USHJA GREEN HUNTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM
2022 STAKE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS*

*Effective for competitions starting December 1, 2021 November 30, 2022

Changes from 2021 marked in bold, italic and underlined.

I. Membership and Participation Requirements

A. Open to horses of any age that are eligible to compete as a Green 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" or 3'9" Hunter under Federation rules. ***It is the exhibitor's responsibility to verify eligibility of the horse.***

B. Riders, owners, and trainers must be current Active members of USEF and USHJA to participate in this class. (see GR202).

C. Horses must be enrolled in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program and pay the **annual** enrollment fee to participate in the Green Incentive Stake. Additionally, horses must be registered with USHJA and recorded with USEF to participate. Horses must be enrolled in the Green Hunter Incentive Program prior to competing in a Green Hunter Incentive Stake class. Only horses appearing on the enrolled list located at www.ushja.org are eligible to compete in a Green Hunter Incentive Stake class. ***It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enroll their horse in a timely manner in order to be eligible to participate.***

D. Horses may only be enrolled online. If a horse is enrolled during a competition, the horse's enrollment date will be considered the first day of the competition at which it was enrolled.

E. Slots: Owners may purchase a slot in the program at the current rate and name a horse to that slot at a later date. Only results achieved by the horse after it is assigned to the slot will count in program standings and qualifying for championships. Slots expire at the end of the competition year the same as the regular enrollment. They are non-transferrable; they cannot be sold to another owner and a horse cannot be substituted for one already assigned. Any slots that are unused will stay dedicated to the current year's purse and will not roll over.

F. Enrolled horses are not required to have competed in a Green Hunter section at any USEF Licensed Competition to compete in a Stake class. However, competing in a Stake class will affect their Green status.

G. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.

H. Horses may be ridden by a Professional, Junior or Amateur.

I. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete in the class.

II. Judging Format

A. The Green Hunter Incentive Stake class shall be judged on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going, using the open numerical scoring system.

B. A score will be announced after each round.

C. If the Incentive is run concurrently with another class, judges will compare incentive horses against the other incentive horses, not against the green hunter entries.

D. If the number of entries warrant splitting the class, it is recommended to split it by fence height first rather than California split.

E. The class will be judged by a minimum of one Registered (Large R) USEF Hunter Licensed judge at Premier and National rated competitions and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status, and a minimum of one Registered (Large R) or Recorded (Small R) USEF Hunter Licensed judge at Regional I and Regional II rated competitions.

III. Prize Money and Entry Fee

A. Prize money must be paid to a minimum of 12 places as follows:

1st-30%	3rd-13%
2nd-22%	4th-8%

5th-6%	9th-3%
6th-5%	10th-2%
7th-4%	11th-2%
8th-3%	12th-2%

B. If there are ***fewer*** than 12 entries in the class, prize money must be paid according to the breakdown in Section III.A, through the last placing entry. Any remaining prize money not awarded due to ***fewer*** than 12 entries may be split and awarded equally to all entrants that place in the class.

C. Each USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class ***section, i.e. 3'/3'3, and 3'6/3'9, is to offer $1,000.00 minimum prize money at Premier or National rated shows, however, if there are fewer than four horses in each section, the sections may be combined for a total $1,000.00 prize money minimum. If there are more than four in one section and fewer than four in another section, the sections may be combined with a total of $1500.00 minimum prize money. Regional shows must offer $500 each or $750 if combined.***

1. Competitions wishing to offer additional prize money above the minimum required ***(including any add-back money if applicable)*** and pay additional placings must print the information in the prize list and notify the USHJA of the final prize money distribution. If a change in prize money and placings occurs after the prize list is printed, the competition must follow all USEF rules regarding changes to the prize list (See GR904). ***The prize money awarded to each placing below 12th place must not exceed the amount awarded to 12th place.***

D. 50% of each entry fee received, excluding the USHJA per entry fee, must be added to the total amount of prize money offered for this class.

E. Rider Ranking System– Show managers may award additional prize money above the required prize money amounts, at their discretion to the highest-placing Tier II riders (list available on the USHJA website as of Dec.). Tier II money must not exceed the money awarded for the rest of the class. Show managers may secure Tier II money through a non-allocated additional percentage of entry fees or through sponsorships.

F. It is suggested that a competition should not charge an entry fee exceeding 10% of the prize money offered in the class.

IV. HOTY Points

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.

A. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive classes will count toward National and Zone HOTY points or money won awards. **Points may not be credited toward the HOTY awards for the Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" or the High Performance Conformation Hunter.*

B. Points for Stake Class

Premier and National Competitions		Regional I and Regional II Competitions	
Place	Points	Place	Points
1	50	1	40
2	40	2	30
3	35	3	25
4	30	4	20
5	25	5	15
6	20	6	13
7	15	7	10
8	10	8	7
9	7	9	4

10	5	10	3
11	3	11	2
12	2	12	1

V. Course Requirements

A. A minimum of eight obstacles must be offered in the class.
B. Fences must be set at 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" or 3'9" in height in accordance with how management chooses to offer and conduct the class.

VI. Competition Format

GREEN HUNTER 3'/3'3" INCENTIVE STAKE CLASS

A. Competitions may offer both fence heights (3'0"/3'3") within the same class.
B. If a competition holds a Green Hunter 3'0" section plus a Green Hunter 3'3" section, a USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class may be held at each height section.
C. Up to two USHJA sets of Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" Incentive Stake classes may be held at a given competition as long as one is run the same day as the corresponding Green Hunter section.
    1. If the number of entries warrant, the combined 3'0"/3'3" can be split by fence height. All four Green Hunter fence heights may ***only be combined if the criteria is met in section III.C.***
D. The one round USHJA Green Hunter Incentive class may be held concurrently with a class of an existing Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", section or as a standalone class.
    1. If the Stake is held as a standalone class, no other class may be held concurrently with the Stake.
    2. If the class is held concurrently with a class of an existing Green Hunter section, the rider must enter the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class separately from the Green Hunter corresponding height section in order to be eligible for the additional prize money.

GREEN HUNTER 3'6/3'9" INCENTIVE STAKE CLASS

E. Competitions may offer both fence heights (3'6"/3'9") within the same class.
F. If a competition holds a Green Hunter 3'6" section plus a Green Hunter 3'9" section, a USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class may be held at each height section.
G. Up to two USHJA sets of Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" Incentive Stake classes may be held at a given competition as long as one is run the same day as the corresponding Green Hunter section.
    1. If the number of entries warrant, the combined 3'6"/3'9" can be split by fence height. All four Green Hunter fence heights may ***only be combined if the criteria is met in section III.C.***
H. The one round USHJA Green Hunter Incentive class may be held concurrently with a class of an existing Green Hunter 3'6" or 3'9", GREEN CONFORMATION HUNTER 3'6" or HIGH PERFORMANCE CONFORMATION HUNTER section or as a standalone class.
    1. If the Stake is held as a standalone class, no other class may be held concurrently with the Stake.
    2. If the class is held concurrently with a class of an existing Green Hunter, GREEN CONFORMATION, or HIGH PERFORMANCE CONFORMATION HUNTER section, the rider must enter the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class separately from the corresponding height section in order to be eligible for the additional prize money.
    3. Eligible Green Hunters competing in the CONFORMATION sections (GREEN & HIGH PERFORMANCE) can utilize the score from that section if the horse jumped the same course, in the same ring, the same day, in front of the same judge. Horses that compete in both the Green Hunter and the Conformation under the stipulated conditions for concurrent judging will be judged for the Incentive class the first time the horse attempts the designated course in those sections.

VII. Competition Requirements

A. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class may be held at any USEF Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II rated hunter competition, or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.
B. No separate application is necessary for a competition to hold this class.

C. ***Competitions must offer two sections of Green Hunter Incentive Stake: 3'/3'3" and 3'6/3'9.***
D. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA a fee of $20 per entry at Premier and National rated competitions and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status, and $10 per entry at Regional I and Regional II rated competitions within 10 days of the end of the competition.
E. Competition management must check at www.ushja.org to verify that all entries in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake have been officially enrolled in the Green Hunter Incentive Program, prior to the distribution of prize money for the Green Hunter Incentive Stake class.
F. If there are any Stake class entries, the Stake class must be run.
G. Competition management must report the results of this class separately from the results of the Green Hunter height section classes and send a copy of these results to both the USEF and USHJA within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition.
H. Competitions are responsible for all class awards. However, the USHJA reserves the right to supplement awards.
I. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class should be promoted and conducted by management as one of the featured classes of the competition.

VIII. USHJA Contact Information

If questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program that cannot be answered from the class specifications provided, one of the following USHJA representatives must be contacted to resolve any questions regarding the judging procedures or class specifications:

Jennifer Osterman, Assistant Managing Director of Sport Programs, USHJA	(859) 225-6703
Britt McCormick, Chair, International Hunter Derby & Incentive Task Force	(972) 467-6008

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Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program are not permitted without the express written permission from USHJA prior to the printing of the prize list.

For any rules not specified above, please refer to the current USEF Rule Book.

