
CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Belgium Championships French Manicure Gel and Liquid/Powder 2020

The Belgium Championships French Manicure will be organized by Nail Design Magazine.

Competitors with a foreign passport, who work in Belgium and have a residential address in Belgium, can participate as well. During registration, these competitors must show, next to their ID, also a Belgian VAT number or proof of their employer. In addition you have to show a proof of your actual residential address showing that the competitor lives in Belgium. The additional documents must be no older than a month.

The Belgium Championships French Manicure will be held on the 14th of November 2020 in Sint-Niklaas. The gel and liquid/powder competitions are kept separate, both in the division of beginners and advanced¹. In addition, international competitors from outside Belgium can join the competition. They have no chance of winning one of the Trophy's. At a minimum of 5 international competitors there will be a separate Trophy for the best international competitor. The maximum number of participants per competition is 35.

Task liquid/powder:

The nail enhancements created by the competitors are to be competition nails. Two and a half working hours will be given to all competitors to create even and consistent white extensions with consistent smile lines on both hands. The nail bed extension or elongations must be completed on both hands using a camouflage powder and needs to extend a minimum of 1mm from the free edge of the natural nail. The camouflage powder on the natural nails should be perfectly blended to the cuticle area in a color fade so that no delineation lines are visible. White acrylic paint, polish, or product other than white acrylic powder is not allowed, **ONLY WHITE ACRYLIC POWDER IS ALLOWED.**

- The nails from one hand (the competitors' choice left or right) are to be polished and the nails on the other hand are to be brought to a high shine with a high shine buffing file. Top gel or clear polish topcoat are not allowed
- At the red-painted nails are base coat and top coat allowed. The red lacquer should be a bright red Nail Polish without glitter, shimmer, pearl, etc.
- Cuticle oil and/or hand lotion is allowed. However hands bathed in hand lotion or oil will receive reduced points from the judges.
- The nail enhancements created are to follow specifically the criteria provided. The structure and form of the enhancements (square or squoval) can be decided upon by the competitor.
- The use of tips and/or sculpting forms is allowed. Tips must be clear or natural, no white tips are allowed. Preparation of tips or sculpting forms prior to the beginning of the competition is not allowed and all prepared tips or sculpting forms will be confiscated by the floor judges. When the competitor makes the choice to use tips the tip box must be brand new and the seal must be unbroken from the manufacturer or 20 separate and not prepared tips. When the competitor chooses to use sculpting forms the forms must be on a roll and the seal must be unbroken from the manufacturer or 20 separate and not prepared forms. It is not allowed to prepare the sculpting forms prior to the beginning of the competition. Aluminum paper used for support underneath the form is allowed but is to be flat on the nail table at the beginning of the competition, uncut and not placed on the sculpting form prior to the beginning of the competition.
- It is not permitted to use shape molds (or something that has a different designation but the same method).
- The use of electric files (drills) is not allowed and the nails must be created using a liquid and powder system and finished using a hand file.
- The underside (concave) from the extension must show the minimum 1mm camouflage elongation and the remaining extension shall be only white. The line between the camouflage and white extension must be visible and clearly defined.

All product trolleys are to be on the model side of the table and the competitor is not allowed to use products from the trolley after the competition begins.

¹ If there are less than 5 competitors in one of the divisions, divisions will be merged. If there are less than 5 competitors in the category gel or liquid/powder then both categories will be at the same time. For the category with less than 5 competitors only a first prize will be available.

Warning: The working material, trolleys, and bags will be controlled by the floor judges and all materials found that are not allowed will be taken from the competitor by the floor judge and placed on a table. Competitors will be allowed, of course, to pick up all confiscated products upon the completion of the competition. Any competitor found in violation of the rules and regulations and attempting to cheat will be disqualified. This competition will be fair and the same for every competitor.

