

**RULE CHANGE TYPE**

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**PROPONENT**

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**INTENT**

Adding the Young Hunter 3'0", 3'3", and 3'6" to the rule book. Changing the names of Pre-Green, First Year and Second Year Green Hunter to Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9". Adding 3'6" after Green Conformation and changing the name of Regular Conformation to High Performance Conformation Hunter. Striking the word "Working" and adding the word "Hunter" to section names where appropriate to maintain consistency throughout the rule book. Removing the restriction on Pre-Green Hunter to have only a "C" rating and be eligible for Zone Awards only and allowing Green Hunters to have any rating and to be eligible for National Awards. Defines what and how Green Hunter Sections are offered at Premier and Regional horse shows. Further defines how the Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9" and Young Hunter 3'0',3'3" and 3'6" actually work, including jogging and combining and splitting. Changing combining High Performance Hunter with Green Hunters to combining with Performance Working Hunters when necessary.

**PROPOSED CHANGE**

**HU 103 HUNTER ELIGIBILITY, ~~PRE-GREEN~~ AND GREEN HUNTER STATUS FOR HORSES AND PONIES** [CHAPTER SUBCHAPTER HU-1 DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY]

HU103 Hunter Eligibility, ~~Pre-Green~~ and Green **Eligibility** Status for Horses and Ponies

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1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse ~~or pony are~~ **is** the responsibility of the owner.

2. ~~Determining Hunter eligibility for horses.~~ Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps ~~set~~ at three feet (3'0") in height or higher in **any** Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a ~~USEF~~ **Federation** or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

**a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:**

**3'0"      .90 meter**

**3'3"      1.0 meter**

**3'6"      1.10 meter**

**3. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU103.12.**

**4. Horses may enter the Green Hunter section in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.**

**5. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.**

**6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).**

**7. A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**

**8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU103.12**

**9. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.**

**10. Following a horse's Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in**

11. A horse that has completed his Green Hunter 3'9" year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.

12. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

3. Determining Green or Pre-Green Status for horses. Horses that have not broken their Pre-Green or Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green or Pre-Green status of a horse is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a horse or pony has competed.

b. The number of competition years a horse has competed at regulation height. A horse that has competed in such classes for two (2) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the respective Pre-Green or Green section.

4. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

5. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.

b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is not ~~no~~ longer eligible to compete in the Green section.

6.13. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

7.14. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Pre-Green and Green status at the start of the competition ~~are~~ **is** maintained throughout the competition.

8. Green Status sections are divided into Pre-Green Horse (3', and 3'3"); First Year Green, Second Year Green and Green Conformation; and Green Pony (2'3", 2'6" and 2'9"). Each status is defined below.

#### 9. Pre-Green Horse Status.

a. A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse of any age in his first or second year of showing over fences set at 3'0" or 3'3" in height that has never competed over fences set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Upon receipt by the owner of written notification of a First Year Green Hunter Reinstatement a horse may return to Pre-Green Hunter if it meets all other eligibility requirement of Pre-Green Hunter.

b. A horse is eligible to compete as a Pre-Green Hunter for a maximum of two (2) years regardless of age.

c. Horses may compete in either or both the 3'0" or 3'3" Pre-Green Hunter section during their two (2) years of eligibility. Horses may not cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition. Exception: In USHJA Zone 9, horses may cross enter between 3'0" and 3'3" Pre-Green sections at the same competition.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Pre-Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class at 1.05 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its pre-green status.

e. Pre-Green Reinstatement. A Pre-Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a Pre-Green reinstatement if it has competed over fences set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. Horses that have competed in a USHJA International Hunter Derby are not eligible for reinstatement of Pre-Green status.

f. No jogging is required.

#### 10. Green Hunter Horse Status for First Year Second Year and Green Conformation.

a. A Green Hunter is a horse of any age that is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter Section. A horse's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the horse competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'6" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A horse in its first year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a First Year horse when it is shown in Green Hunters or Green Conformation Hunters.

c. A horse in its second year of showing in the Green Hunter section over fences 3'6" or higher must be shown as a Second Year horse when being shown in the Green Hunters.

d. Once a horse begins competing in a class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at 1.20 meters or above held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A First Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in any over fences class with jumps set at 3'7" in height or higher in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America. A horse is not eligible for a First Year Green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Junior Hunter Championship.

f. A Second Year Green reinstatement may be granted one time.

