SALON FREESTYLE RULES 2027-2028

Acceptable breeds

- Any dog of mixed parentage
- Any purebred ***CLEARLY NOT*** groomed to the breed profile style
    - Examples: Cocker in a sporting trim with scissored legs, Shih Tzu in a puppy trim, Poodle in a Bedlington trim, Old English Sheepdog in a teddy bear trim
- Asian Fusion styles
- Poodle face and feet may not be shaved

Product application

- Up to two (2) bows are permitted
- Colored hair extensions are permitted
- Small amounts of color, (1 inch or less) is limited to paws, ears, tail and/or cheeks

Judging Considerations

- Balance, symmetry and style
- Ability of groomer to create the best possible profile according the dog's body type, coat and structure
- Scissoring: plush appearance without scissor marks
- Hand stripping and carding: smooth natural appearance and proper technique
- Clipper lines: clean and free of irritation
- Difficulty: amount of coat removed, pattern created or followed, coat type, texture, quality and quantity

Time Frame

- 17" and under – 1:45 Over 17" – 2:00

Group, Best All Around Groomer and Best in Show

- Group placements will receive points toward Best All Around Groomer provided contestant has entered three GroomTeam USA, Inc.® sanctioned classes.
- The Group first place winner is eligible to compete in Best in Show.

Salon Freestyle is not a GroomTeam USA, Inc.® sanctioned class and winners are not eligible to receive GroomTeam USA, Inc.® points.

Refer to General Contest Rules and Procedures and Protocols for other important information

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