**Hand Painted Nail Art Rules**

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

2. Each Hand Painted 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 must be no longer than 2” in length and no wider than 3/4” if they were flattened out. **Tips must be graduated in size**. Finished tips must be wearable. The design must be done by hand painting only. Tips must remain individual and not be secured to one another. Design may encompass all 10 tips as a picture, but tips must remain individual. If tips do not meet the requirements, the design may be disqualified or receive a point deduction.

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

Theme: Romance

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

5. All work must be done by hand painting only. Absolutely no airbrushing or gel paint is allowed. Only acrylic water based paint and nail polish may be used.

6. The surface of the tips must be flush; NO raised surfaces.

7. Top coat or UV gel sealant MUST be used but must NOT contain any glitter.

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.

Hand Painted Nail Art will be judged in the following categories: originality, visual interest, color, design, balance, complexity, workmanship, detail, theme and overall impression.

**Hand Painted Nail Art Judging Criteria**

**Judge 1**

**Originality - 10 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

**Judge 2**

**Design - 10 Points**

 the design enhances the theme

* the design is well thought out
* the design is complete and needs no improvement

**Balance - 10 Points**

* various elements of the design are well-balanced, neither too sparse or too busy
* **Complexity - 10 Points**
* the design is challenging, demanding skill and effort
* the design involves multiple techniques

**Workmanship - 10 Points**

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

**Judge 3**

**Detail - 10 Points**

* the detail of design is clear and crisp
* the design is adequately detailed

**Theme - 10 Points**

 the theme is obvious and completely developed

 the theme is continued on all 10 nails

 the design enhances the theme

**Overall Impression - 10 Points**

* this design makes an excellent overall impression
* this design is complete and needs no improvement

**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