



**Cosmetology**  
**Manikin Fantasy Comb Out Competition**  
**2023 State Fair**  
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**DATE:** Monday, September 25, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. Registration  
11:00 p.m. Contest  
1:30 p.m. Awards

Late arrivals may compete but will not get additional time.

**PLACE:** State Fairgrounds at The Meadows in Doswell, VA, Caroline County

**THEME: FAIRY TALE CHARECTERS**

**PURPOSE OF COMPETITION:**

Contestants will demonstrate their ability to perform comb out and styling techniques on a manikin. The manikins will be evaluated for hair styling and creativity.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Contestants will be evaluated based on their performance in the following areas:

1. Artistic ability.
2. Design.
3. Overall appearance.

**TOOLS:**

Contestants must supply the following:

1. All necessary implements and supplies to perform their selected manikin design.
2. A manikin of the contestant's choice
3. Manikin holder
4. Drape

**NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS:** Unlimited. You are encouraged to select competitors for this event through local competition. Students may compete in only one Cosmetology contest including Manikin Comb Out, Nail Design, Total Fashion Look or Manikin Fantasy Comb Out Competition, Total Fashion Look Fantasy.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$20.00 per contestant.

Please register on-line at [www.skillsusava.org](http://www.skillsusava.org), go to Event, State Fair and then to Competitions.

**DEADLINE:** Schools must register by September 15, 2023 Substitutions may be made the day of the competition.

- *Participants must have a Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition.*
- *Teachers are responsible for ordering tickets online by directly from the State Fair Ticket Office using a State Fair Student Competition Ticket Order link, which can be found on-line at [www.skillsusava.org](http://www.skillsusava.org) under 'State Fair'*
- *State Fair Tickets must be ordered online so everyone may enter near contest site (Gate 2) You will be allowed to park in this area with advance tickets. No picking up tickets on site.*

## SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION:

1. Manikin will be either pre set, iron curled, or may be left straight prior to the contest.
2. Time will be allowed for removal of nets, clips, rollers, etc., prior to comb out time.
3. Comb out will be done in the presence of judges and audience. ALL HAIR AND ARTIFICIAL HAIR AND/OR HAIRPIECES MUST BE COMPLETELY TAKEN DOWN AND BRUSHED THROUGH! Examples include gelled fingerwaves, ponytails, braids, French twists, or other designs must be brushed out. Judges will be checking each manikin to see that the hair and artificial hair and/or hairpieces have been completely brushed through and that no pre-styling exists. Contestants who refuse to comply will be disqualified.
4. Ornamentation is at the pleasure of the contestant.
5. Two thirds of the manikin's hair must be visible. Ornamentation or artificial hair must not cover more than 1/3 of the manikin's hair. This is a hair competition not a ornament or accessory competition. NO STORY BOARDS, BACKDROPS OR TABLE ACCESSORIES WILL BE ALLOWED, MANIKINS WILL BE JUDGED ON HAIR AND MAKE-UP ONLY.
6. Time allowed for comb out - 45 minutes.
7. Contestants will supply all tools necessary to achieve their desired comb out.
8. NO ELECTRICAL outlets or appliances will be used during the comb out competition.
9. **This is a fantasy competition.** Contestants are free to express their artistic ability.
10. Decision of the judges will be FINAL!
11. **makeup may be used on the manikin only during the contest time but the 45 minute time limit cannot be exceeded. Artificial eyelashes will be allowed and must be applied during contest time.**

**DRESS CODE:** Black slacks or knee length skirt, white top with sleeves, (no low cut necklines or bare midriffs), black low-heeled, closed toe dress shoes (no tennis shoes). Students must present themselves with a clean professional appearance. Students should remain in competition attire until after the awards are presented.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at the contest site