



PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY NORTH
MANCHESTER CENTRAL
NAIL COMPETITION
GENERAL RULES
2025

Category Levels – Levels will be shown against each category.

Student Level: Monday Only. To be considered a student you will need to be currently on a foundation nail course or qualified less than **12 months** from a regulated qualification provider. Evidence should be submitted via email to pbcompetitions@thepbgroup.com

Professional Level Monday Only: Any nail artist to include educators and any other level of professional.

Open Competition: Sunday Only. Any nail artist to include students, educators and any other level of professional.

There are 8 Categories

Live

- *Learn a Skill – Open Competition*
- *Structure / Builder in a Bottle – Open Competition*
- *On Location – Nail designs – Open Competition*
- *Manicure – Professional & student*
- *UV Gel Polish – Professional & student*
- *Salon Nail – Professional & student*

Off Floor

- *Boxed mixed media – professional & student*
- *InstaNail Photographic including Voters choice – professional & student*



General Rules

1. All Competitors must register on the Professional Beauty website and complete their competition entry. www.professionalbeauty.co.uk
2. All Competitors must bring their own models where required.
3. Competitors and models must attend at the specified registration time on the day of their competition.
4. Competitors must bring their own kit, **including an electrical extension**, set their desk up ready for the relevant category with no additional products and store all bags (except personal bags) in the designated area for the duration of the competition.
5. Health & safety rules and regulations must be adhered to at all times.
6. One electric socket will be provided. **One short extension lead must be brought with the competitor.**
7. All competitors should provide their own desk light should they require as this will not be provided.
8. Desks must be kept clean and tidy and suitable disposable surface cover must be used (ie couch roll) at all times or points may be deducted in floor judging.
9. No electrical heaters to be used when competing.
10. All relevant hygiene protocols must be visible and should include methods of sanitising / disinfecting hands, files, metal tools and surfaces. This will be checked in floor judging.
11. Please bring a suitable method of waste disposal, i.e a bin bag taped to the desk for rubbish and safely dispose of after each category.
12. All products should be in their original, labelled packaging. Solvents may be in pump bottles with a label showing the contents. The labels must be in



English. Products without any label are not allowed and will be taken from your desk.

13. Competitors and models must be seated with desks set up ready by the Category Briefing approx 10 mins before the start of the category and must not touch their model's hands once the briefing begins.
14. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they have their competitor number visible on their model's hand. These will be provided at registration and for each new category.
15. Models **must NOT** have jewelry on their lower arm/hand other than a plain wedding band and engagement ring.
16. Competitors must be aware of each of the category rules (these may on occasion be subject to amendment). In addition, it is strongly advised to be aware of the scoring criteria (category scoresheets are available to be viewed prior to the competition). Please go to the Facebook group **ProBeautyCompetitionGroup**.
17. When the category finishes competitors **must NOT** touch their model's hands for any reason. This can result in a point deduction or a disqualification.
18. Products not allowed for the individual categories will be confiscated by the Floor Judges and can be claimed after the competition.
19. Tips **must NOT** be pre-sized nor pre-tailored. Tip boxes must be organised correctly in sizes with, at least, 5 of each size in the relevant compartments. Only natural or clear tips. NO white tips in any category.
20. Forms must not be pre-tailored. Around 25 forms (no rolls) must be ready on the desk. Forms with a manufactured 'C' curve support are allowed but the support must not be added before the category starts.
21. Oils and creams are allowed.

22. The result of breaking of any of the Rules (General and Category specific) will be at the discretion of the Head Floor Judge and 1 other. This may result in either a warning, loss of 5-10 points or a disqualification.
23. **Amalgamation** The competition directors reserve the right to amalgamate student level with nail professional level to create a single nail professional level where there are less than 3 students competing to allow for fairer competition. In the event of the amalgamation of levels in any category scores, there will only be nail professional winner in the category and placings.
24. No work entered in off floor categories can have been used in any other competition previously.
Failure to abide by the competition general and category rules may result in point deduction or disqualification based on the decision of the head judge and the judging team. All decisions are monitored by the competition director and an internal checking process is followed to ensure objectivity and fairness is met in any decisions that may cause loss of points or disqualification.