#### 11. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps set at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.

c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.

d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a USEF or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.

e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green rein-statement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.

#### 12. Green Reinstatement.

A horse or pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A horse or pony's eligibility to compete in sections that are restricted by experience may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:

a. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.

b. The horse or pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.

c. The horse or pony does no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.

d. The horse or pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.

### **HU104 Young Hunter Eligibility and Status for Horses (New Rule)**

#### **1. Young Hunter age restrictions are defined as:**

a. **Young Hunter 3'0" – horses five years of age and under**

b. **Young Hunter 3'3" – horses six years of age and under**

c. **Young Hunter 3'6" – horses seven years of age and under**

**2. Horses eligible for the Young Hunters may begin competing in any Young Hunter height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Young Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.**

**3. A horse is eligible to compete in an age-restricted hunter class from December 1 of the competition year in which they reach the applicable age at any time during that same competition year.**

**4. Age of horse must be verified in accordance with Federation policies and procedures prior to competing in the Young Hunter sections.**

**5. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter height section at any one competition.**

**6. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class or section with fence heights of 3'0" or 3'3", it remains eligible for Young Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years provided it is eligible by age.**

**a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:**

**3'0"     .90 meter**

**3'3"     1.0 meter**

3'6" 1.10 meter

7. A horse that competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3" section if otherwise eligible. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

8. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the Young Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's Young Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU104.11

9. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher, it is no longer eligible for the Young Hunter 3'3" section.

10. A horse that has completed his Young Hunter 3'6" year is no longer eligible for any Young Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" when class specifications list fence height in metric.
- b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" when class specifications list fence height in metric.

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Young Hunter status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

#### **HU 105 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies (New Rule – moved from HU104)**

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the pony is the responsibility of the owner.

2. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:

2'3" .70 meter

2'6" .80 meter

2'9" .85 meter

3'0" .90 meter

3. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter /Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:

- a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
  - b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for one (1) or more competition years, without receiving a reinstatement, is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section.
4. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

6. Green Pony Status.

a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.

*b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of one (1) year regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green year may complete the green year at its new height.*

*c. In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.*

*d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, it may no longer compete in any Jumper class held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America or it will lose its Green status.*

*e. A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in the US Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.*

*7. Green Pony Reinstatement. A pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A pony's eligibility to compete in restricted sections may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:*

*a. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.*

*b. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.*

*c. The pony no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.*

*d. The pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.*

#### HU104 **HU106**High Performance, Performance ~~Working~~ and Small Hunter – Definition and Classifications

1. A High Performance or Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.

2. High Performance Hunter

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

1. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

2. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

3. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

b. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition.

3. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6"

a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

4. Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3"

a. Championship and Reserve must be offered in accordance with HU145.

b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR313.6.

c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU137.2)

1. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.

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#### SUBCHAPTER HU-2 DIVISION OF SECTIONS OR CLASSES

1. Sections may not be divided if there are less than 30 entries. (Exception: Green Working Hunter and Young Hunter, Amateur Owner and Adult Amateur Hunter sections refer to HU113.)

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4. In Performance Working Hunter and High Performance Hunter sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections can be divided after the first over fences class if there are 30 or more entries in subsequent classes. The number of Championship and Reserve Championships that are awarded will be determined by the number of sections created from dividing the first over fences class only.

*a. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.*

*b. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section.*

*c. When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters 3'6" and/or 3'3", the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.*

*d. When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.*

11. At all licensed competitions, if the High Performance Working Hunter section has fewer than three entries, it must be combined with the Second Year Green Hunter (or with Green Working Hunter if combined or not originally offered split).

a. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the First Year Green Hunter section.

b. If combined Green Working sections have fewer than three entries, then they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.

c. A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one.

d. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.

e. When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

f. When combining a section of High Performance Working Hunter with either a section of First Year Green Working Hunters, Second Year Green Working Hunters or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Working Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.

12. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately.

