National Outdoor Show

🦪 Oyster Shucking Contest 🦪

📋 Overview

- **Each contestant will shuck 18 oysters**
- Oysters are selected and numbered by the judges, then assigned by **lottery**
- Each shucking station is **clearly numbered**

🛠️ Equipment & Setup

- Contestants **must bring their own shucking block**
- **Gloves, finger stalls**, and **personal knives** are allowed
- A **backup knife** is permitted in case the first breaks
- **All knives must be pre-approved** by the Chief Judge before the contest begins

🦪 Oyster Assignment

- Judges select all oysters and place them in numbered containers
- If a contestant finds an oyster of **improper quality**, they may appeal to the **Chief Judge**
    - The Chief Judge may approve a **replacement oyster** from a reserve container

🕒 Timing Procedure

1. Each shucker will have an **individual timekeeper**
2. When ready, the shucker **raises their knife to head height**
3. On the Chief Judge's **signal**, all timekeepers start their stopwatches and contestants begin shucking
4. After completing all 18 oysters:
    - The contestant **raises both hands overhead** and **steps back**
    - The timekeeper **immediately stops the stopwatch**
    - The contestant **may not touch the tray** after signaling completion

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🫧 Oyster Presentation

- Each oyster must be:
  - Placed on an **unbroken half-shell**
  - **Whole**, **uncut**, and **free from grit or foreign substances**
  - **Properly placed** on the shell
- Oysters must be arranged **neatly** on the **coded tray provided**
- Timekeepers will deliver trays to the judges **anonymously**

⏱️ Penalties

Infraction	Time Added
A. Oyster not completely severed from shell	**+3 seconds**
B. Oyster on a broken shell	**+1 second**
C. Grit/foreign substance on oyster	**+3 seconds**
D. Cut oyster	**+3 seconds**
E. Improper oyster placement	**+2 seconds**
F. Missing oyster	**+20 seconds**

🏆 Scoring & Results

- Timekeepers report **shucking time** to the **Head Timekeeper**
- Judges report **penalty time**
- The **Chief Clerk** records total times for each contestant
- The contestant with the **lowest total time (shucking + penalties)** is the winner (if not disqualified)
- **All judges' decisions are final**

⚠️ Disclaimer

All contestants enter at **their own risk**.
The **National Outdoor Foundation** and **National Outdoor Show Committee** are **not responsible** for any injuries or losses.