify any design it considers too similar to a winning design.

[ON-SITE] Basic Manicure - Red

STUDENT ONLY

45MIN

1. Complete **a full set of red colored manicure**. Work must be applied to natural nails only.

2. No enhancement products other than polish may be present at the station. No regular gel may be used in any capacity or point before or during the competition.

3. Competitor will have all products to be used, out and displayed on station for inspection of floor staff before competition begins. Items must be in original containers that clearly read Nail Polish.

4. Model's nails shouldn't be prepared for at least 7 days with red cream polish before the competition.

5. All files and buffers must be new.

6. Competition will be begin with removing the red polish on the nails. Either dry or wet manicure must be applied.

7. If natural nails are damaged, two of them can be pre-repaired with any materials.

8. Cleansing products are allowed. This includes oils and moisturizers. Too much oil will receive point deductions.

9. The natural nails of two hands must be covered with RED cream polish and finished with top coat. Nails must be colored twice.

10. Any desired shape can be applied but no artwork is allowed.

11. Basic Manicure-Red will be judged in the following categories: shape, polish application, finish work, cuticle area, surface smoothness, product control, length, lateral view, color balance and overall impression.

[ON-SITE] Sculptured Nails

STUDENT / NOVICE / VETERAN

150MIN

1. Competitors will **complete a set of sculptured (unless otherwise noted), competition-style nail enhancements** using flat, paper or metal forms only. Tips and adhesive are NOT allowed.

*Competition-style - The ultimate standard of perfection for all nail enhancements; a set of nail enhancements that have:

- A sleeker, more dramatic look
- A shape that ranges from extreme square to extreme oval (stiletto)
- A 1 to 1 ratio of nail bed (pink) to free edge (white), measured from the center of the smile line
- Product thinly applied near the cuticle area, reinforced at the stress area, and tapered to the free edge so it is equal to approximately the thinness of a business card (0.03~0.08cm)
- Consistent "C" curves between 40% and 50% (144° and 180° arc)

2. Competitors must use liquid-and-powder acrylic products or light cured products only.

3. Only sheer pink, clear and white enhancement products may be used. Enhancement products containing glitter and/or any other color are NOT allowed. Cover pinks are not allowed.

4. Embellishments may NOT be used.

5. The model's natural nails may be prepared for product application before the competition, but product may NOT be applied until the competition starts.

6. No products, such as inverted tips or any "cookie cutter" products may be used to form or assist in making a smile line. All smile lines must be done with a brush by hand. White gel is only allowed when using all gel products. White gel polish is never allowed.

7. No plastic type molds of any kind may be used to form the sculptured nail.

8. Moons must be added at the base of the nail and must be sculpted on the unpolished hand.

9. All files and buffers must be clean and unused and free from additives including oil; electric files and buffing products may not be used. You may NOT use any file to refine the smile lines.

10. Water only may be used. Cleansing products (soaps, etc.) and moisturizing products (oils, creams, lotions, bowls with anything in them i.e., marbles, rocks etc.) are NOT allowed.

11. The nail enhancements on the one hand (competitor's choice) must be polished with **RED** cream polish, or if sculpting with gels a **RED** gel color may be used. Base coat, ridge filler and top coat are

NOT allowed. If a one-handed competition, 2 nails must be polished.

12. The nail enhancements on the unpolished nails must be French style (pink/clear and white), finished to a high shine and completely free of polish. Gel sealant may NOT be used to finish to a high shine.

13. The underside of all nails must look the same.

14. Sculptured Nails will be judged in the following categories: smile lines, “C” curves, cuticle area, shape, product control, moons, surface structure, lateral structure, length, polish or color application, finish work, and overall impression

[ONLINE] FiveStyle Sculptured Nail

STUDENT / NOVICE / VETERAN

1. Complete one hand of FiveStyle competition-style sculptured nail enhancements using flat paper or metal forms. Tips and adhesive are NOT allowed. PLEASE SUBMIT THE ENTRY VIA EMAIL(nailapaloozaasia@gmail.com) BY OCTOBER 30, 2026.

