



2026 INDIANA SKILLSUSA CHAMPIONSHIPS TASK & MATERIALS LIST

SKILL OR LEADERSHIP AREA: NAIL CARE

CONTEST LOCATION:

Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion
1202 E. 38th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46205

DATE: April 11, 2026

TIME: 7:30 am arrive

7:45 am check in at contest area

8:00 am contest begins

PURPOSE

To evaluate each contestant's preparation for employment and to recognize outstanding students for excellence and professionalism in the field of nail care.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT:

For men:

- White polo shirt
- black dress slacks
- black socks
- black leather work shoes.

For women:

- White polo top
- black dress slacks
- black socks or black or skin-tone hose (If socks or hose are worn but not required)
- black leather work shoes.

For models:

- Businesslike, white, collarless blouse
- black dress slacks or skirt
- black or skin-tone hose (If socks or hose are worn but not required)
- black shoes.

ALL STUDENTS MUST TURN IN A 1-PAGE RESUME, FRONT ONLY, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONTEST. THERE IS A 10 POINT DEDUCTION FOR NOT HAVING IT TURNED IN ON TIME. NONE WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME. NOT SHEET PROTECTORS OR FOLDERS.

AWARDS CEREMONY DRESS CODE

*A Dress Code will be enforced during the Awards Ceremony. To accept an award "on-stage", the student must wear the "Official SkillsUSA Uniform", State T-Shirt or the competition attire. **NO SHORTS OR HATS!!!***

CONTEST INFORMATION

Items Nail Contestants will supply:

1. Hand sanitizer
2. Disinfectant solution and jar for implements
3. Plastic bag for disposal and refuse
4. Safety glasses
5. White terry towels
6. Disposal Towels
7. Water dispenser
8. Items to complete 5 sculptured acrylic nails: All items needed
 - a. Covered Dappen dishes
 - b. Monomer, Polymer, and primer from same manufacturer
 - c. Two of the four basic acrylic colors: pink, clear, white or natural: French Manicure Acrylic completed nail on full hand
9. All items to complete 5 nails with a tip and light-cured gel enhancement overlay
 - a. Can be a hard gel or a hybrid gel/acrylic product
 - b. Gel polish, temporary or no-light gels maybe NOT be used during the 5 nails with tip and gel overlay
10. Flat nail art: Look at national technical standards for items NOT allowed
 - a. Gel polish, rhinestones sizes 20ss or under, glitter and dusts and adhesives, i.e., gel topcoats/ glue may be used (see 2024-2026 Technical Standards page 2, i.)
11. Written description of nail art theme: **MUST BE TYPED include pictures of nail art to be used during competition. Make sure both nail theme and diagram are in plastic sleeve. (Review page 2, j., in the 2024-2026 Technical Standard)**
12. Portable kit organizer
13. Table lamps (optional)
14. Power Strip/extension cord

Any additional items that a competitor brings must be cleared by the Nail Tech Chair. Please refer to the national standards for question on how procedures will be judged.

**** COMMUNICATING BETWEEN THE CONTESTANT AND THE MODEL WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

****CELL PHONES IN THE COMPETITION AREA WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

2026 Nail Agenda:

Saturday:

7:45: Be in competition area and hand in resume, theme paragraph and diagrams.

8:00-8:15: Kit and uniform check, table set up

8:15-9:15: Sculpture Acrylic Nails (Right hand only)

9:15-10:15: Tips with light cured overlay (Left Hand only)

10:15-10:30: Final judging on Sculpture and Tip Gel Overlay

10:30-11:45: Flat Nail Art (Left Hand) Red Polish on (Right hand)

11:45-12:00: Final Judging