

# **2026 PROVINCIAL CONTEST DESCRIPTION**

## **Hairstyling – Secondary**

### **Men's Haircut & Style from a Photo**

**12:30–2:00 p.m.**

Scrutineer Inspection & Reading of Scopes: **12:15–12:30 p.m.**

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## **1. MEN'S HAIRCUT & STYLE FROM A PHOTO**

Competitors will complete a men's haircut and style based on a photograph supplied on the day of competition.

The image will represent **current, modern men's hair trends**.

**Hair colour must not be changed.**

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## **2. PURPOSE OF THE CHALLENGE**

This contest assesses technical mastery, professional cutting precision, accuracy in replicating photographic references, advanced men's styling skills, time management, and overall industry readiness for post-secondary level competitors.

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## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

### **Post-Secondary Competitors**

- Must be enrolled in a accredited post-secondary hairstyling program
- Must be in good standing with their institution
- One competitor per institution guaranteed; additional entries permitted if space allows

This category is designated for post-secondary learners only.

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## **4. EVENT FORMAT**

### **Test – Men’s Haircut & Style from a Photo**

Competitors must:

- Complete a modern men’s haircut
- Produce a final look that closely resembles the reference photo
- Keep natural hair colour unchanged
- Work on a mannequin meeting all requirements

### **Allowed Tools:**

- Professional shears (all varieties)
- Razors (with or without guards)

### **Styling:**

- Must be done only with a **hand-held blow dryer**, and professional brushes/combs and professional styling products provided by sponsors.

### **Prohibited:**

- Electrical or battery-operated cutting tools (clippers, trimmers, edgers, etc.)
- Ornamentation of any kind
- Jewellery, décor, or added draping on the mannequin
- Coloured sprays or tinted styling products
- Borrowing or sharing equipment

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## **5. CLIENT CARE & WORK PRACTICES**

### **Client Care**

- Treat mannequin with full client professionalism
- Apply draping correctly
- Handle shears and razors with control and awareness

### **Technical Execution**

- Use tool selection appropriate to photo reference
- Demonstrate advanced cutting fundamentals:
  - Tapers, scissor fades and graduation
  - Layering and texturizing
  - Razor texturing (where appropriate)
- Styling must recreate texture, direction, and volume seen in photo

### **Work Organization**

- Keep workstation organized and clean throughout
- No diagrams, notes, or visual aids permitted
- No coaching from audience
- Professional products provided by sponsors only.

## Safety

- Tools cleaned and disinfected properly
- Blades and razors handled safely
- Spills, clutter, and hazards addressed immediately
- Blow dryer used safely and at a controlled distance

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## 6. EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

### Competitor Provides:

- Male mannequin:
  - **Uncut**
  - **Uncoloured**
  - **Free of facial hair**
- Professional cutting tools:
  - Shears
  - Texturizing shears
  - Razors with/without guards
  - Manual/non-electrical cutting tools
- Blow dryer
- Combs, brushes, clips
- Mannequin stand
- Towels, draping, PPE
- Tool disinfectant

Borrowing or sharing equipment is **strictly prohibited**.

### Committee Provides:

- Table
- Mirror
- Assigned workstation
- Provincial apron with number tag
- Printed reference photo
- Professional Products provided by sponsor
- SDS for provided products (if applicable)

Multi-outlet devices are restricted per event policy.

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## 7. PROVINCIAL CHECKPOINTS

### Checkpoint 1 – Initial Verification

Judges confirm:

- Mannequin is uncut, uncoloured, and free of facial hair
- Cutting tools meet non-electrical requirements
- Workstation complies with regulations

### Checkpoint 2 – Final Look Completion

Judges evaluate:

- Accuracy relative to reference photo
- Cutting precision and blending
- Styling finish and control
- Cleanliness of work area and technical visibility
- Full rule compliance

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## 8. MARKING SYSTEM (NATIONAL 0–3 SCALE)

All marking elements scored **0, 1, 2, or 3**

Judging Categories:

### Technical Cutting Excellence

- Clean lines, balanced form
- Blending, fading, layering precision
- Razor and shear technique

### Photo Accuracy

- Shape, silhouette, length, texture
- Replication of key design features
- Overall resemblance

### Styling Performance

- Blow-dry technique and finishing
- Texture creation
- Direction, movement, and hold

## Overall Impression

- Polish and professionalism
- Detailing and refinement
- Suitability for a “modern men’s” style

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## 9. PENALTIES & DEMERITS

Penalties apply for:

- Use of electrical or battery-operated cutting tools
- Borrowing or sharing equipment
- Altering hair colour
- Ornamentation or added décor
- Coaching
- Unsafe tool use
- Incomplete resemblance to photo
- Late arrival
- Sweeping must be done immediately after haircut is completed

Each infraction receives **one demerit**, unless severity warrants disqualification.

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## 10. TIE BREAKING

If competitors tie:

1. Highest **Technical Cutting Score** determines winner
2. If still tied, highest **Photo Accuracy Score**
3. If still tied, highest **Styling Score**

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## 11. MANNEQUIN REQUIREMENTS

- Male mannequin only
- Must be **uncut and uncoloured**
- **Absolutely no facial hair**
- Inspected by judges prior to start

Examples: Pivot Point Antonio or Cole.

NP Group - Nick or Brad

Mannequins should have minimum of 7-8" in length and no facial hair.

Non-compliant mannequins may result in penalties or disqualification.