



**Cosmetology**  
**Manikin Comb Out Competition**  
**2023 Fall Festival**  
Updated 9/28/2023

**DATE:** Monday, November 20, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. Registration  
11:30 a.m. Contest  
2:00 p.m. Awards

Late arrivals may compete but will not get additional time.

**PLACE:** VOLVO Union Hall, 5110 Cougar Trail, Dublin VA 24084

**PURPOSE OF COMPETITION:**

Contestants will demonstrate their ability to perform comb out and styling techniques on a preset or straight manikin.

Manikins must be styled for evening looks. The manikins will be evaluated for hair styling.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

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

1. Artistic ability.
2. Balance and design.
3. Overall appearance.

**TOOLS:**

Contestants must supply the following:

1. All necessary implements and supplies to perform their selected manikin design.
2. The preset, thermal curled or straight manikin.
3. Manikin holder.
4. Drape
5. Manikin accessories will not be allowed.  
No scarves or jewelry.  
No ornamentation in the hair.

**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, Manikin Fantasy Comb Out, or Total Fashion Look Fantasy.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$25.00 per contestant.

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

**DEADLINE:** Schools must register the number of teams by November 13, 2023. Substitutions may be made the day of the competition

**SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION:**

1. Manikin will be either pre- set, thermal curled or left straight prior to contest, with no evidence of prior styling.

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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 MUST BE COMPLETELY 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 has been brushed through and that no pre-styling exists. Contestants who refuse to comply will be disqualified.
4. **NO ORNAMENTATION.**
5. Time allowed for comb out - 25 minutes.
6. Contestants will supply all tools necessary to achieve their desired comb out.
7. NO ELECTRICAL outlets or appliances will be used during the comb out competition.
8. This is an **EVENING STYLING COMPETITION**. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their maximum artistic flair!
9. This is **NOT** a Fantasy Contest.
10. Decision of the judges will be FINAL!
11. Only the make-up that comes on the manikin from the manufacturer will be allowed **NO ARTIFICIAL EYELASHES.**

**DRESS CODE:** Students are required to wear the following while competing: 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 need to stay in dress for awards