

# **2026 PROVINCIAL CONTEST DESCRIPTION**

## **Hairstyling – Post-Secondary & Apprentice**

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### **Women’s Fashion Haircut, Colour & Style with Wishes**

**8:30am – 11:30am**

**Scrutineer Inspection & Reading of Scopes at 8:15 am.**

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- **Wishes will be presented day of competition**
- Skills Manitoba 2026 - Aligned with Skills Canada National Standards

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE CHALLENGE**

The purpose of this contest is to assess technical competency, creativity, professional behaviour, and industry readiness in a Women’s Fashion Haircut, Colour, and Style using “wishes.”

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## **2. ELIGIBILITY**

### **Post-Secondary Students**

- Enrolled in a accredited Manitoba Hairstyling Program
- 1–1399 hours completed by competition day
- One competitor per school guaranteed; second allowed if space permits

### **Apprentices**

- Registered apprentice in good standing
- 1–2999 hours completed.
- One per salon guaranteed; second allowed if space permits
- Must show apprentice card.

Post-secondary and apprentices compete in the **same category**.

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## 3. EVENT FORMAT

### Test 1 – Women’s Fashion Haircut, Colour & Style with Wishes

Competitors must:

- Complete a full women’s haircut and style reflective of todays modern fashion trends
- All hair must be coloured.
- Use the “wishes” listed in the project.
- Finish with a complete fashion hairstyle.
- Work on an **UNCUT and UNCOLOURED female mannequin (Level 8 mannequin or lighter recommended)**

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## 4. Client Care

- Treat mannequin as a real client
- Use proper draping and protection
- Maintain workstation cleanliness at all times

## Chemical & Colour Application

- All colours must be weighed
- Follow manufacturer mixing, timing, and removal directions
- Set **timers** for all processing (cell phones cannot be used).
- Apply using professional sectioning and placement
- Rinse thoroughly and apply post-treatment as required
- Leftover colour may not exceed 10 g

## Sustainability

- Efficient water and power use
- Waste sorted correctly (hair, foil, chemicals)
- Bowls shown to judges before rinsing

## Work Organization

- Only required tools may be on the workstation
- No technical notes, drawings, formulas
- No coaching from audience
- Workstation must remain organized

## Safety

- Tools clean and disinfected
- Hot tools used safely (not too close to scalp)
- PPE used appropriately
- Floor spills cleaned immediately
- Hot tools placed on protective barriers
- Electrical/water safety maintained
- Hair must be swept immediately after haircut

# 5. EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

## Competitors Provides

- One female mannequin (uncut, uncoloured) level 8 or higher recommended.
- Standard professional hairstyling tools
- Towels, cape, water bottle
- PPE (gloves, etc.)
- Mannequin stand
- Scales
- Colouring tools and supplies
- Tool Disinfectant
- Timer (cell phones not permitted)

Borrowing/sharing prohibited.

## Committee Provides

- Table
- Mirror
- Single electrical outlet

- Provincial apron with number tag
- Colour products and Styling products provided by sponsors
- All SDS (safety data sheets) will be provided by product sponsors

Power bars/multi-outlet devices prohibited.

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## 6. JUDGING CHECKPOINTS

### **Checkpoint 1 – After Colour Application**

**Competitor must call two judges.**

**They will evaluate:**

- Sustainability
- Application quality
- Staining
- Work area cleanliness

### **Checkpoint 2 – After Rinsing**

**Judges evaluate:**

- Sink cleanliness (water spills addressed)
- Staining on mannequin “client”
- Excess colour in bowl

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## 7. MARKING SYSTEM (0-3 SCALE)

**All Measurement Elements are scored 0, 1, 2, or 3,**

# Judging elements

- Wish Quality
- Overall Impression of the cut
- Technical quality of the cut
- Overall impression of the colour
- Technical quality of colour
- Overall impression of the blow dry
- Appropriate product used in finished style

## 8. PENALTIES & DEMERITS

- Coaching
- Late arrival
- Borrowed/shared equipment
- Wrong tools/products
- Safety violations
- Excess product (>10 g)
- Failure to follow instructions
- Failure to meet checkpoint requirements
- Use of more than one outlet

Severe infractions may result in disqualification. One demerit per infraction.

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## 9. TIE BREAKING

If a tie occurs:

1. Highest combined score for **Colour** wins
2. If still tied, highest **Cut** score wins
3. If still tied, highest **Style** score wins

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## 10. MANNEQUIN REQUIREMENTS

- Female mannequin, uncut and uncoloured, level 8 or higher recommended.
- Inspected prior to competition by judges.

Pre-cut or pre-coloured mannequins result in disqualification or penalty.