



2020 USHJA GREEN HUNTER INCENTIVE 3'6"/3'9" CHAMPIONSHIP **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Effective for the 2020 GHIP 3'6"/3'9" Championship
Changes from 2018 in bold italics and underlined.

I. Qualifying and Entry Fee

- A. All horses that are enrolled in the USHJA GHIP and have competed in a minimum of two GHIP Stake classes during the qualifying period will be invited to compete in the USHJA GHIP Championship. The qualifying period includes competitions with a start date between **July 25, 2019**, and July 22, 2020. ***It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enroll and qualify their horses annually according to their USEF Green eligibility in a timely manner in order to be eligible to participate.***
- B. The entry fee for the 2020 GHIP Championship is \$850. A minimum of 70% of each entry fee and 65% of all enrollment fees received between August 15, 2019, and the date of the 2020 Championship, will be added back to the total prize money. Also see premium entry option.
- C. Upon entering each horse must be declared to jump 3'6" or 3'9". The height declaration may not be changed after the order of go has been drawn and the horse must compete at the declared height throughout the entirety of the competition.
- D. **Premium Entry Option:** A horse not qualified for the Championship by the closing date of entries may compete in the Championship for an additional fee of \$3,000, provided the horse is enrolled in the program and pays the Championship entry fee. 100% of the "Premium Entry Option" money (\$3,000) is added to the prize money total.

II. Championship Policy

- A. Horse Policy
 1. **GHIP Championship Round:** In the event that a horse-and-rider combination qualified for the Championship Round is unable or chooses not to compete, the next highest scoring horse-and-rider combination will move up in the order and so on to make every effort that 30 horses start for the Championship Round. No changes will be made to the Championship Round Order of Go once it has been drawn.
 2. Rider Change Policy – If a rider is unable to continue to compete on a horse once they have participated in the competition, the rider and/or trainer must request permission, from the GHIP Championship Ground Jury, to change riders before the start of the next phase of competition. The decision of the GHIP Championship Ground Jury is final and binding and not subject to further appeal of any kind.
 3. Starting on the day prior to the start of the championship, horses and riders must wear their actual competition number while mounted.
 4. Formal/dress attire is optional in the First and Second Rounds, and required by riders in the Final Championship Round. Buff breeches and shadbelly, white breeches and dark or scarlet coat, or hunt colors coat permitted.

5. Horses are not required to have competed in a Green Hunter section at any USEF Licensed Competition to compete in the Championship. However, competing in the Championship will affect their Green status.

III. Competition Format

A. 3'6" and 3'9" sections

1. The 3'6"/3'9" GHIP Championship is held over one day and consists of a first, preliminary round and a Championship Round, and if required, a Jump Off Round.
2. The First Round consists of the qualified and entered horses present for this event. These horses will compete over a hunter course suitable for Green Hunters.
3. The Championship Round consists of the 30 horses, including horses tied for 30th. Scores from the First Round will not carry over; these horses start with a clean slate. These horses will compete over a handy hunter course suitable for Green Hunters.
4. The Overall Jump Off Round: Horses tied for first place overall in the 3'6"/3'9" Championship will jump another round to break the tie, unless the owners agree not to. These horses will compete over a hunter course. All other ties after the Championship Round will remain tied. See details in Section VIII.
5. USHJA reserves the right to amend the schedule.

IV. Course Requirements in All Rounds

- A. A minimum of eight obstacles must be offered in each round and the course must be suitable and encouraging for Green Hunters. The final Championship Round will be a suitable handy hunter course.
- B. Fence heights offered will be 3'6" and 3'9".

V. Order of Go

- A. The First Round order of go will be determined using a random draw within each height section. The 3'6" section will go first. Management reserves the right to change the manner in which the order of go is determined.
- B. The Championship Round order of go will be determined using a random draw within height sections. The height section with the horse and rider combinations with the highest overall combined score from the First Round will return last.
- C. In the case of multiple horses being ridden by the same rider, every effort will be made so that there will be a minimum of eight horses (if available), separating multiple rides. All horses must be ridden in the sequence that appears on the jumping order for each round of the competition.

VI. Judges

- A. There will be a total of six judges for this competition who will be seated in three panels consisting of two judges per panel.
- B. Each judging panel must consist of two R-licensed hunter judges.
- C. All judges must be Federation licensed and in good standing with the Federation and USHJA.

VII. Judging System

- A. The Green Incentive Championship shall be judged on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going using the open numerical scoring system.
- B. In the First Round, each panel of judges will award the score they feel is appropriate for each horse based on its own merits. The system will use half and full point increments to determine the score. This allows for duplicate scores to be given by the judging panels within the same round.
- C. A score will be announced after each round.
- D. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
- E. The total scores of each horse-and-rider combination from the First Round will determine their final First Round score. This score will determine the final standings for the First Round.
- F. Scores from the First Round will not carry over; these horses start with a clean slate.
- G. The total scores of each horse-and-rider combination from the Championship Round will determine their final Championship Round score and the Overall GHIP 3'6"/3'9" Championship standings. Half and full point increments will be utilized but judges must not duplicate scores for this round. Handy points will be awarded.

