

OFFICIAL JUDGING GUIDELINES

MID-ATLANTIC
BEARD & 'STACHE
CHAMPIONSHIPS



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JUDGING STANDARDS & GUIDELINES

Welcome, judges! Thank you for being an important part of our competition. Please review and keep in mind the criteria below for the categories. Remember: **the facial hair is the key judging matter, any outfit or performance while on stage consideration is solely for the benefit of the audience.**

PRELIMINARY ROUND

When each category is called, the contestants will line up to the side of the stage and come up as announced. After displaying their fine follicles for the audience, (s)he will approach the judges' table for review. This is the time to evaluate, ask brief questions, and take notes. The contestant will then move to the other side of the stage. Once the entire group has been evaluated, they will all line up in front of the table, visibly displaying their numbers, for a final preliminary judging. Write down the number of the 3 contestants you think fit the criteria best and should continue onto the Final Round, then initial your sheet when you're finished.

In any category with more than 15 contestants, Preliminary Round judging will be broken up into a series of heats. You will then choose your top 3 contestants from each heat that you want to move onto the Final Round. Those with the 3 highest votes from the judges will move on to the Final Round.

FINAL ROUND

At the Final Round, those contestants who have received the highest number of votes from the judging panel will return on stage. You will each then score them Olympic-style, holding up the appropriate scoring paddle. **The points 10, 9½, and 9 may be only be given once by each judge per category** (i.e. you cannot award a 9½ to 2 people in the same category).

The people with the top 3 point scores will take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places, respectively. In the event of a tie, a second vote will happen to determine that place, and therefore the next lower place, if applicable.

The Best In Show contestants are the competitors who received the 3 highest scores of the night. In the event of a tie, audience response, as measured with a decibel meter from the judges' table, will determine the winner.

TERMINOLOGY

Moustache – facial hair that is grown on the upper lip, up to a maximum of 0.6 inch (1.5 cm) beyond the far edges of the mouth.

Full Beard – facial hair that is grown on the upper and lower lip, the chin, the cheeks, and the sideburns, without any natural or shaven gap.

Partial Beard – facial hair that is neither a full beard nor a moustache. Natural or shaven gaps define the different styles.

NATURAL CATEGORIES

For the Natural categories, where the facial hair is presented without the use of styling product, take into consideration:

Density – How full the features of the facial hair are. Denser is considered better than sparse.

Size – Length is a consideration as long as it complements the overall look. A long ratty beard shouldn't score higher than a well-kept shorter beard.

Healthiness – The facial hair form looks healthy and as it should.

Personal Fit – How well their facial hair suits their face, and compliments them.

STYLED CATEGORIES

For the Styled categories, where the facial hair is presented with the use of product, take into consideration:

Complexity/Difficulty – The more involved and detailed the better.

Craftsmanship – Quality matters.

Creativity – What about their styling makes them stand out?

Personal Fit - How well their facial hair suits their face, and compliments their overall look.

Legal aids and products in the styled categories include only wax, hair spray, and other hair cosmetics. The use of hair extensions, fake hair, detached hair, or any form of hair pins or supporting elements is prohibited.

NOW FOR THE CATEGORY DEFINITIONS...

CAT_F01 / 02

FAKE
REALISTIC

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

This category is open to everyone. The goal is to create the most realistic-looking facial hair of any style following the traditional and realistic structure of a beard and moustache. Creativity in materials and an emphasis on quality and craftsmanship is encouraged.

The fake facial hair should be as true-to-form, life-like, and convincing as possible.

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YOUR TOP 3 COMPETITORS

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CAT_F02 / 02

FAKE
CREATIVE

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

This category is open to everyone. The goal is to create the most imaginative, creative, and fantastic design that you can make, inspired by any style of facial hair. Creativity in materials and an emphasis on quality and craftsmanship is encouraged.

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YOUR TOP 3 COMPETITORS

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CAT_M01 / 02

MOUSTACHE NATURAL

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

A natural moustache is any length of hair grown from above the upper lip and beneath the nose, with no styling products permitted. The moustache hairs should be connected up to a maximum of 0.6 inch (1.5 cm) beyond the edge of the upper lip.

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods to be used with a natural moustache include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

Chin hair is not permitted in this category: no "goatees"/van dykes, musketeers, etc. Sideburns unconnected to the moustache are permitted. They cannot be overstated, and will not be considered during judging.

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YOUR TOP 3 COMPETITORS

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CAT_M02 / 02

MOUSTACHE STYLED

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

A styled moustache is any length of hair grown from above the upper lip and beneath the nose, styled with product. The moustache hairs should be connected up to a maximum of 0.6 inch (1.5 cm) beyond the edge of the upper lip.