2. Competitors may submit more than one entry but must pay a registration fee for each entry. If submitting more than one entry, only the points from the highest scoring entry count towards the NP Individual Cup or Team Cup if you are one of the top 5-point earners.

3. Each design must be distinct from each other. Styles must be unusual style and design. You must think out of the box.

4. This competition is about style and shape. We want to see 5 shapes of nail extensions. Square and regular stiletto cannot be used. For example, the wedge, bridge, lipstick, edge, Russian almond, blade, arrow, or something new that you create. Remember it is the structure of the nail that dictates type of nail you are going to produce.

5. Each nail must have a different structure quality. “C” Curves will be judged in accordance with the shape created. Meaning they will most likely NOT be created in the traditional “C” fashion. Smile lines may be done in support for that nail shape!

6. Competitors must use liquid-and-powder acrylic products or light cured products only. You may not use white gel paint or white gel polish.

7. Only pink, clear, and white enhancement products may be used. Enhancement products containing glitter and/or any other color are NOT allowed. Cover pinks are allowed and may be used to elongate natural nail bed.

8. Embellishments may NOT be used.

9. The nail enhancements must be French style (pink/clear and white), finished to a high shine and completely free of polish. Nail plate may be extended. Gel sealant may be used to finish to a high shine. Or you can buff to a high shine.

10. Competitors are required to provide a detailed written statement specifying the shapes sculpted on each finger. Failure to submit the written statement will result in a 5-point deduction.

11. Please follow the Online Submission Guide.

12. FiveStyle Sculptured Nail will be judged in the following categories: smile lines, “C” curves, cuticle area, shape, product control, FiveStyle , surface structure, lateral structure, length, complexity, finish work, and overall impression

13. Any FiveStyle Sculptured Nail design that wins, or has already won, first place at a NAILPRO competition cannot be reused by the winner or copied by other competitors in subsequent NAILPRO competitions. The NAILPRO competition staff reserves the right to disqualify any design it considers

too similar to a winning design.

PHOTO SUBMISSION

1. All works must be digital.

2. Resolution must be 300dpi with minimm of 5 x 7" or 8 x 10" size.

3. Image file formats must be jpg, png or tiff.

4. Be sure the photos are in focus. Use a tripod if necessary. Experiment with settings on the camera for the best presentation of your work.

5. A professional photographer is not necessary for your submission. A professional photographer will best represent your hard work and greatly increase your chances for winning the competition. If a professional photographer is used, they must sign and return a Non-Exclusive Photography License.

6. You must submit 5 specific photos of your work, a photo of yourself and one of your model. Examples below.

PHOTO EXAMPLE

The photo requirements for Hand Category: (samples are below)

All photos to be shot with black or white background only.

Category: FiveStyle Sculptured Nail

1. **Presentation**: One hand on a flat black surface, camera angle is from above.

2. **“C” Curve**: Camera angle is that of someone looking at the nails from the distal edge to the cuticle.

3~4. **Sides both left and right** (2 photos): Camera angle is from the side of the right hand and the left hand and then reversed.

5. **Individual Sides**: Camera angle is from the each side of the thumb side and the pinky side for each tip.

5. **Closeup**: Close-up of cuticle to free edge, underside and etc.

Photo #1



Individual Sides

Photo #2



Individual Sides

Photo #3



Closeup

VIDEO SUBMISSION

1. You must send 10-30 SECONDS video for **overall impression(file name: Video-Overall)** and/or any details you want to show in addition to the photo submission.

2. Overall impression (Enhancement/art): Overall impression video should cover all nails from cuticle area to free edge on all fingers. Go slow, and make sure to cover all aspects and angles. Your video shouldn't be longer than 30 seconds.

3. Detailed impression: This is an option for you to show any details you want to highlight to help judges. Please use properly zoomed in angles to shoot any detail, but make sure the video is clearly focused. Your video shouldn't be longer than 30 seconds each.

4. Each size should not exceed 32MB. Resolution should be around 1920x1080px in .mp4 type.