



NEW ZEALAND NAIL COMPETITION –2026

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- Copyright is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted characters, logos, or recognisable intellectual property (e.g. Disney, Warner Bros, movie or TV characters, brand logos). Any copyright or trademark breach will result in immediate disqualification.
- All submitted artwork must be original, exclusive, and created specifically for the New Zealand Nail Competition. Entries must not have been entered into any other competition worldwide.
- All submitted artwork must be fully completed prior to submission.
- Competitors must submit their own work only. The Head Judge reserves the right to request a verbal explanation or ask a competitor to recreate a portion of the work to verify authenticity.
- Nail tips may be commercially purchased or custom made. Handmade tips must reflect commercial proportions and a natural C-curve.
- It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure artwork is submitted on time.
 - **Cutoff date for Poster:** Sunday October 18th 2026 via email. nznailcomp@gmail.com. Entries will be uploaded for online Judging, placings announced Saturday October 31st
 - **Poster –Peoples choice:** All poster entries are open to public voting on Friday 30th October. winner announced October 31st. PC includes all divisions and all 3 poster categories.
- Artwork descriptions may be included. These must be short, legible, contain no brand names, and are not judged.
- Artwork must be displayed within the size requirements for the category. Exceeding size limits will result in a 5-point deduction.
- Do not name or label your work. All entries must be unidentifiable

COMPETITOR CONDUCT

- Entries cannot be shared online before October 30th (when we will open people's choice)
- Work must be completed solely by the competitor.
- Competitors are responsible for return shipping, packaging, and any insurance.
- Competitors and models must act professionally and respectfully toward judges, staff, sponsors, and other competitors at all times.
- Conduct that brings the New Zealand Nail Competition into disrepute, including online behavior, may result in disqualification, or refusal of future entry. or event cancellation.
- Observing these rules ensures fairness and protects the integrity of the competition.

PACKAGING & SHIPPING:

- The 2026 Poster New Zealand Nail Competition is an online only event.
- Competitors must send entries to: nznailcomp@gmail.com by October 18th 2026
- Subject: Poster (category) (division) Halloween
- When required competitors are responsible for any insurance.
- The NZ Nail Competition will ship medals to all place getters by November 30th 2026
- The NZ Nail Competition takes no responsibility for lost or damaged packages.



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RULES, GUIDELINES & ENTRY CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- The New Zealand Nail Competition welcomes qualified, certified, and currently in training Nail Technicians.
- The New Zealand Nail Competition reserves the right to accept or deny any entry at its discretion.
- Competitors must enter the highest division they qualify for. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure correct division entry. Incorrect entry may result in disqualification without refund.
- Competitors and models must be 16 years of age or older.
- Competitors who do not understand English must arrange their own translator.

ENTRY FEES, REFUNDS, TRANSFERS & CREDITS

Entry Fees

Entry fees contribute directly to the planning and delivery of the event with significant upfront and non-recoverable costs. For this reason, all entry fees are non-refundable. Credit for future NZNC events may be given on a case-to-case basis.

Transfers & Changes

- Name changes and competitor transfers are permitted.
- Category changes are permitted, provided space allows and placement eligibility is not affected (minimum four competitors required to award all placings).
- After the registration cut-off date (Sept 30th), Transfers, name changes, or category changes will be accepted but incur an admin fee of \$20NZD

Credits

- Credits may be issued in limited circumstances at the discretion of the organisers.
- Credits are valid for the next New Zealand Nail Competition only, and have no cash value.

Cancellation or Postponement

- If the event is cancelled, a full refund will be issued.
- If the event is postponed, competitors may transfer their entry to the new date or receive a refund minus third-party processing fees (including Wix and Stripe)

No Refund Circumstances

Refunds or credits will not be issued due to change of mind, illness, injury, travel issues, scheduling conflicts, failure to attend, or failure to read or understand the rules.

MEDIA, LIABILITY & FINAL AUTHORITY

- Photo and video content may be captured for promotional use. Entry constitutes consent unless opted out in writing prior to the event. nznailcomp@gmail.com
- Competitors participate at their own risk. The New Zealand Nail Competition is not responsible for injury, loss, or damage to personal property.
- Any situation not explicitly covered in these rules will be ruled on by the Head Judge and event Director.
- The New Zealand Nail Competition reserves the right to amend these rules at any time.