

BATTLE OF BARBER THE COMPETITION:



WELCOME TO THE BATTLE OF THE BARBER COMPETITION

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TAKING PLACE AT THE JOHANNESBURG EXPO CENTRE ON SUNDAY

28 JUNE 2026 FROM 10:00 UNTIL 17:30

CATEGORIES:

<i>Fade w/ Beard</i>	<i>Freestyle Design</i>	<i>Traditional Haircut</i>	<i>Fastest Fade</i>	<i>JHB Two Step – Tag Team</i>	<i>Student Traditional Haircut</i>
40 MIN	40 MIN	30 MIN	12 MIN	50 MIN	35 MIN

Fade w/ Beard (40 minutes)

Each competitor has 40 minutes to complete and will be judged and scored on the following:

- Difficulty of cut/Hair texture (10pts)
- Outline/Edge-up (10pts)
- Precision of blend (10pts)
- Precision of Facial Hair (10pts)
- Professionalism (Appearance of tools, sanitation, etc) (5pts)
- Total look of model when completed (5pts)

HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS: (50pts)

Freestyle Design (40 minutes)

Each competitor has 40 minutes to complete and will be judged and scored on the following:

- Degree of difficulty of work performed on stage (10pts)
- Outline/Edge-up (10pts)
- Precision of letters and or design (10pts)
- Originality (10pts)
- Professionalism (Appearance of tools, sanitation, etc) (5pts)
- Total look of model when completed (5pts)

HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS: (50pts)

Traditional Haircut (30 Minutes)

Each competitor has 30 minutes to complete and will be judged and scored on the following:

- Difficulty of cut/Hair texture (10pts)
- Outline/Edge-up (10pts)

- Styling Techniques (10pts)
- Precision of Blend (10pts)
- Professionalism (Appearance of tools, sanitation, etc) (5pts)
- Total look of model when completed (5pts)

HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS: (50pts)

Fastest Fade (12 minutes)

Each competitor has 12 minutes to complete and will be judged and scored on the following:

- Difficulty of cut/Hair texture (10pts)
- Outline/Edge-up (10pts)
- Precision of blend (10pts)
- Speed/Techniques (10pts)
- Professionalism (Appearance of tools, sanitation, etc) (5pts)
- Total look of model when completed (5pts)

HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS: (50pts)

Johannesburg Two Step - Tag Team (50 minutes)

This is where we want to see your creativity, you are able to use color, color enhancements, designs, there are NO rules holding you back on using your imagination. Make sure your model dresses the part of the haircut.

The Tag Team has 50 minutes to complete and will be judged and scored on the following:

- Degree of difficulty of work performed on stage (10pts)
- Outline/Edge-up (10pts)
- Precision of blend (5pts)
- Precision of letters and or design (5pts)
- Originality (10pts)
- Professionalism (Appearance of tools, sanitation, etc) (5pts)
- Total look of model when completed (5pts)

HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS: (50pts)

Student Traditional Haircut (35 minutes)

Each competitor has 35 minutes to complete and will be judged and scored on the following:

- Difficulty of cut/Hair texture (10pts)
- Outline/Edge-up (10pts)
- Styling Techniques (10pts)
- Precision of Blend (10pts)
- Professionalism (Appearance of tools, sanitation, etc) (5pts)
- Total look of model when completed (5pts)

HIGHEST POSSIBLE TOTAL POINTS: (50pts)

Rules & Judging

Judging:

MBE Battle of the Barber Competition will use a 50pt Universal Judging System and Manifest backstage. Only the haircut, Sanitation/Professionalism will be judged on stage.

Rules:

PLEASE NOTE: Competitors must be at least 18 years of age to enter. The competition fee includes a one-day exhibit hall entry for the competitor and their model(s). (One model per battle).

Each competitor must have their own sanitized equipment:

- Clippers
- Trimmers
- Razors
- Brushes

MBE Battle of the Barber Competition reserves the right to cancel or rescheduled the event.

Overall Competition Rules:

1. All contestants must bring a live model and barbering tools in order to participate in competition. The competition fee includes a one-day exhibit hall entry for the competitor and model. Model numbers will be given to all participating models once confirmed and check in at the registration area.
2. All models' hair must be cut at competition. Competitor is not allowed to cut, trim, shape or preset model's hair before the competition begins. Semi-permanent color, permanent color, light color sprays and chinks are NOT allowed unless otherwise noted. Barber must show a transformation of the model's hair. The judges will inspect model's hair during pre-judging or during check-in. Violation of this rule will result in the deduction of points and/or disqualification from competition.
3. All contestants must check in at the registration area at least one hour prior to the battle. If
4. contestant is late, they will forfeit their place in the competition and their paid entry fee or fees. Please look for "Check In" when you arrive to the battle.
5. All contestants will have a specific time to complete their particular cut and style. Judging will be conducted on a visual basis only. Judges will use a point system on a scale of one

(lowest possible score) to ten (highest possible score). If there is a tie in a category or prize placement, the judges will determine the final winner.

***ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE AT THE VENUE BY 8:30am on the 26 April 2026.**

PROGRAMME:

28 June 2026

09:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:30 - 11:10	Fade w/ Beard (40 min)
11:30 - 12:10	Freestyle Design – 40 min
12:30 - 13:00	Traditional Haircut – 30 min
13:15 - 13:30	Fastest Fade (12 min)
13:45 - 14:35	Durban Two Step – Tag Team (50 min)
14:45 - 15:20	Student Traditional Haircut (35 min)
15:30 - 17:00	Prize Giving

Please note that this program may be subject to change by the organisations:

Competitor Information

Cost for Professional Categories is R450-00

This covers you plus your model and your entry to the MBE 2026 Expo

Cost for Student Categories is R150. This cost covers you plus your model.

Contestants may enter multiple categories.