Task Gel:

The nail enhancements created by the competitors are to be competition nails. Two and a half working hours will be given to all competitors to create even and consistent white extensions with consistent smile lines on both hands. The nail bed extension or elongations must be completed on both hands using a camouflage gel and needs to extend a minimum of 1mm from the free edge of the natural nail. The camouflage gel on the natural nails should be perfectly blended to the cuticle area in a color fade so that no delineation lines are visible. White acrylic paint or paint on gel (thin viscosity), polish, or product other than white gel is not allowed, **ONLY WHITE GEL IS ALLOWED.**

- The nails from one hand (the competitors' choice left or right) are to be brought to a high shine with a top gel with dispersion layer out of a jar. Clear polish topcoat is not allowed. The top gel must be completely clear, without glitter or transparent color. The use of clear polish as top coat or creating high gloss with a file is not allowed..
- A UV-top shine (without sticky layer) is only allowed for the concave on the bottom side of the extension.
- The nails from the other hand need to be red-painted nails. Base coat and top coat are allowed. The red lacquer should be a bright red Nail Polish without glitter, shimmer, pearl, etc.
- Cuticle oil and/or hand lotion are allowed. However hands bathed in hand lotion or oil will receive reduced points from the judges.
- The nail enhancements created are to follow specifically the criteria provided. The structure and form (square or sqoval) of the enhancements can be decided upon by the competitor.
- The use of tips and/or sculpting forms is allowed. Tips must be clear or natural, no white tips are allowed. Preparation of tips or sculpting forms prior to the beginning of the competition is not allowed and all prepared tips or sculpting forms will be confiscated by the floor judges. When the competitor makes the choice to use tips the tip box must be brand new and the seal must be unbroken from the manufacturer or 20 separate and not prepared tips. When the competitor chooses to use sculpting forms the forms must be on a roll and the seal must be unbroken from the manufacturer or 20 separate and not prepared forms. It is not allowed to prepare the sculpting forms prior to the beginning of the competition. Aluminum paper used for support underneath the form is allowed but is to be flat on the nail table at the beginning of the competition, uncut and not placed on the sculpting form prior to the beginning of the competition.
- It is not permitted to use shape molds (or something that has a different designation but the same method).
- The use of electric files (drills) is not allowed and the nails must be created using a gel system and finished using a hand file.
- The underside (concave) from the extension must show the minimum 1mm camouflage elongation and the remaining extension shall be only white. The line between the camouflage and white extension must be visible and clearly defined.

All product trolleys are to be on the model side of the table and the competitor is not allowed to use products from the trolley after the competition begins.

Warning: The working material, trolleys, and bags will be controlled by the floor judges and all materials found that are not allowed will be taken from the competitor by the floor judge and placed on a table. Competitors will be allowed, of course, to pick up all confiscated products upon the completion of the competition. Any competitor found in violation of the rules and regulations and attempting to cheat will be disqualified. This competition will be fair and the same for every competitor.

Competition conditions:

All competitors are required to bring their own model to the competition (at least 18 years). The model is not allowed to wear jewellery, watches, or to have visible tattoos or other physical characteristics on the hands or arms. Tattoos which can be camouflaged completely can be allowed, if controlled by the organisation. Tattoos on the arms are allowed up until the watch normally is. The model should wear a short sleeve shirt or a shirt where the sleeves can be pushed up the elbow. The natural nail plate may be manicured prior to the beginning of the competition. The free edge of the natural nail may have a maximum length of 2mm. The natural nail should not be filed matt and should have a natural nail shine (even when the last set of artificial nails or gel are removed the day before)..

No natural nail preparation is allowed in the competition arena prior to the beginning of the competition. The condition of the natural nails and surrounding soft tissue will be controlled and marked on the hand check cards by the floor judge prior to the beginning of the competition.

No smoking is to be observed and the use of mobile telephones is also not allowed. The use of a mobile phone features for the purpose of timing is allowed but all tones should be turned off and set on vibration. The use of an iPod or mp3 player is allowed but the volume should be kept at a level that does not disturb fellow competitors. The rules and regulations will be enforced by the floor judges!

Registration

The registration fee amounts to € 95,00. As a subscriber of Nail Design Magazine you pay € 50,00. The registration fee must be paid in advance to the Organization, stating the invoice number. All participants will receive an invoice for the registration fee. The registration fee shall within 14 days after receipt of the invoice to be satisfied, but at least before the start of the championship. If the registration fee is not paid on time, the registration will expire. Registration is only possible via the website of Nail Design Magazine www.naildesign-magazine.nl. Refund of the registration fee in case of cancellation of participation is unfortunately not possible. If you do not participate, let it be know as soon as possible to the contest organization via an e-mail to info@naildesign-magazine.nl.

