



# NEW ZEALAND NAIL COMPETITION – 2026

## SUBMITTED ART DIVISIONS

### **NZ NAIL COMPETITION SUBMITTED ART DIVISION GUIDE**

Every division represents skill, dedication, and courage.

Divisions exist to ensure fair assessment among competitors of similar industry experience and competition standing.

Within NZ Nail Competition (NZNC), Our **submitted art** progression is clear and structured.

Competitors move up a division only when they:

- Place 1st in their current division, or
- Exceed the years-of-experience threshold for that division

This protects fairness, integrity, and the competitive standard of NZNC.

### **NOVICE**

*0–3 Years in the Nail Industry*

You must enter Novice if:

- You are currently studying Nail Technology, or
- You have up to 3 years industry experience

**You will move out of Novice if:**

- You place 1st in Novice in any (official) nail competition, or
- You exceed 3 years industry experience

Novice ensures fair competition among those in their foundational industry years.

### **OPEN**

*4+ Years in the Nail Industry*

You must enter Open if:

- You have 4 or more years industry experience, or
- You have previously placed 1st in Novice in any (official) nail competition

**You will move out of Open if:**

- You place 1st in Open in any (official) nail competition

Open recognises experienced professionals competing at an elevated technical and creative level.

### **MASTERS**

*Elite Competition Level*

Masters is the highest Submitted Art division within NZNC.

You must enter Masters if:

- You have previously placed 1st in Open in any (official) nail competition, or
- You choose to compete at Masters level

Masters competitors are assessed against the highest standard of technical execution, refinement, and artistic excellence.