VIII. Tie Breaking Procedures

- A. All ties in the First Round will remain tied. Duplicate ribbons and coolers (if applicable) will be ordered, however prize money will be split evenly and tied entrants must determine the distribution of awards amongst themselves.
- B. All ties for Overall GHIP 3'6"/3'9" Championship Champion (first place) will compete in a Jump Off Round. If a tie occurs after the Jump Off Round, OR if both exhibitors agree NOT to jump off, the exhibitors will be named co-winners, will evenly split the prize money, but tied entrants must determine the distribution of awards amongst themselves. If one of the tied exhibitors declines to jump off, that exhibitor must sign a forfeiture agreement which will be provided to them at the time of the jump off.
- C. All ties for other than first place in the Overall GHIP 3'6"/3'9" Championship standings after the Championship Round will remain tied. Duplicate ribbons and coolers (if applicable) will be ordered, however prize money will be split evenly and tied entrants must determine the distribution of awards amongst themselves.

IX. Awards

- A. Recognition will be given to the following for the Overall Champion of the 3'6"/3'9" Championship:
 - 1. Horse and Owner
 - 2. Rider
 - 3. Trainer
- B. The total prize money for the 20120 GHIP Championships shall consist of 70% in add-back money from entry fees, 65% of all annual enrollment fees received between August 15, 2019, and the date of the 2020 Championship and **100% of "Premium Entry Option" monies**, with a guaranteed minimum purse of \$25,000 for the 3'6"/3'9" section.
- C. 80% of the total prize money for the 3'6"/3'9" Championship will be awarded to the top 30 as follows:
 - 40% of the total prize money will be awarded to the top 30 horses in the First Round
 - 40% of the total prize money will be awarded to the top 30 horses in the Second Round

D. Prize monies will be distributed as follows in each round:

1. 1 st place	25.00%	16. 16 th place	1.30%
2. 2 nd place	17.70%	17. 17 th place	1.23%
3. 3 rd place	10.25%	18. 18 th place	1.15%
4. 4 th place	6.50%	19. 19 th place	1.05%
5. 5 th place	4.80%	20. 20 th place	.90%
6. 6 th place	4.10%	21. 21 st place	.85%
7. 7 th place	3.60%	22. 22 nd place	.80%
8. 8 th place	3.00%	23. 23 rd place	.75%
9. 9 th place	2.65%	24. 24 th place	.70%
10. 10 th place	2.45%	25. 25 th place	.65%
11. 11 th place	1.82%	26. 26 th place	.55%
12. 12 th place	1.70%	27. 27 th place	.55%
13. 13 th place	1.55%	28. 28 th place	.55%
14. 14 th place	1.40%	29. 29 th place	.55%
15. 15 th place	1.35%	30. 30 th place	.55%

E. HOTY Points

The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive will count toward National and Zone HOTY points or money won awards. National Horse of the Year points/money are awarded to each horse's respective Green Hunter height section. Horses will be awarded both HOTY points and the value of their money won for their green hunter section, toward the appropriate HOTY and money won standings. *Points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter.

Round 1		Final Championship Round	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1	150	1	400
2	140	2	370
3	130	3	340
4	120	4	310
5	110	5	280
6	100	6	250
7	90	7	220
8	80	8	200
9	70	9	180
10	60	10	160
11	55	11	140
12	50	12	120
13	45	13	100
14	40	14	90
15	35	15	80
16	30	16	70
17	25	17	60
18	20	18	50

19	15		19	40
20	10		20	30

F. **Rider Ranking System**

The Tier II riders in the Championship are those riders who stand at 31st and below in lifetime Green Hunter Incentive Program rider money earnings. This minimum will be established by reviewing the total lifetime Green Hunter Incentive Program rider money earned list over the last three years.

20% of the total prize money for the 3'6"/3'9" Championship will be awarded to the highest placing horses of the top 10 Tier II riders participating in the GHIP Championship according to the highest scores from Round 1 as follows:

1st	30%	6th	6%
2nd	20%	7th	5%
3rd	15%	8th	4%
4th	9%	9th	3%
5th	7%	10th	1%

G. All prize money will be paid by check within 30 days of the competition.

X. **GHIP Championship Ground Jury**

The GHIP Championship Ground Jury will consist of the Competition Manager or Licensee, the Championship Class Liaison and three additional individuals who will be present at the Championship and are Senior Active or Life members of USHJA and USEF and are recommended by the USHJA International Hunter Derby & Incentive Task Force and approved by the USHJA. Ground Jury members may not have a horse or rider competing in the Championship. The Ground Jury will hear any requests for Rider Substitutions made pursuant to Section II (A.2) of these Championship Specifications as well as any other questions raised during the Championship regarding the conduct of the competition. The decision of the Ground Jury is final and binding and is not subject to further appeal of any kind.

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