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## HU111 Green Hunter Sections

1. If there are at least six first year green horses, and there are at least six second year green horses, the Green Section must be divided.

**1. Premier competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections separately:**

*a. Green Hunter 3'0"*

*b. Green Hunter 3'3"*

*c. Green Hunter 3'6"*

*d. Green Hunter 3'9"*

**2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Green Hunter must offer all four sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:**

*a. Green Hunter 3'0"*

*b. Green Hunter 3'3"*

*c. Green Hunter 3'6"*

*d. Green Hunter 3'9"*

*e. Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9"*

**3. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.**

**4. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.**

**5. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.**

**6. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately**

*when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.*

**7. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s).**

~~2. When entries warrant, competitions are encouraged to offer separate sections for first and second year horses. Separate championships may be offered only when all classes are divided and each section offers the required number of classes and prize money for an undivided section.~~

#### **HU112 Young Hunter Sections (New Rule)**

**1. Premier competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections separately:**

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"**

**2. National, Regional I and Regional II competitions offering Young Hunter must offer all three sections. These sections may be offered either separately or combined as follows:**

- a. Young Hunter 3'0"**
- b. Young Hunter 3'3"**
- c. Young Hunter 3'6"**
- d. Young Hunter 3'0"/3'3" and Young Hunter 3'6"**
- e. Young Hunter 3'0" and Young Hunter 3'3"/3'6"**

**3. A horse may compete in only one Young Hunter fence height section at any one competition.**

**4. Young Hunters are not required to jog for soundness.**

**5. Regardless of competition rating, each Young Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries. If there are fewer than three (3) entries in a Young Hunter section that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Young Hunter. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.**

**6. Regardless of competition rating, any Young Hunter section that is offered as a combined section must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.**

**7. Young Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section.**

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#### **HU112 Conformation *Hunter* Sections**

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~~5. Green Conformation fences to be at 3'6" and open only to horses in their first year of showing at 3'6". Regular Conformation fences to be at 3'9" and open to all horses.~~

**5. A horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".**

**6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.**

~~6~~ **7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.**

~~7-8.~~ **Model classes to count ½ points.**

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#### **SUBCHAPTER HU-3 COURSES**

When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list.

1. Green **Hunter** Sections: ~~3'6" required for first year horses; 3'9" required for second year horses.~~

a. **Green Hunter 3'0"**

b. **Green Hunter 3'3"**

c. **Green Hunter 3'6"**

d. **Green Hunter 3'9"**

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

2. **Young Hunter** Sections:

a. **Young Hunter 3'0"**

b. **Young Hunter 3'3"**

c. **Young Hunter 3'6"**

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

23. High Performance **Hunter** Sections: 4' minimum in "A" rated sections at Premier rated competitions; 3'9" minimum in "A" rated sections at National rated competitions, and "B" and "C" sections. Obstacles may not exceed 4'6". (Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

4. **Performance Hunter 3'3"**

5. **Performance Hunter 3'6"**

6. **Green Conformation Hunter 3'6"**

7. **High Performance Conformation Hunter: 3'9"**

8. ~~3.~~ Amateur Owner **Hunter** Sections:

a. Obstacles at National and Premier rated competitions must be 3'6".

b. Obstacles at competitions in Zones 11 and 12 may be 3'3" or 3'6".

c. If a 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Section is offered, obstacles are to be ~~set at~~ 3'3".

d. If a competition offers both 3'3" and 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter sections, regardless of the competition's rating, the obstacles must be ~~set at~~ 3'3" and 3'6" respectively.

e. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

9. ~~4.~~ Adult Amateur **Hunter** Sections: Per USHJA Zone Rules.

10. ~~5.~~ Local Competitions: No minimum in any section.

11. ~~6.~~ Non-rated sections: Heights determined by competition management unless otherwise specified.

12. ~~7.~~ Ladies Side Saddle Sections: 3'.

13. ~~8.~~ Junior Hunter Sections:

a. Obstacles must be 3'6" in all classes. (Exception: Fences may be 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12 and in the Junior Hunter 3'3" section.)

b. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

14. ~~9.~~ Children's Hunter Sections: Obstacles will be 2' for small ponies; 2'3" for medium ponies; 2'6" for large ponies and 2'9" to 3' for horses. Spreads must not exceed the height of obstacle. No minimum height required at Local Competitions.

