

# Black Culture Festival Hair Show Competition Rules

Welcome to the Black Culture Festival Hair Show Competition! To ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for all participants, please review the following rules and guidelines:

## Eligibility

1. **Open to All:** The competition is open to hairstylists, barbers, and cosmetology students.
2. **Registration:** All participants must register online before the event. No on-site registrations will be allowed.

## Categories

1. **Creative Styling:** Show off your most imaginative and artistic hair creations.
2. **Natural Hair:** Celebrate natural textures and styles.
3. **Creative Cut:** Display precision cuts and sharp designs.
4. **Braids:** Exhibit intricate and beautifully crafted braids.
5. **Freestyle Locs:** Showcase unique and innovative loc styles.
6. **Wig Install:** Demonstrate flawless wig installations.

## General Rules

1. **Theme Adherence:** This year's theme is "Black Is Beauty." Hairstyles should reflect and celebrate this theme.
2. **Time Limit:** Each participant will have 90 minutes to complete their hairstyle on stage.
3. **Models:** Participants must provide their own models. Models should arrive with clean, dry hair.
4. **Products and Tools:** All tools and products must be provided by the participant. Electrical outlets will be available.

## Judging Criteria

1. **Creativity and Originality:** How unique and imaginative is the hairstyle?
2. **Technical Skill:** Precision, technique, and overall execution.
3. **Theme Representation:** How well does the hairstyle reflect the "Black Is Beauty" theme?

4. Overall Presentation: Model's outfit and accessories should complement the hairstyle.

### **Conduct**

1. Professionalism: All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Disrespectful behavior towards judges, other participants, or festival attendees will result in disqualification.
2. Safety: Ensure all tools and products are used safely. Any unsafe practices will result in immediate disqualification.

### **Awards and Prizes**

1. Category Winners: There will be a first, second, and third place winner in each category. All Winners will receive hair product baskets from our sponsor at The Hair Depot.
2. Grand Prize: One overall grand prize winner will be selected from all categories. The grand prize winner will receive a cash prize, a trophy and bragging rights until next year's show.
3. Audience Choice: Festival attendees will vote for their favorite look, and the winner will receive the Audience Choice Award.

### **Additional Information**

1. Check-In: Participants must check in at least **one hour before** their scheduled competition time.
2. Preparation Area: A designated preparation area will be available for final touches before going on stage.
3. Photos and Media: By participating, you agree to allow the festival to use photos and videos of your work for promotional purposes.

Thank you for participating in the Black Culture Festival Hair Show Competition. We look forward to seeing your incredible creations and celebrating the beauty and diversity of Black hair!