

***2026 Velvatex Hair Competition
June 14, 2026***

Registration Deadline is May 15, 2026 at 4:30
Application and Fee (\$25 Non-refundable)
Must be submitted and paid by this date and time

Cash Prize for Each Category

Category 1 –
1st and 2nd
\$250 and \$125
3rd trophy

Category 2
1st and 2nd
\$500 and \$250
3rd trophy

Eligibility

Category - 1

High School 11th and 12th

(High School transcript proof of grade and Government ID)

Free Style Braid

9:00AM to 11:30AM

(Must be set-up and ready to start on time)

Category - 2

Current Cosmetology Students

(active permit required and Government ID)

Free Style

1:00PM to 3:30PM

(Must be set-up and ready to start on time)

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED ON CLINIC FLOOR
NO GUEST ALLOWED DURING COMPETITION
CONTESTANT AND MODEL ONLY

Winners from each category (1st, 2nd, 3rd) finished style will be video and presented at the 2025-2026 Graduation.

A "People Choice Award" will be chosen **(1st place from each category)**

The audience at graduation will vote during the reception

The two People's Choice Winners will receive a trophy

Free-Style Braiding (High School 11th and 12th)
Competition Rules

Free style braiding competitions evaluate creativity, technical skill, and symmetry, typically requiring intricate, original designs completed on live models within 150 minutes. ***Key rules prohibit pre-styling, require all hair to be braided on site, and we emphasize, clean parting, tight stitching, and creative use of accessories or colors.***

Competition Rules & Guidelines

- **Preparation:** Hair must arrive clean and blown out, with no pre-existing braids, curls, or pre-attached hairpieces.
- **Time Constraints:** 150 minutes of active styling time.
- **Live Models:** Competitors must bring their own model
- **No Assistance:** Only the braider is allowed to work on the model; no help from assistants.
- **Materials:** Competitors must bring their own tools (combs, products, accessories, extensions).
- **Presentation:** A 2-minute introduction to allows judges to review the final look. Cleanup is part of your final presentation

Evaluation & Judging Criteria

- **Creativity & Complexity:** The uniqueness of the design.
- **Cleanliness/Stitching:** Neatness of parts and tightness of the braid, often termed "stitches".
- **Symmetry:** Balanced design from one side to the other.

- **Overall Finish:** Inclusion of accessories like beads, jewelry, or rubber bands.

Disqualification Factors

- Arriving late.
- Having a model with pre-braided hair.
- Receiving coaching or help during the competition.
- Using prohibited tools or excessive pre-parting

Free Style Competition (Current Cosmetology Student) Competition Rules

Free style hair competitions require stylists to create original, creative, or avant-garde designs on live models within 150 minutes.

Key rules include using tools like shears, clippers, and razors, extensions or color sprays (contestant is responsible for any damage to area, floors, walls, etc...),

NO pre-styled hair or excessive OR props

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Competition Rules & Regulations

- **Time Limits:** Freestyle design competitions 150 minutes for completion.
- **Model Requirements:** A live model is required, who must be at least 16–18 years old.
- **Pre-styling:** the model's hair must be clean, dry, and free of any pre-cut or pre-styled work (including braids or color) before the competition begins.
- **Tools:** Contestants must bring their own tools, such as clippers, trimmers, shears, and razors.
- **Color/Enhancements:** Color sprays, pencils, and hair enhancements (fibers) are allowed, though THIS competition have restrictions on aerosol spray.

- **Scoring Criteria:** Judges grade based on technical skill (fading, blending), creativity, originality, and overall presentation. Clean-up is included in the grading the finishing style.
- **Conduct:** No coaching from the audience is allowed, and only the contestant and model allowed.

Specific "Freestyle/Design" Category Rules

- **Originality:** Designs must be original and not previously created or copied.
- **No Pre-cutting:** All cutting, trimming, and shaping must be done on site.
- **Restrictions:** Prohibit specific types of props, such as excessive hair extensions or heavy, unsafe props.

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