The competition director & head judge's decision is final.

NOTES & GUIDANCE

You should always ensure that you have read and understood the full competitions rules for any category you are entering prior to the competition. You can do this on the Professional Beauty and hair website and on the Pro Beauty Nail Competition Group on Facebook.

At the time of publishing the competition schedule giving dates and times is correct. Unforeseen circumstances may cause amendment however every care will be taken to make the categories work most efficiently for competitors within the amended competition schedule. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the most up to date information available and we would recommend using the Professional Beauty



website and the Facebook group as mentioned above to ensure you are aware of any changes made.

AMALGAMATION Should there be limited numbers in any 'level' category we reserve the right to amalgamate levels, and where necessary to cancel categories. Should there be a category cancellation decided by the Competition Management Team, your entry fees will be transferrable to another category or will be refunded by Professional Beauty.

CHEATING The Competition Management Team reserve the right to disqualify or penalise any competitors to be reported for and/or found cheating. Reports should be made immediately to a member of the Competition Management Team and evidence must be documented and provided on request. If cheating is suspected whilst an on-floor competition is active, please notify a member of the Competition Management Team immediately.

AWARDS CEREMONIES Winners from each day will be announced at the Awards Ceremony of that day. It is each competitor's responsibility to check their placing either by attending the Awards Ceremonies or by viewing the results in the public forums and mediums used by Professional Beauty and hair. Any placing awards not collected on the day will be held and forwarded by Professional Beauty post show. Competitors may nominate a proxy to collect any placing awards on the day.

SCORESHEETS are available each day following the Awards Ceremony (except InstaNail which will be emailed) Judges will be available wherever possible for constructive feedback. It is best to do this immediately after the awards ceremony as only this way can we guarantee that it is the same model and work. It is strongly recommended that you collect your scoresheet to see where you could improve or have excelled. If a judge is not available and you wish to query a score or feedback with them, they will be available via their preferred contact method, and you should include a photo of your work and the scoresheet with your query and do this as soon as possible after the event.

For off-floor categories scoresheets will be available for a 1-week period following the competition but after this time the Competition Management Team cannot guarantee availability. They will be sent via email as a PDF.



All enquiries regarding rules, regulations and other competition questions should be directed to professional beauty and hair or email pbcompetitions@thepbgroup.com

Category Rules

The Professional Beauty Competitions are proud to offer you the opportunity to compete in the following exciting categories.

Sunday 2nd

NEW COMP Structure / Builder in bottle (75mins)

Competitor Level: Open Competition

March

Purpose: Is to create 10 salon style nails using Structure / Builder in a bottle gel.

This competition is completed on natural nails only

The model is to arrive with manicured nails, prepare the nails prior.

Nails should be ready for Structure / Builder in a bottle gel system/product.

No design element is required.

The end result to be a flawless set of nails.

No manicure procedure is necessary during this competition.

- *Both hands in 1hr 15mins - Your choice as to which hand is french and which hand is natural*
- *1 hand french – using structure/ builder in a bottle application techniques. You can create your French using gel polish over the structure gel.*
- *1 hand full cover traditional pink/nude – using structure/ builder in a bottle application techniques*
- *No glitters/shimmers to be used in this competition*
- *Sculpt or tip and overlay can be used to create a longer length if required*
- *Nails can be any shape but all must be the same shape and length on both hands, the judges are looking for consistency*
- *No White tips to be used*

Learn A Skill (60mins)

Competitor Levels: Open Competition

Purpose: for the times when a client arrives with a design, they want you to reproduce. Show an ability to replicate the demonstrated design plus show your creativity in using the technique but adding your own 'twist'.

