

Baby Boomer Competition

Rules, Judges Instruction & Criteria

Rules

1. Baby Boomer Style nails are to be created. The application should have an ombre effect with the use of French shades that graduates cover (camouflage) shades into a white free edge.
2. This is a 1 hand competition
3. All shades of white and Cover pink or natural shades are allowed. Products with pearl, shimmer or other effects are allowed. Clear and transparent pink are allowed.
4. Gel and acrylic are allowed to be used.
5. These are salon style nails. The free edge may be shaped with this in consideration. Soft square, Coffin, ballerina, oval and Almond shapes are allowed.
6. The competitor may use gel and acrylic.
7. Time allowed is 2 hours (120 minutes)
8. Gel sealers and top coats must be applied for shine
9. Oil is allowed.
10. Water and soap may be used in finishing.
11. The competitor may choose to apply with forms or they can choose either Natural or clear tips
12. 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
13. Natural or clear tips or forms may be used. No white tips. TIPS MAY BE FIT AND PREPARED BUT NOT APPLIED PRIOR TO COMPETITION
14. Gel competitors must bring their own UV/LED Gel lamp.
15. Electric files are allowed, but competitor must supply their own machine, electrical cords and adaptors.
16. Electric file oil is allowed.
17. Pinching tools, c-curve stick and all types of tools used to create a proper structure are allowed
18. UV or LED lights are allowed on the table during the competition and must be provided by the competitor.
19. All general rules apply to this competition.
Total points 75

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Judges Instructions

- 1 point a nail.
- Half points may be given
- Each nail is judged on its own merit.

Convex 5 points

- The exterior contour of the nail form should be completely symmetric
- The surface of the nail should have no inconsistencies or appear to be uneven on the outer surface.
- The judge will examine the nail by looking at the nail head on and check zone 3 and from the back side perspective check zone 2.
- The convex or surface of the nail should contour symmetrically throughout the entire nail until it reaches zone 1. *See example for nail zones*
- The nail can earn a 1/2 point for each correct zone. Total 1 point for each nail.

Concave 5 points

- The interior contour or tunnel of the free edge must be completely symmetrical and concentric.
- The nail's concave should have the appearance of the inside of a tunnel throughout the entire free edge that is apparent to the eye or until the c-curve stick touches the finger's tip from the underside.
- The Concave should represent symmetry and be concentric. The nail can earn a 1/2 point for each that is correct.

Arch and Apex 5 points

- The high point (apex) of the arch should not appear overly apparent.
- It should have a subtle and gradual incline that is located in the second zone of each nail. *See example of zone 2*
- The entire arch including the apex, should not be overly apparent or appear too flat. The arch should not be located too far forward or back when looking at the entire nail from a profile perspective.
- The nail can earn a 1/2 point for each of these two criteria that are required.

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Form Fit or Tip Application 5 points

- The nails extension should be free of any notches or gaps on the lateral side folds where the free edge extension begins if the nails are sculptured with forms
- The notches are created during the application process and can't be created with a file.
- The nail can earn a 1/2 point for each side of the nail that doesn't have a notch.
- The tip application must be applied to fit the nail properly.
- There should be not exposed sidewalls
- The tip must have proper placement and not be too far down on the nail plate or too far up, exposing the natural nail line.
- There should not be any gaps between the tip and the natural nail
- The nail can earn 1/2 point for each side that look to have a proper tip fit.

Free Edge Thickness 5 points

- The free edge must not be any thicker than 1.5mm beginning at the free edge until it reaches the end of the finger tip from the underside of the nail. This location is where zone 2 and zone 3 meet. The measuring of the thickness will be done with the use of a caliper at the beginning of zone 3 in the center of the nail.
- The nail must be consistently thin throughout the free edge and measure the same on the sidewalls and center. The nail will be measured in 3 point of reference for consistency.
- The nail can earn a ½ point for each of these two criteria that are required.
- See example of measuring tools used to measure the thickness

Sidewalls 5 points

- The nail plate located near the Lateral Folds must be fully covered with product application and must appear straight where the lateral folds are located at Zone 2.
- The free edge begins to taper into shape after it extends past the nail plate and Distal folds
- The nail should be uniform on each side.
- There should not be any ridges on the free edge extension.
- The sides of the free edges should feel smooth and appear to be filed clean.
- There is a ½ point earned for each side of every nail being scored.

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Lateral Side Extension 5 points

- To find the lateral side extension you must look at the extension from the nails profile.
- the free edge must extend straight out from the natural nails lateral fold.
- The nail should not drop down or appear to be tapered upward from the profile perspective.
- The nail should appear to have symmetry so the side extensions are consistently located.
- There should be no exposure of the natural nail's lateral fold.
- There is a ½ point earned for each side of every nail being scored.

C-Curve 5 points

- The C-Curves must be a minimum 40% of a circle and no more than 50%
- Each c-curve should appear concentric.
- There is a 1/2 point earned for each criteria

Uniformity of Nail Shape 5 points

- Each nail must look similar in shape with a similar style to earn a ½ point.
- The shape of the nail must look straight as it extends from the nail plate and should appear straight when looked at from the front perspective. The nail must be straight and aligned to the natural nail, not the finger to earn a ½ point.

Length 5 points

- Each nail is measured from the center of the proximal fold (Bottom of Zone 1) to the top of the free edge extension (top of Zone 3)
- The Index, middle and ringer finger must be the exact same length. 0, 2 or 3 points
- The thumb and pinky must be the same length. 0 or 2 points

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Surface Smoothness 5 points

- The nail should not have any file lines of demarcations on the surface.
- The finished application should look and feel smooth.
- All production application should be filed and buffed completely smooth
- If there is only a small and extremely hard to see line of demarcation on the surface of the nail that can't be felt, it is possible to earn a ½ point.

High Shine Finish 5 points

- Top coats or gel sealers must be applied for high shine finish.
- Gel sealer must be completely cured, leaving no dull spots and without any inhibition layer left on the surface. If Top coat is used, there must not be any smudges in the application.
- Top coats and gel sealer must be applied evenly, covering the entire surface of the nail to earn a ½ point
- The High Shine finish should have a reflective appearance to earn a ½ point

Product Control 5 points

- The ombré effect should have a smooth transition that blends the shades without any line of separation
- If clear products are used to cap the application, there must not be any air bubbles or pitting that appears on the surface.
- 1/2 point for small imperfections

Cuticle Area 5 points

- The cuticle area and surrounding skin on the nail folds must not have any new and apparent cuts or irritation around the entire nail.
- There should not be any apparent ledge of product that can be felt or seen near the proximal folds.
- The application of product must be apparent and cover the entire cuticle area near the proximal fold without leaving a large margin between the cuticle line near the proximal fold.
- The product must not be overly filed and must be apparent.
- Each nail must have all criteria to earn 1 point and 2 of the criteria to earn a ½ point.

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Underside 5 points

- There should no visible dust, debris, water, glue or excessive oil on the back of the nail.
- The nail will earn a ½ point for the nail to have a clean appearance
- The product application must appear smooth behind the nail with no excess product to earn a ½ point for each nail.