

2026 PROVINCIAL CONTEST DESCRIPTION

Hairstyling – Secondary

Women’s Fashion Haircut, Colour & Style with Wishes

8:30am – 11:30am

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

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

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.”

2. ELIGIBILITY

Secondary Students

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

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

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 today’s 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)**

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.

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

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.

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.