

BARBERING UPDATE: SLSC26

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Supplied by the competitors:

Competitors must bring their own supplies. Judges will do a kit check before the start of the contest. Any other items must be shown to the judges for approval before the start of the contest.

- Resume
- Mannequin Stand or tripod
- Mannequin (Mr Sam WITH BEARD or Magnum WITH BEARD) and holder
- 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
- 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

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

- 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 ANY HAIRCUT OR BEARD DESIGN. This is a new policy this year and will be strictly enforced at the state level.

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

GENERAL CONTEST OUTLINE

Duplicate a Men's Haircut and style (45 minutes)

- Duplicate the haircut using shears, thinning shears, texturizing shears, razor, trimmers, and/or clippers. NO GUARDS OR LEVELING DEVICES 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.

Execute a men's flat top haircut (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 (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. NO GUARDS OR LEVELING DEVICES 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.