

## **Career Start Contest Rules**

The Career Start Contest provides a platform for new groomers to compete, learn new techniques and prepare for the future.

### **Contest Rules and Regulations:**

The competition is limited to the students enrolled in a state accredited school; graduates with a maximum of one year experience, including any time spent as a student; or, individuals serving in the capacity groomer/handler apprentice, including any time spent as a bather, for a period of no more than one year. In addition, competition is limited to those who have not competed prior to event weekend. Contestants excluded from contest are professional handlers, owners/handlers/breeders with specific breed recognition in the show ring and others with significant recognition in the industry. Competitors must provide their own dogs, and all equipment, any pure breed groomed to breed profile, with minimum of 6 weeks coat growth. Pads and privates can be done before, on poodles clean feet and face must be done in the contest ring. Contestants will be given 1 ½ hours for 17 inches and below and 2 hours for dogs over 17 inches. If contestant is proven to be inaccurate or untruthful all prizes will be forfeited and returned to Sponsor.

\*\*\*All Career Start rules are up to the interpretation of the Career Start Judge and their decisions are final.