Divisions

The Belgian Championship French Manicure has two divisions: **beginners & advanced**. The participant must therefore consider enrolling in the right division. This is at logon before the start of the competition still controlled by the organisation. The organization reserves where necessary to place the participants in another category, even on the competitionday itself.

Beginners division gel

- You have previously taken to a French Manicure-competition but did not achieve a podium place (1, 2 or 3).
- You never taken a France Manicure competition before.

Advanced division gel

- You have previously taken to a French Manicure-competition and achieved a podium place (1, 2 or 3)
- You've never taken a French Manicure-competition but would like to participate in the advanced division, because you think you belong there.

Beginners division acryl

- You have previously taken to a French Manicure-competition but did not achieve a podium place (1, 2 or 3).
- You never taken a France Manicure competition before.

Advanced division acryl

- You have previously taken to a French Manicure-competition and achieved a podium place (1, 2 or 3)
- You've never taken a French Manicure-competition but would like participate in the advanced division, because you think you belong there..

The competition includes *all* (inter)national French Manicure-competitions that are held for nail stylists.

Procedure

All nailstylists who register for this championship, will be sent the conditions of participation. All participants can optimally prepare for the competition. Read both the competition rules and the criteria carefully.

Participants must be not later than half an hour before the start of the competition at the competition floor. In order of notification determines which work table the participant and model get assigned. The model also gets a wrist strap with the participation number, on which they will be judged. A foto of the hands will be made to check them. If hereafter prove that the model is not suitable, for example because of a visible tattoo or the model is under 18 (if in doubt we check the ID), then the participant will get the opportunity to arrange a different model. If this does not succeed, then disqualification will follow.

Participants will have 2,5 hours of working time. After that they have to leave the competition area. Working before or after the sign means disqualification. Use of unauthorized materials or equipment (see ' task ') also means disqualification.

The models are not allowed to leave the competition arena before the judging process has come to an end.

At the end of the judging process when each model has been judged by every judge the judges will be allowed to call models back to the judging curtain. When all the jury members are satisfied and do not need to see any of the models and there is no tie in points the models will be allowed to leave the competition arena (the models will be advised by the floor judges when they are allowed to leave). Models who will not keep up to these rules will be disqualified.

Jury assessment

The judging will be completed by 5 jury members, including an independent head of jury. His or her task will be to control all the official judging rules. The jury will not be at the competition arena when the competition takes place, but will join the jury briefing. Each juror will be assigned for his own criteria points, and will judge only these points. At the cessation of votes the judgement of the head of the jury will be decisive.

The way in which the participants proceed, will not be assessed. Only the end result counts.

Judgement

The judging shall be carried out on the basis of the participation number, that is granted to the participant and the model before the start of the competition. The names of the competitors and the models are not known by the judge members. The judging will be 'blind' meaning the judges will only see the hands of the models.

Prizes

All participants of the Belgium Championships French Manicure will receive a certificate of participation.

Beginners powder/liquid

First place Trophy **Titel:** Kampioen Beginners French Manicure 2016 Acryl
Second place Trophy
Third place Trophy

Advanced powder/liquid

First place € 200,00 en Trophy **Titel:** Belgisch Kampioen French Manicure 2016 Acryl
Second place € 100,00 en Trophy
Third place € 75,00 en Trophy

Beginners gel

First place Trophy **Titel:** Kampioen Beginners French Manicure 2016 Gel
Second place Trophy
Third place Trophy

Advanced gel

First place € 200,00 en Trophy **Titel:** Belgisch Kampioen French Manicure 2016 Gel
Second place € 100,00 en Trophy
Third place € 75,00 en Trophy

International Competitors

First place Trophy **Titel:** Best international competitor Belgium Championship French Manicure

Other

In all cases not covered by these regulations, the race officials and the head of the jury decide, possibly in consultation with the jury. This decision is binding. It is not possible to appeal.