Styling aids are permitted.

Chin hair is not permitted in this category: no "goatees"/van dykes, musketeers, etc. Sideburns unconnected to the moustache are permitted. They cannot be overstated, and will not be considered during judging.

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CAT_P01 / 04

PARTIAL BEARD NATURAL

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

A natural partial beard is any facial hair that is neither a full beard, nor only a moustache, presented without the use of product.

Common styles include:

- Natural Goatee (chin only)
- Van Dyke (connected moustache and chin beard)
- Triple Point/Musketeer (moustache with narrow, pointed chin beard)

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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CAT_P02 / 04

PARTIAL BEARD SIDEburnS/CHOPS

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

Must be a true sideburn, with no natural or shaven gap below the ear. **Chin is shaven** and hair is optional on the upper lip.

Common styles include:

- Classic Sideburns (trimmed short)
- Muttonchops (sideburns grown out at length)
- Friendly Muttonchops (sideburns grown at length, connected with a moustache)

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

Bushy hair grown along the jaw, chin and lower lip, and optionally on the cheeks. **No hair grown on upper lip.**

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

Common styles include:

- Alaskan Whaler (hair on cheeks)
- Amish (trimmed cheeks)
- Donegal (trimmed down to jawline)
- Spade (bottom trimmed into a square, box cut)

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CAT_P04 / 04

PARTIAL BEARD STYLED

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

A styled partial beard or "freestyle" partial beard is any facial hair that is neither a full beard, nor only a moustache, and incorporates the free design and creative styling of thereof. All partial beards that do not qualify for other categories may compete here.

Styling aids are permitted, and include only wax, hair spray, and other hair cosmetics. The use of hair extensions, fake hair, detached hair, or any form of hair pins or supporting elements is prohibited.

Part of the challenge of this category is the ability of a contestant to implement a design *himself*, working in 3-dimensions using a 2-dimensional mirror. As such, it is at the judge's discretion to adjust a contestant's score based on whether the competitor styled his beard himself, or it was styled instead by someone else. If you do choose to do so, you **must** be consistent in your scoring.

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CAT_B01 / 06

FULL BEARD NAT.
UNDER 2"

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

This natural full beard is a full beard, with all parts of the beard and moustache grown, to a length of no more than 2 inches (5.1 cm).

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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CAT_B02 / 06

FULL BEARD NAT.
2-6"

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

This natural full beard is a full beard, with all parts of the beard and moustache grown, with the beard grown at a length of greater than 2 inches (5.1 cm) to no more than 6 inches (15.3 cm).

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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CAT_B03 / 06

FULL BEARD NAT.
6-12"

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

This natural full beard is a full beard, with all parts of the beard and moustache naturally grown, with the beard grown at a length of greater than 6 inches (15.3 cm) to no more than 12 inches (30.6 cm).

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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YOUR TOP 3 COMPETITORS

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JUDGE'S INITIALS



CAT_B04 / 06

FULL BEARD NAT.
12" +

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

This natural full beard is a full beard, with all parts of the beard and moustache naturally grown, with the beard grown at a length greater than 1 foot/12 inches (30.6 cm).

No styling aids permitted. Acceptable styling methods include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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CAT_B05 / 06

FULL BEARD NAT. STYLED 'STACHE

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

The moustache should be styled and prominent. The hairs should be connected up to a maximum of 0.6 inch (1.5 cm) beyond the edge of the upper lip.

The beard must be as it grows naturally, the more natural the better.

No aids allowed in the beard. Acceptable styling methods to be used for the beard include brushing, combing, conditioning, and shampooing.

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YOUR TOP 3 COMPETITORS

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JUDGE'S INITIALS



CAT_B06 / 06

FULL BEARD STYLED [FREESTYLE]

CATEGORY DESCRIPTION

A styled full beard or "freestyle" beard is a full beard, with all parts of the beard and moustache grown and incorporates the free design and creative styling of thereof. All full beards that do not qualify for other categories may compete here.

Styling aids are permitted, and include only wax, hair spray, and other hair cosmetics. The use of hair extensions, fake hair, detached hair, or any form of hair pins or supporting elements is prohibited.

Part of the challenge of this category is the ability of a contestant to implement a design *himself*, working in 3-dimensions using a 2-dimensional mirror. As such, it is at the judge's discretion to adjust a contestant's score based on whether the competitor styled his beard himself, or it was styled instead by someone else. If you do choose to do so, you **must** be consistent in your scoring.

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