



Red Soak Off Gel Manicure Rules, Judges Instruction & Criteria

Rules



1. Total time allowed is 1 hour
2. This competition is done on natural nails only.
3. The required elements for the competition are as followed.
4. The model is to come with nails ready to be manicured.
5. The nails are to be manicured during the competition, soaking is optional. Lotion and massage is not necessary.
6. All models nails will be checked to make sure manicures and filing of the nail were not done prior to the competition.
7. Nail must appear to be at least 1 week without any type of manicuring.
8. If it is determined that the models nails have been manicured prior to the competition a 5 point deduction can be enforced on the competitor.
9. The nails must be enhanced and covered with any type of soak off gel or Gel polish.
10. No traditional nail polish.
11. Top sealer must be applied
12. Rules of sanitation must be adhered too.
13. All products must be clearly labeled
14. All products used for manicuring are allowed.
15. All products and tools must be on the table prior to the start of the competition.
16. You are not allowed to get products out of your case or have product brought in from outside of the competition arena once the competition begins.
17. Both hands must be applied in solid Red. No glitter, shimmer or frost.
18. All general rules apply to this competition.



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Judges Instructions

- ∞ **10 point total on all categories.**
- ∞ **1 point a nail.**
- ∞ **In a one hand competition, point total is reduced to 5 points.**
- ∞ **Each nail is judged on its own merit.**
- ∞ **The nail must meet all of the criteria for the category being judged to earn its point.**

Nail Shape

- ∞ The shape of the nails looks consistent and uniform.
- ∞ The top of the free edge must not be uneven
- ∞ The free edge is straight from the nail plate.
- ∞ All free edge shapes are acceptable, but they must have symmetry.

Product Application

- ∞ The application at cuticle is clean.
- ∞ No gel products of any kind should appear on the cuticles or surrounding skin

Cuticle Maintenance

- ∞ No cuts or irritation around the nail folds.
- ∞ The cuticle area was well manicured.
- ∞ The cuticle area and eponychium, is pushed back and appears properly cleaned.
- ∞ There is not excessive removal or cutting of eponychium.

Underside

- ∞ No visible dust or debris is allowed.
- ∞ No glue or polish.
- ∞ No excessive gel products of any kind.
- ∞ Oil is allowed to be used, but if the oil is excessive a deduction is mandatory in this criteria.



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Surface Smoothness

- ∞ No file lines or demarcations should appear on the surface of the nail.
- ∞ It should feel smooth like glass with no bumps or pits on the surface.
- ∞ No excessive product build up near the natural nails sidewalls. 10

High Shine

- ∞ The top sealer must be shiny on the entire surface of the nail.
- ∞ There should not be any dull spots on it.
- ∞ All gel residue must be well removed.
- ∞ The surface should not feel tacky at all.

Judges Instructions

- ∞ **20 points total.**
- ∞ **2 points a nail.**
- ∞ **In a one hand competition, point total is reduced to 10 points.**
- ∞ **Each nail is judged on its own merit.**
- ∞ **The nail must meet 2/5 of the criteria for this category being judged to earn 1 point.**
- ∞ **The nail must meet 4/5 of the criteria for this category being judged to earn 2 points**

Red Color Application

- ∞ The Application of the product should completely cover the surface of the entire nail.
- ∞ Product must be applied evenly with no streaks.
- ∞ The color should look extremely solid with no transparencies.
- ∞ The color of the red should appear evenly spaced around the cuticle.
- ∞ The tip of the free edge must be covered completely.