**FAQ COMPETITIONS 2025**

Q: What does direct modelling mean in competition 21?

A: Direct modelling is when you use product to directly model onto the skin. The direct application onto the skin of any of the following: (basically not pre-made- ie, prosthetic), Skin sculpt, wax, gelatine, latex/tissue, burman gel effects.

Q: In the nail art mood board competition, can they produce a mood board with a square nail, a stiletto nail, a duck nail, a coffin nail and an almond nail.

A: **Yes,** each nail can be any shape or length.

They can even be the extreme length nails.

Q: Direct entry Body Painting competition' - Upper Torso 'Birds of Paradise' however is this front and back torso including the arms for the 2hrs?

A: It says upper torso but not FULL so we would be expected to see all elements of upper torso painted/used. Front, back, arms, face with possible hair/headdress. It does not stipulate all skin so areas could be unpainted.

Q: Does the nail mood board competition still have a step by step.

A: **No,** the step-by-step guide has been removed this year.

Q: Create an injury competition, we wanted to add fake glass into the wound would this be classed as a prosthetic?

A: Fake glass is not a prosthetic; Prosthetics are stuck and blended. If using fake glass it should be industry standard.

Q: Can foundation makeup be used on the face in comp 2 body painting?

A: **NO,** the rules say 'all skin to be painted' so only painting products can be used not makeup.

Q: In the nail competitions can competitors use a magnifying lamp?

A: **Yes,** as long as it is battery operated.

Q: What are alternative nail tip shapes?

A: Stiletto, long, square etc.

Q: Can competitors use a magnifying lamp in the nail art competitions?

A: **Yes,** but it must be small, and battery operated.

Q: Do you have to use a specific mannequin head?

A: **No,** any professional mannequin head is allowed but it must not have any reference to the competitor or college/training centre on the neck.

Q: Can the nail be prepped with nothing on the nail but have completed cuticle work prior to going on the comp floor for competition 11?

A: **Yes,** it is expected a pre-manicure, cuticle work on the nail will have been performed. But the plate should not be prepared, in terms of natural nail prep for gel polish application.

Q: For competition 11, does the full nail need to be tortoise shell, or can you do a mixture including tortoise tips, half and half etc?

A: **Yes,** you can do a mixture, including tortoise shell technique e.g. French style design.

Q: Can you use different colours to create tortoise shell, or does it have to be the specific colours of yellow, orange, brown, black?

A: **Yes**, all colours can be used based.

Q: Can blooming gel be used to create the design?

A: **Yes**, you can.

Q: Can you use a ‘glass yellow’ gel polish product?

A: **No**, as you would have to mix different brands of polish – you must keep to the same brands to achieve the result required.

Q: The lamps college use are SUN UV lamps- these are the exact same photo initiator than the brand lamps, could we bring these or if we are using Glitterbels products do we specifically need to bring Glitterbels lamps?

A: **Yes,** manufacturers for example Glitterbels will tell you which lamps to use with their products.

**See competition rule:**

5. LED/UV lamps must be used to cure the nails. YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN LAMPS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE PHOTO INITIATOR IN THE GEL POLISH.

**N.B. IT IS ADVISABLE TO HAVE THIS EVIDENCE PRESENT TO SHOW THE SCRUTINEERS.**

Q: For competition number 17 can competitors only use the AHT logo as the theme or can they incorporate information about the sponsors etc? Does it just have to be the colours of the logo, or can other colours be incorporated?

A: **Yes,** it is acceptable to use information on the sponsors, and other colours can be incorporated.

Q: Can you use a small prop for the half body painting competitions?

A: **Yes,** you can but only the body art painting will be judged.

Q: Can you wear costume on the bottom half of the body in the half body painting competition?

A: **Yes,** you can but only the body painting will be judged.

Q: Can you use wax in the face painting competition?

A: **No,** you cannot use wax in the face painting competition as this would make the wax a prosthetic.

Q: Can you use fake blood in face painting competition?

A: **Yes,** you can. Competitors can use fake gel blood for example Snazaroo gel blood as part of their face paint. Competitors **cannot use** fresh clotted, wound filler; coagulated or fresh scab as these can produce a 3D effect and this would then constitute a special effect and not face painting.

Q: Can you use the same model for competitions 7 and 20?

A: **No** as the hairline will already be pre- cut from competition 7.

Q: If a model has extensions already in their hair, is it okay for them to still be a model?

A: **Yes**, it is, we have allowed all models with hair extensions to enter any competition.