Watch Demo – 30 mins

Planning time

3 'tips on sticks' in 60 minutes (tips will be provided)

This Category will involve:

- *Watching a demonstration on the Live Nail Stage that may involve a variety of products and techniques*
- *Making notes*
- *Planning your own 'twist'*
- *1 tip to replicate the demonstrated design*
- *2 tips to create your own design with a twist using the 'new skill'*

You will be sent a list of products required for the replicate a week prior to competition. You can use products from the list or matching products from another brand.

You will need to bring:

- *A basic gel polish kit comprising of a selection of colours, base and topcoat to use in your design and you UV/LED lamp.*
- *Liquid and powder products*
- *Embellishments*
- *A selection of art tools such as brushes, stampers, dotters etc.*
- *Ensure your UV Gel Polish and topcoat is suitable for foils, glitters, pigments etc.*

NEW COMP On Location – Nail Designs (75mins)

Competitor Levels: Open Competition

Purpose: 75 mins includes time to read the brief. (3 tips will be supplied): You will be expected to create 3 nail designs and you will be given the brief prior to the competition start time. You will need to bring all nail art products and tools that you would normally have in your kit to create designs. To help you with choosing your products the theme will be based on a scenario that will be announced prior to the competition.

You will need to bring:

- *A basic gel polish kit comprising of a selection of colours, base and topcoat to use in your design and you UV/LED lamp.*
- *Liquid and powder products*
- *Embellishments*
- *A selection of art tools such as brushes, stampers, dotters etc.*
- *Ensure your UV Gel Polish and topcoat is suitable for foils, glitters, pigments etc.*

Monday 3rd March

Manicure (45 mins)

Competitor Levels: Student/Nail Professional

Purpose: focus on perfect and safe preparation of the cuticle and surrounding skin and immaculate painting using **UV Gel or traditional** nail polish.

A 'before' picture will be taken by the lead judge on a smart phone.

- *2 hands in 45 minutes*
- *A judge will take a 'before' picture on a smart phone*
- *Cuticle work to be carried out during the competition*
- *Exfoliation and hand treatment required*
- *Hand massage to be completed*
- *1 hand painted in a traditional 'French' (clear or milky pink or beige, not opaque to be used for the nailbed and a solid white tip) **traditional** nail polish*
- *1 hand painted in a crème dark colour **traditional** nail polish*
- *Using only traditional nail polish. Top coats are allowed*
- *Cuticle oil allowed to be used but not excessively*

UV Gel Polish (45mins)

Competitor Levels: Student/Nail Professional

Purpose: To demonstrate accurate and safe application of UV gel polish to one hand using French and dark colour.

This competition is completed on natural nails only (Nails will be checked prior to competition start)

The model is to arrive with manicured nails, prepare the nails prior.

Nails should be ready for gel polish and coated with any type of Gel polish/Soak off system/product in a bottle.

No design element is required.

The end result to be a flawless set of nails.

No manicure procedure is necessary during this competition.

- *1 hand in 45 minutes*
- *Cuticle area to be tidy*
- *Consistent nail shape/length*
- *3 nails finished in a traditional 'French' (clear or milky pink or beige on the nail bed and a solid **white** tip) with gel polish not paint.*
- *2 nails (Thumb & Pinkie) to be painted in any dark crème colour with gel polish not paint.*
- *Cuticle oil allowed to be used but not excessively*
- *Acrylic paint, colour gel, painting gel or gel polish in a jar /tube, sculpting gel or hybrid/polygel/acrylgel is not allowed.*

Salon Nail (60 mins)

Competitor Levels: Student/Nail Professional

Purpose: Create the perfect salon nail in a system of your choice (Liquid & Powder or UV Cured Product) with either tip & overlay or sculpt.

One Hand

Polish Thumb & Little Finger Crème **Dark UV Gel or regular Polish.**

This is a salon nail **NOT** pink and white.