Participants who agree to pay the fee, explain the content and intent of these contest rules and other conditions.

Other information

- The participants need to legitimise themselves before the competition on the basis of a valid identity document.
- The models should be in the assessment area until the end of the judging. That lasts for the entire afternoon, depending on the amount of participants and the speed of the jury members. We recommend taking anything to wait more pleasant.
- The Organization provides tickets only for the competitor and the model.
- Audience may watch during the competition, however, it's not allowed to talk to the competitors.
- Smoking and the use of mobile phones is not allowed. The use of a stopwatch on the mobile phone is allowed, provided that the sound is turned off and the phone on vibration mode. Participants may use an mp3 player or iPod, but the volume of the music should not disturb the other participants. The floor judges are aware of all of the above rules and regulations and will ensure that these are complied with.
- Work Bags, suitcases and lamps must be immediately cleaned up after work. Personal belongings cannot remain in the competition area.
- Participants and/or models that are late, will be disqualified.
- Before, during and after the match, participants, their models, coaches, etc. must treat the competition with respect. If this is not the case, this means disqualification from the relevant participant. This is for review to the competition organization.

Competition team of the year

This competition is a part of the Benelux Competition team of the year. This means that points achieved by a team member of a competition team during this contest count towards the total score of that competition team.

Assessment criteria liquid/powder

Goal	The nail enhancements to be created by the competitor are to be competition style nails.	max. points
1. Form	The chosen form must be consistent and even on all 10 nails. Only square (90°) or squoval form is allowed. Stiletto, almond shape, or any other incorrect shapes are not allowed.	10 Points
2. Length	The length must be even and consistent on all ten nails: The nailbed of the small finger has to be 2mm shorter than the nailbed on the middle finger & thumb and the nailbed on the ring & index finger has to be 1mm shorter than the nailbed from the middle finger & the thumb . The maximum length of the competition nail should be 1 to 1 or the white extension should be the same length as the nail bed from cuticle to the deepest point of the smile line. The minimum length of the white extension should be 50% the length of the nail bed from cuticle to the deepest point of the smile line. The length will be considered by the judges in the degree of difficulty (longer and consistent being more difficult).	10 Points
3. Side lines <i>Side view</i> + Side lines <i>upper view</i>	The side lines from a side view should run parallel to one another. The upper side line and lower side line should be parallel to one another. From top view the side lines should not be wider than the natural nail lateral side lines or filed away. The side lines may be straight or slightly tapered. When viewing the sidelines from the view of the hair line they should be the same height.	10 Points 10 Points
4. Apex	The apex should be consistent and even on all ten nails. When viewed from the side the apex should be between 25% and 50% the length from cuticle to hair line.	10 Points
5. Convex & Concave	Convex and Concave should be consistent and even on all 10 nails when viewing the nail from the hair line perspective.	10 Points 10 Points
6. C- Curve	The C-curve should be 40% to 50% of a 100% circle and should be consistent and even on all 10 nails.	10 Points
7. Cuticle area	The cuticle area and lateral sidewalls from the natural nails should be perfectly blended with the product applied in convex and should have no visible or palpable ledges.	10 Points
8. Hairline	The hair line should be as thin as a business card or thinner and even and consistent on all 10 fingers.	10 Points
9. Smile line + White free edge	The smile lines must be done on all 10 enhancements and consistent and even. There should be no shadowing in the smile line and the end points of the smile line should be sharp and visible and consistent and even. The white extension may be created only by the use of a white powder in combination with liquid. There should be no air bubbles or shadowing in the white extension.	5 Points 5 Points
10. Nail bed elongation	The nail bed elongation should show no visible delineation lines and should be perfectly blended in the cuticle area and lateral side walls. The nail bed elongation when viewed in concave (the underside of the enhancement) should have a minimum length of 1mm and visible. The remaining extension should be white with a sharp and visible line between camouflage and white.	10 Points
11. Polish 1 hand + High shine 1 hand	The hand with nail polish (competitor choice, right or left) are to be polished consistently even on all five fingers with 1mm space in the cuticle area or the polish applied under the eponychium (higher level in the degree of difficulty), without striping, and no polish on the skin. The unpolished hand is to be brought to a high shine over the entire surface of convex. There should be no visible file spurs. There should be no matte spots on the surface due to unevenness and the work is to be performed using a high shine buffer without the use of top gel or polish top coat.	5 Points 5 Points
12. pass form / material residue	Exact fit of the sculpting form or tips (with tip application the contact area of the tip is to blend to transparency) is required without any adhesive residue, file dust, and polish under the enhancement. There should be no injury to the natural nail or surrounding soft tissue that was not	10 Points 10 Points

