

## Men's Beginner Muskrat Skinning

### Rules and Procedures

#### 1. Eligibility Requirements

- Men age 13 and over.
- All men's beginner muskrat skimmers must not have previously skinned in World Championship competitions.
- All men's beginner muskrat skimmers can compete for only three consecutive years, after that they must advance to World Championship competition.

#### 2. Muskrat Requirements

- Each contestant must furnish their own muskrat.
- Contestants may enter **only ONE (1)** muskrat skinning competition.
- The muskrat must be killed at least **TWO (2) hours** prior to showtime.
- Killing a muskrat on school property is strictly prohibited.

#### 2. Inspection & Handling

- Contestants must present their muskrat at showtime for inspection by the judges.
- After inspection, muskrats will be placed in a **locked compartment** and held in the registration room until contest time.
- Muskrats will be re-inspected immediately before contestants go on stage.

#### 3. Competition Procedures

- Each contestant must skin **ONE (1)** muskrat during the World Championship on Saturday evening.
- All contestants will be **individually timed**.
- At the start:
  - Contestants must be on stage, in their chosen skinning position.
  - Contestants must hold their skinning knife and raise both hands at shoulder height.
- The emcee will begin the contest with the command **"GO"**, at which point the timer will start.
- Timing ends when the fur leaves the carcass.
- Upon finishing, contestants must:
  - Stand up.
  - Remain beside their skinning station.
  - **Not touch the hide or carcass** until judges complete their evaluation.

#### 4. Disqualification Rules

A contestant will be disqualified if any of the following occur:

- A. Fur remains on the muskrat's belly.
- B. Both eyeholes are not left in the hide.
- C. The nose is not left in the hide.
- D. Knife cuts are present in the hide.
- E. The hide is pulled apart.
- F. Either foot is left on the hide.
- G. The contestant touches the hide or carcass before judging is complete.

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### 5. Penalty System (if no clean winner is determined)

If no contestant qualifies under the above rules, judges may apply **time penalties** as follows:

- +10 seconds for any fur left on the carcass.
- +10 seconds for each missing eyehole.
- +10 seconds if the nose is not left in the hide.
- +10 seconds for each knife cut in the hide.
- +10 seconds for each hide that has been pulled apart.
- +10 seconds for each foot left on the hide.

The winner will then be the contestant with the **fastest adjusted time** after penalties.

### 6. General Provisions

- All contestants enter at their **own risk**.
- Only contestants, timers, judges, and committee board members are allowed on stage.
- The National Outdoor Foundation and the National Outdoor Show Committee are **not responsible** for injuries or losses.
- **All decisions by the judges are final.**