- *1 hand in 1hr*
- *Tip & Overlay or Sculpt **YOUR CHOICE***
- *Liquid & Powder OR UV Cured Gel Products **YOUR CHOICE***
- *Free Edge Shape: **YOUR CHOICE***
- *3 nails finished to a high shine **YOUR CHOICE OF FINISH***
- *2 nails (Thumb & Pinkie) to be polished in a crème dark colour with gel or regular nail polish.*
- *No nail adhesive to be used if sculpting. (Adhesives will be confiscated from any Competitor choosing to sculpt)*
- ***Dip powders BLAB or “gel on” extensions are not allowed***
- *Cuticle oil allowed to be used but not excessively*

OFF THE FLOOR CATEGORIES

InstaNail London Excel-THEME-HORROR

Competition Level: Student/Nail Professional

Purpose: To create a photo you would be proud to showcase your skills and business. This image should showcase your skills, and your creativity. There will be two awards for this competition.

- *Image must be of a high resolution for printing purposes (300dpi).*
- *You must provide a short video reel of you creating the design or image step by step of your entry (this will not be scored, this is for proof of authenticity)*
- *Images **can** be used on social media after you have submitted your entry.*
- *Professional competition judging team will score all images based on set judging criteria and scores. 1st, 2nd, 3rd placings will be awarded on a student and professional level.*
- *Online PUBLIC vote where the photo that's most popular will win the Voters' Choice Award.*
- *All entries **MUST** be submitted digitally to pbcompetitions@thepbgroup.com before the agreed deadline, **please ensure your full name is on your email**. No entries received after the deadline will be judged and no entries will be accepted at the competition.*
- *You may enter a maximum 3 entries into this category; however, they must be different work and cannot be the same nails in a different pose. Only 1 of your highest scoring entry can place in the top 3.*
- *The same nail work **may** be used in the Mixed Media Boxed Art Comp*

Entry deadline: Thursday the **18th of September 2025 @ 5pm**

Online Public Vote Opens: Thursday the **25th of September 2025**

Mixed Media Boxed Art (Off Floor)

THEME-HORROR

Student/Nail Professional

Nails to be designed on 5 varying sized nail tips and placed together however there can be a gap between each nail.

Art on the nails must not exceed 1 inch / 2.5cm in height from the surface of the nail. Any embellishment to the actual tips, whether attached to the tip or not, will count and must not extend further from the nail surface or points will be deducted.

Please ensure your entry is no bigger than an A4 piece of paper. This will be measured and may incur a point penalty.

If your box is decorated, please be aware this will not be scored.

Entry must be accompanied by a step by step in English of the work involved including types of nail art media and techniques used.

Points will be deducted if no description is provided.

1. CLARITY OF THEME. The design should be apparent & identifiable, and the design must represent the theme. The tips must be individual tips and not have product on them to create a flat canvas. Judges must be able to see the curvature of a tip.
2. LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY & SKILL: The complexity of the design is evaluated on its degree of expertise & skill. How complex is the design. Does design flow across the 10 tips.
3. FINISH: Are there any irregularities in the finish? Is the application even? Is the finish appropriate to the design of the theme?
4. MEDIA: There must be a minimum of 3 types of art used/products/techniques used – and they should be incorporated into the design cohesively.
5. An element of 3d must be incorporated into the design.
6. CONTINUITY OF THEME: How well is the theme carried through on all 10 nail tips? Does the theme appear to flow from nail to nail? Does the design match the theme that has been given on the written description?
7. ORIGINALITY: The overall look must be an original interpretation of them & serving an impact with its delivery. Is design original and innovative.

The work must be created on tips, no model is required in this category.



All media used must be used in an artistic way. It is the competitor's responsibility to clarify anything questionable prior to the event and the judges' decisions are accepted as final.

All entries must be new to PBH competition and can only be entered one time.

No repeat entries from prior years allowed.

The work mixed media boxed art must not have been published, on social media or entered any other competition beforehand.

A maximum of two entries per competitor is allowed.

Please hand in your entry at the show. Deadline is 10am on the Monday of the show.

All work must be collected on the show as unfortunately we cannot post out any left behind.

Read the score sheets available in files section of "Pro Beauty Competition Group" on Facebook. Check out the point distribution and see where you will gain the most points and the least. This will help your timing and focus on the best areas.