+ overall impression	noted on the hand check card. The competition nails should be created according the criteria above.	
	total points	150 Points

Assessment criteria gel

Goal	The nail enhancements to be created by the competitor are to be competition style nails.	max. points
1. Form	The chosen form must be consistent and even on all 10 nails. Only square (90°) or squoval form is allowed. Stiletto, almond shape, or any other incorrect shapes are not allowed.	10 Points
2. Length	The length must be even and consistent on all ten nails: The nailbed of the small finger has to be 2mm shorter than the nailbed on the middle finger & thumb and the nailbed on the ring & index finger has to be 1mm shorter than the nailbed from the middle finger & the thumb . The maximum length of the competition nail should be 1 to 1 or the white extension should be the same length as the nail bed from cuticle to the deepest point of the smile line. The minimum length of the white extension should be 50% the length of the nail bed from cuticle to the deepest point of the smile line. The length will be considered by the judges in the degree of difficulty (longer and consistent being more difficult).	10 Points
3. Side line <i>Side view</i> + Side line <i>upper view</i>	The side lines from a side view should run parallel to one another. The upper side line and lower side line should be parallel to one another. From top view the side lines should not be wider than the natural nail lateral side lines or filed away. The side lines may be straight or slightly tapered. When viewing the sidelines from the view of the hair line they should be the same height.	10 Points 10 Points
4. Apex	The apex should be consistent and even on all ten nails. When viewed from the side the apex should be between 25% and 50% the length from cuticle to hair line.	10 Points
5. Convex & Concave	Convex and Concave should be consistent and even on all 10 nails when viewing the nail from the hair line perspective.	10 Points 10 Points
6. C- Curve	The C-curve should be 40% to 50% of a 100% circle and should be consistent and even on all 10 nails.	10 Points
7. Cuticle area	The cuticle area and lateral sidewalls from the natural nails should be perfectly blended with the product applied in convex and should have no visible or palpable ledges.	10 Points
8. Hairline	The hair line should be as thin as a business card or thinner and even and consistent on all 10 fingers.	10 Points
9. Smilline + white extension	The smile lines must be done on all 10 enhancements and consistent and even. There should be no shadowing in the smile line and the end points of the smile line should be sharp and visible and consistent and even. The white extension may not be created only by the use of a paint on gel or acrylic paint. There should be no air bubbles or shadowing in the white extension.	5 Points 5 Points
10. Nailbed elongation	The nail bed elongation should show no visible delineation lines and should be perfectly blended in the cuticle area and lateral side walls. The nail bed elongation when viewed in concave (the underside of the enhancement) should have a minimum length of 1mm and visible. The remaining extension should be white with a sharp and visible line between camouflage and white.	10 Points
11. Polish 1 hand +	The hand with nail polish (competitor choice, right or left) are to be polished consistently even on all five finger with 1mm space in the cuticle area or the polish applied under the eponychium (higher level in the degree of difficulty), without striping, and no polish on the skin.	5 Points 5 Points

Surface high shine 1 hand	On the unpolished hand the entire surface of convex should be covered evenly and consistent with top gel. File spurs should not be visible and only top gel is allowed with a dispersion layer. It is not allowed to use a top coat polish or a high shine file.	
12. Pass form/ material residue + overall impression	Exact fit of the sculpting form or tips (with tip application the contact area of the tip is to blend to transparency) is required without any adhesive residue, file dust, and polish under the enhancement. There should be no injury to the natural nail or surrounding soft tissue that was not noted on the hand check card.	10 Points
	The competition nails should be created according the criteria above.	10 Points
	total points	150 Points