

Raccoon Skinning Competition Rules - Junior

(Under 18 years of age — minors must have signed parent/guardian permission slip)

Rules & Procedures

1. Raccoon Requirements

- Contestants must furnish their own raccoon.
- Contestants must be present with their raccoon at showtime for inspection by judges.
- All raccoons must be killed at least **two (2) hours prior to showtime**.
- All raccoons will be inspected again immediately prior to contestant's 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 and **both hands raised at shoulder height**.
- The emcee will give the command **"GO."** At that moment, the timer will start the stopwatch.
- Timing ends when the fur leaves the carcass.
- Each contestant is individually timed.

3. Disqualifications

- If the raccoon has been cut around the head prior to inspection.
- If the contestant touches the hide or carcass before judges complete their inspection.
- Contestants must remain at their station until dismissed.

4. Penalties *(10 seconds added for 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 at least **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 allowed on stage.
- ALL contestants enter at their own risk -
The National Outdoor Foundation and National Outdoor Show Committee are not responsible for injuries or losses.
- **All judges' decisions are final.**