Barbering Technical Standards

Purpose

To evaluate each contestant’s preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of Barbering.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with Barbering and Cosmetology as the occupational objective.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

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  - **NYS Business Casual - which consists of:**
    - Button-up collared, white dress shirt, white blouse (collarless or small-collared) or white turtleneck, with any collar.
    - Black dress slacks (accompanied by black dress socks or black or skin-tone seamless hose) or black dress skirt (knee-length, accompanied by black or skin-tone seamless hose)
    - Black dress shoes - no open back or open toed shoes

*Note: Contestants should wear their official contest clothing to the contest Orientation in order to participate in the Oral Assessment. Also bring #2 pencil, resume and safety assurance form.

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

1. **Supplied by the technical committee:**
   a. Mirror and table
   b. Biohazard Bag
   c. Any and all pictures or literature of Haircuts and Creative Instructions.
   d. Contestant will replicate steps a barber would take after an effective client consultation. Contestant will be expected to duplicate a client’s desired length and shape within a hair design.

2. **Supplied by the contestant and this will be checked during KIT CHECK:**
   a. Cutting shears
   b. Thinning shears
   c. Razor and spare blade
   d. Clippers
   e. Trimmers
   f. Blow dryer
   g. Styling products of choice
   h. Finishing spray
   i. Combs
   j. Brushes
   k. Spray bottle
   l. Haircolor of choice (Professional Temporary: examples are pencils, chalks, spray, or hair paint. Any type of temporary color not requiring water to rinse is acceptable)
   m. Towels (minimum of 6)
   n. Neck strips
   o. Protective cape (any style cape is adequate)
   p. Clippies or hair clips
   q. Labeled spray hospital grade disinfectant
   r. Hand sanitizer
   s. First aid kit
   t. 1 roll of scotch tape
   u. 1 roll of paper towels
   v. A Manikin Stand
   w. #2 pencil and a blue or black pen
   x. Contestants must use the head sheet included with the technical standards for this portion to create a colored drawing of their creative haircut design with color application and beard design with beard coloring. It should include a written description of the method used to create the design and a picture of the final. Competitors will need two copies of their design theme; one is to be attached to their mirror during the competition. NO pictures from a magazine or internet, MUST be hand drawn.
y. Manikins:
   Celebrity – Jake Budget for haircuts
   Celebrity – Ryan Deluxe Bearded for freestyle
z. All competitors must create a one-page résumé and submit a hard copy to the technical committee chair at orientation. Failure to do so will result in a 10-point penalty.

Note: Your contest may also require a hard copy of your résumé as part of the actual contest. Check the Contest Guidelines and/or the updates page on the NYS SkillsUSA Web site: http://www.nysskillsusa.org/

SCOPE OF THE CONTEST

The contest is defined by industry standards as identified by SkillsUSA technical committee, which includes The Burmax Company, WAHL Clippers, Milady, Pivot Point, and National Barber Association

Knowledge Performance

The contest written portion will include job application and the PDT test.

Skill Performance

The separate skill performance tests assess skills in haircutting, hair styling, haircolor, beard design & coloring. Creativity is assessed in the creative cut and beard design, while haircutting is tested in the re-creation of a man’s haircut and one technical haircut, Flat Top, from photograph(s).

Contest Guidelines

1. The contest rules will be reviewed at orientation. After the review session, contestants will complete the Job Application and PDT test.
2. All contestants must keep their working area clean and organized throughout the contest.
3. All contestants must follow sanitation and safety procedures throughout the contest.
4. Professional attitude and communication is expected throughout the contest.
5. Once time is called, contestants must stop working. Touching the hair of the mannequin after time is called will result in three penalty points.
6. Cell phones are not allowed in the contest area at any time.
7. No photography or videoing is allowed during the contest. Contestants and advisors will be allowed to take photos at the conclusion of the contest.
8. Items that are not allowed to be used during the contest for any cut/style:
   - Stencils
   - Ornaments
   - Hairpieces
   - Leveling devices
   - Guards
9. Contestants should not wear any jewelry that could interfere with services.
10. Additional free standing lighting will not be allowed by contestants.
11. Headlights for the head are allowed (if needed)
12. NO POWER STRIPS ALLOWED….only extension cords
13. NO alterations allowed to clippers or trimmers this could be cause for dismal of contest – this is a safety and sanitation issue

Standards and Competencies

BA 1.0 — Communication Skills: Demonstrate skill and career readiness by participation in a job application scenario

1. Complete employment application
2. Verify resume information
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills

BA 2.0 — Duplicate a Men’s Haircut and style that has been selected by the National Technical Committee within a 45-minute time period

2.1 Duplicate the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor, trimmers, and/or clippers.
2.2 Demonstrate blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
2.3 Duplicate the length, design line and textured look of the selected cut
2.4 Duplicate the finished design using blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, etc., as needed.
2.5 Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected haircut
2.6 Duplicate the balance of form, control of texture and the control of the hair direction
2.7 Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and maintain a clean area at all times.
BA 3.0 — Men’s Flat Top Cut: Execute a men’s flat top haircut on manikin at a length selected by the NYS Technical Committee within a 60 min time period

3.1 Execute the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor and/or clipper and trimmers as needed
3.2 Demonstrate the correct techniques for cutting a Flat Top
3.3 Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing
3.4 If needed, Contestant may apply styling aid to help Fine tune the flat top
3.5 Style using desired styling products to Complete style
3.6 Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and maintain a clean area at all times.

BA 4.0 — Create a Men’s Creative Freestyle Design Cut and Beard Design including hair and beard color of your choice within a 120-minute time period then there will be an oral presentation of the Creative Design

4.1 Identify the theme of the men’s creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair and beard color on paper and turn in hard copy to NY chairman at orientation. A second copy of the freestyle design should be with the contestant during the skill portion of the competition.
4.2 Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
4.3 Create a men’s creative freestyle design cut and beard design including hair and beard color. Any type of temporary hair color can be used.
4.4 Duplicate the finished design using blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, etc., as needed.
4.5 Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected hair design
4.6 Demonstrate balance, proportion and form in the finished creative cut and beard design
4.7 Show control of texture and control of hair direction in the finished design
4.8 Incorporate current trends in both haircut, hair color and beard design
4.9 Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and maintain a clean area at all times.
4.10 Contest may have to give a 1-3 min speech on their design to the judge(s).