

2026 PROVINCIAL CONTEST DESCRIPTION

Hairstyling – Post-Secondary and Apprentice

Men's Haircut & Style from a Photo

12:30–2:00 p.m.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.