



Barbering – State Contest Update 2023

Review the contest Technical Standards for more information!

The Technical Standards online the competition at the national level and are used to prepare the state-level competition. This document outlines any differences between the state and national contest, as it relates to those standards.

SCOPE OF CONTEST

The three separate skill performance tasks include haircutting, hair styling, and creative beard design. An oral communication (Interview and Creative Design). Creativity is assessed in the creative cut and beard design, while haircutting is evaluated in the recreation of men's haircuts from a photography. The competition will include an interview.

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Supplied by the Contestant:

- Resume
- Mannequin Stand or tripod
- First aid kit
- Blood spill kit
- Blow dryer
- Brushes
- Clips
- Clippers and Trimmers
- Combs
- EPA registered disinfectant (labeled spray bottle)
- Extension Cord
- Gel hand sanitizer
- Mini dustpan and broom
- Mannequin (Mr Sam WITH BEARD or Magnum WITH BEARD) and holder
- Gloves
- Hair cutting cape or comb out cape
- Neck strips
- Razor with spare blades
- Scissors/ Shears
- Spray Bottle filled with water (labeled)
- Stand-up mirror (optional)
- Styling products/ Finishing Spray
- Thinning shears
- Towels (minimum 6)
- Ziploc bag for hair
- Blue or black pen

NOTE: *Any other items brought by the contestant will be subject to the approval of the technical committee and must be declared at the time of the on-site kit check.*

CONTEST OUTLINE

Duplicate a Men's Haircut and style selected by the Contest Technical Committee within 45 minutes.

- Duplicate the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor, trimmers, and/or clippers. Guards allowed.
- Demonstrate blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
- Duplicate the length, design line and textured look of the selected cut.
- Duplicate the finished design using blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, etc., as needed.
- Use appropriate styling products to duplicate the selected haircut.
- Duplicate the balance of form, control of texture and the control of the hair direction.
- Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.

Men's Flat Top Cut: Execute a men's flat top haircut on manikin at a length selected by the Contest Technical Committee within 60 minutes.

- Execute the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor and/or clipper and trimmers as needed. **NO GUARDS OR LEVELING DEVICES ALLOWED.**
- Demonstrate the correct techniques for cutting a Flat Top.
- Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining, and finishing.
- If needed, Contestant may apply styling aid to help Fine tune the flat top.
- Style using desired styling products to Complete style.
- Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.

Demonstrate a free style creative beard design on a mannequin within 45 minutes.

- Identify the theme of the men's creative freestyle beard design.
- Duplicate the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor, trimmers, and/or clippers. Guards allowed.
- Demonstrate fading, blending, sectioning, lining and finishing.
- Create the finished design using blow dryer or thermal tools such as curling iron, flat iron, etc., as needed.
- Use appropriate styling products to create the selected beard design.
- Demonstrate balance, proportion, and form in the finished creative beard design.
- Show control of texture and control of hair direction in the finished design.
- Incorporate current trends in the beard design.
- Follow all safety and sanitation procedures and always maintain a clean area.

TIMING/SCORING

Haircut #1 – 45 min	225
Haircut #2 – 60 min	225
Creative Beard Design – 60 min	225
Written Test – Technical Assessment	100
Written Test – Professional Development Assessment	25
Sanitation	100
Professionalism	100
<i>Improper uniform/attire</i>	<i>Up to -50</i>
<i>No resume</i>	<i>-50</i>
<i>Per missing item from kit check</i>	<i>-10</i>
<i>Incorrect mannequin</i>	<i>-50</i>
<i>Touching mannequin after time is called</i>	<i>-10</i>
TOTAL	1000

CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS/RULES:

- Pictures and technical drawings of various cuts will be given to the contestants onsite prior to the start of each cut. Pictures may be released ahead of time by the regional coordinator/ state director, at the discretion of the contest committee. Check the state website for updates.
- Contestants must perform two haircuts on a mannequin, predetermined by the judges.
- Contestants will demonstrate a creative beard design on a mannequin.
- Scissors, razor, and thinning shears may be required to complete each haircut.
- Blow dryers may be required to complete the blow styling.
- The same mannequin will be used for both haircuts and beard design.
- Once time is called, the competitor must stop working. Touching the hair of the mannequin after time is called will result in a 10-point penalty.
- Cell phones are not allowed during the competition at any time. They must stay in a bag, turned off, and out of sight.
- Additional items that are needed to complete any portion of the haircut, flat-top and creative design may be added to the kit. They will not be part of the kit check.
 - Extra blades for clippers (if needed)
 - Attachments for blow dryer (if needed)
 - Styling products of choice
 - Headlamp (if needed)
- Items that are not allowed during the competition for any cut/style: stencils, ornaments, hairpieces, leveling devices, guards, additional free-standing lights, neck dusters, or additional extension cords.
- No alterations to clippers or trimmers are allowed. Failure to abide by this guideline could be cause for dismissal from the contest. This is a safety and sanitation issue.
- Competitor should not wear any jewelry that could interfere with services.
- Instructors talking/signaling to judges or competitors once the competition has started could result in the student's dismissal from the contest.
- The competitor must clean their station completely at the end of the competition as part of the sanitation grade. They must sweep, clean, and dispose of their own hair in a ziplock bag.
- Contestants must remain in the contest area until judging is complete.
- Critiquing by the judges will be offered at the end of the contest.
- All contestants must keep their working area clean and organized.
- All contestants must follow sanitation and safety procedures.
- Professional attitude and communication are expected.
- Be aware of personal hygiene and any strong perfumes or colognes.

***No leveling devices or clipper guards can be used for the flattop cut.

***Clippers/Trimmers cannot be altered in any way.

NATIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION FOR GOLD MEDALIST

Knowledge Performance

The contest will include a Resume, Job application and a Mini Interview. Contestants will have 45 minutes to complete the Resume & Job Application and the Mini Interview will range 10-15 mins in length.

Skill Performance

The four separate skill performance tests assess skills in haircutting, hair styling, hair color, beard design & coloring. Creativity is assessed in the creative cut and beard design, while haircutting is tested in the re-creation of one men's haircut from a photograph and one technical haircut which is the Flat Top.

Please note that no guards will be allowed for any cut at the National Level.