National Outdoor Show

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.**