

Raccoon Skinning Competition Rules - Senior

(18 years of age & over)

Rules & Procedures

1. Raccoon Requirements

- Contestants must furnish their own raccoon.
- Raccoons must be killed at least **two (2) hours prior to showtime**.
- All raccoons will be inspected by judges at showtime and again immediately before entry on stage.
- Contestants (or anyone acting on their behalf) are **prohibited from killing raccoons on school property**.

2. Competition Guidelines

- Each contestant will skin **one (1) raccoon**.
- At the start, contestants must be on stage in their preferred skinning position with knife in hand, **both hands raised at shoulder height**.
- The competition begins when the emcee says **“GO.”** Timing begins then and ends when the fur leaves the carcass.
- Contestants must **stand and not touch the hide or carcass** until judges have finished their inspection. Touching the hide early results in automatic disqualification.
- Contestants must remain at their station until dismissed.

3. Disqualifications

- Automatic disqualification if the raccoon has been cut around the head before the first inspection.
- Automatic disqualification for touching the hide before judging is complete.

4. Penalties (10 seconds added each)

- Both eyes and nose not left in the hide.
- More than **2 inches of fur** left on the belly.
- Each knife cut left in the hide.
- Hide pulled apart.
- Tail not skinned out **2 inches from the end** (tail cannot be pulled).

5. Contestants may cut off both feet.

6. General Rules

- Only contestants, timers, judges, and committee board members are permitted on stage.
- Each contestant is individually timed.
- Contestants enter at their own risk —
The National Outdoor Foundation and National Outdoor Show Committee are not responsible for injuries or losses.
- **All decisions by judges are final.**