



## **2022 USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program**

### **Regional Championships 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. Horses must be enrolled in the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Program and pay the **annual** enrollment fee prior to competing in the Regional Championship. Additionally, horses must be registered with USHJA and recorded with USEF to participate. ***It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enroll their horse in a timely manner in order to be eligible to participate.***
- C. 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.
- D. Enrolled horses are not required to have competed in a Green Hunter section at any USEF Licensed Competition to compete in a Regional Championship. However, competing in a Regional Championship will affect their Green status.
- E. Horses do not need to jog.
- F. Horses may be ridden by a Professional, Junior or Amateur.
- G. Horses may compete in **a maximum of two** Regional Championships of the exhibitor's choice per year.

\*The regional championship counts as one qualifying class toward the national USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Championships.

Money won in the regional championship is included in all Green Hunter Incentive Program money won standings.

#### **II. Prize Money and Entry Fee**

- A. A minimum of \$10,000 in prize money must be offered for the championship. USHJA will provide \$5,000 of the prize money.
- B. 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 after points lock in December). 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.
- C. The entry fee must not exceed 10% of the prize money offered in the class.
- D. Prize money must be paid to a minimum of 12 places as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>-30%  
2<sup>nd</sup>-22%  
3<sup>rd</sup>-13%  
4<sup>th</sup>-8%  
5<sup>th</sup>-6%  
6<sup>th</sup>-5%

7<sup>th</sup>-4%  
8<sup>th</sup>-3%  
9<sup>th</sup>-3%  
10<sup>th</sup>-2%  
11<sup>th</sup>-2%  
12<sup>th</sup>-2%

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.***
- E. If there are less than 12 entries in the class, prize money must be paid according to the breakdown in Section II.D, through the last placing entry. Any remaining prize money not awarded due to less than 12 entries may be split and awarded equally to all entrants that place in the class.
- F. Riders must ride for ribbons.

### III. 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 Regional Championships

Regional Championships						
Round 1			Round 2			Overall
Place	Points		Place	Points		Place Points
1	50		1	50		1 200
2	40		2	40		2 160
3	35		3	35		3 140
4	30		4	30		4 120
5	25		5	25		5 100
6	20		6	20		6 80
7	15		7	15		7 60
8	10		8	10		8 40
9	7		9	7		9 28
10	5		10	5		10 20
11	3		11	3		11 12
12	2		12	2		12 8

### IV. Judging Format

- A. The Green Hunter Regional Championship 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. The class will be judged by a minimum of two Registered (Large R) USEF Hunter Licensed judges.
- D. Rounds one and two will each account for 50% of the total score. Awards will be distributed based on the cumulative total of both rounds.

### 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 and courses must be suitable for Green Hunters.

## **VI. Competition Requirements**

- A. One regional championship per region will be established per competition year.
- B. 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.
- C. Competition management must check at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org) to verify that all entries in the USHJA Green Hunter Regional Championship have been officially enrolled in the Green Hunter Incentive Program.
- D. Competitions must offer a 3'0"/3'3" section and may offer a combined 3'6"/3'9". If so chosen, competitions may offer entirely separate height sections.
- E. The two round USHJA Green Hunter Regional Championship must be held in a featured location. It is to be promoted and conducted by management as one of the featured classes of the competition.
- F. USHJA Green Hunter Regional Championship rounds may be run concurrently with another Green Hunter Stake class or championship.
- G. **There must be a minimum of six (6) entries for a USHJA Green Hunter Regional Championship to run.**
- H. The second round must be run with a minimum of 12 entries (exception: if championship entries are fewer than 12, all entries must be allowed to enter the second round).
- I. 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.
- J. USHJA will supply a limited amount of ribbons and coolers. Competitions are responsible for all other awards. However, the USHJA reserves the right to supplement awards.

## **VII. 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 these specifications 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.*

