**3-D Nail Art Rules**

1. Competitors may submit more than one entry, but must pay a registration fee for each entry.

2. A 3-D Nail Art entry must consist of a set of 10 individual manufacturer tips. They may not be constructed by a layperson. They must be from a manufacturer box. The length of the tip must be no longer than 2” in length and no wider than 3/4” if they were to be flattened out. **Tips must be graduated in size.** The design must be wearable. **The design may not protrude more than 1” in height from the tip surface.** Tips must remain individual and not be secured to one another. Design must be on all 10 tips.

3. The theme must be followed on all 10 nails.

Theme: Heroes

4. All work must be completed prior to the competition. No work station, seating or electrical outlet will be provided.

5. All nail art must be made from professional nail products (colored liquid-and-powder acrylic, light-cured gel, wraps and resin, polish, rhinestones, etc.)

6. Embellishments or adornments may be used, but must NOT exceed 25% of the overall design.

7. Top coat, UV gel sealant or glitter polish may be used.

8. Competitors may NOT use any copyrighted art, designs or logos.

9. Competitors must prepare and submit a written statement in two parts. One detailing the products and processes used to create the art and one telling the story of your interpretation of the theme. Do NOT name specific brands or manufacturers, and DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME.

10. Display/Presentation: 10 tips must be securely fastened to a plain (one color, no texture, no mirror), flat surface for the judging process. The size of the mounting surface is to be a maximum of 6 inches wide by 8 inches deep by ¼ tall and it must be FLAT, FLUSH AND STURDY.

3-D Nail Art will be judged in the following categories: originality, visual interest, color, presentation, balance, design and detail, dimension, overall impression, complexity, workmanship, tip length and theme.

**3-D Nail Art Judging Criteria**

**Judge 1**

**Originality - 5 Points**

the design is innovative (new and original)

* the design is unique (different from other designs)

**Visual Interest - 10 Points**

the design captures your attention

* the design holds your attention

**Color - 10 Points**

* the colors enhance the design
* the colors complement each other

**Presentation - 5 Points**

* this entry is presented within the 3-D rules
* this entry is presented as if it is a special piece of art
* care was taken to make this presentation neat and clean
* written statement is included and is complete and understandable

**Judge 2**

**Balance - 5 Points**

* various elements of the design are well-balanced, neither too sparse or too busy
* the sum of the design is in harmony with the parts of the whole design

**Design and Detail - 10 Points**

* the design enhances the theme
* the design is well thought out
* the detail of design is clean and precise
* the design has adequate detail

**Dimension - 10 Points**

* the dimension is obvious and within the guidelines 3-D rules
* the dimension enhances the theme and is balanced
* the dimension may not protrude more than 1" in height from the tip surface

**Overall Impression - 10 Points**

* this design makes an excellent overall impression
* this design is complete and needs no improvement
* this entry is within all rules and guidelines

**Judge 3**

**Complexity - 10 Points**

* the design is challenging, demanding skill and effort
* the design involves multiple techniques
* the complexity relates to the theme

**Workmanship - 10 Points**

* the overall quality of the work demonstrates outstanding artistic skills
* the workmanship is neat, clean and precise
* the theme is well represented

**Tip Length - 5 Points**

* the tips are graduated in length and size
* the length of tips must be no linger than 2"
* the width may be no wider than 3/4" if they were flattened out

**Theme - 10 Points**

* the theme is obvious and completely developed
* the theme is continued on all 10 nails
* the design enhances the theme

**Scoring Guide Scoring Guide**

**10**  Flawless               **5**   Average

**9**   Almost flawless      **4**   Below average

**8**   Very good             **3**   Poor

**7**   Good                    **2** Very poor

**6**   Above average      **1** Unacceptable