10. ~~Pre-Green.~~ Fences not to exceed 3' or 3'3". (See HU103.9)

15. ~~11.~~ Green Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" for large. (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

16. ~~12.~~ Regular Pony Hunter: 2'3" for small, 2'6" for medium and 2'9" - 3'0" for large (See HU122 regarding spread of fences).

13. ~~Performance Working Hunter 3'3"~~

14. ~~Performance Working Hunter 3'6"~~

17. ~~15.~~ Three-Year-Old Hunter: Not to exceed 2'9".

18. ~~16.~~ Small Hunter Sections: 3'



17. ~~Green Conformation: 3'6"~~

18. ~~Regular Conformation: 3'9"~~

19. Thoroughbred Hunter: 3'0"

## SUBCHAPTER HU-5 JUDGING

HU129 General

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5. After all competitors have had an opportunity to compete over a course in the High Performance **Hunter** and Performance ~~Working~~ **Hunter** section, competitors with faults which would eliminate the competitor from the ribbons, may be excused **by the judge** at management's discretion, provided four **(4)** more competitors than the number of ribbons awarded have completed the course. In Green ~~Working~~ **Hunter** classes riders are encouraged to withdraw after a major fault.

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## SUBCHAPTER HU-6 CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

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HU138 ~~Model Classes for Green~~**Conformation Hunter 3'6"**and Regular **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter** Model Classes

To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

HU139 GreenHunter, **Young Hunter**, High Performanceand Performance ~~Working~~ **Hunter** Classes

To be judged on performance, **way of moving** and soundness. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.

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~~HU143 Hunter Classics~~

1. The following Hunter Classics may be offered: Adult Amateur Hunter Classic, Children's Hunter Pony Classic, Children's Hunter Horse Classic, Pre-Green Hunter **3'0" and/or 3'3"** Classic, **Young Hunter Classic**, Small Hunter Classic, Pony Hunter Classic, Green Pony Hunter Classic, Open Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'3" Junior Hunter Classic, 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic, 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Classic. Six (6) entries are required to conduct a Hunter Classic. If there are less **fewer** than six (6) entries in any one Hunter Classic, it may combine with other sections of the same rating. If Hunter Classics are combined and a horse is shown in more than one section qualifying for the Hunter Classic, the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which section bonus points are to count toward. Hunter Classics cannot be divided in any manner and held by section if there are less **fewer** than six (6) entries in each divided section. Exception: "A" rated sections must have twelve (12) entries to divide.

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## SUBCHAPTER HU-7 CHAMPIONSHIPS

HU146 Eligibility

1. General.

The Champion and Reserve Champion titles are awarded to the top two of the four horses that acquired the most points performing over a regulation course with obstacles at the full height required in the section in which shown, except under the provisions of HU110. In addition to these points, only these four horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class. Exception: High Performance and Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter sections with three classes receive half points for the under saddle class, see HU104.

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HU147 Ties

1. In case of a tie score the Championship and/or Reserve is awarded to the horse that accumulated the most points over fences. If horses have an equal

number of points over fences and no points under saddle, the tied horses will be asked to compete in a hack off, or independent under saddle class, to be judged on soundness and performance at the walk, trot and canter. Competitors may be asked to hand gallop at the discretion of the judge. (Exception: Green Hunters **and Young Hunters**). Any competitor may concede to the other if they choose not to hack off, or if both competitors agree, they may choose to break the tie with a coin toss. If horses have an equal number of points over fences, under saddle, and model (i.e. ~~Regular~~ or Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6" or High Performance Conformation Hunter**) the tie will stand as is and both horses will receive Horse of the Year Points in their respective Champion and/or Reserve position.

2. If all tied horses are declared unsound, selection of the winner among such tied competitors is left to the discretion of the judges.

#### HU148 Combination Hunter Championship

All competitions with a limited number of Hunter classes, including events in more than one section (i.e., ~~Regular~~ **High Performance Conformation** or Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, Green ~~Working~~, High Performance or Performance Hunter), may count points won in such classes toward a Combination Hunter Championship. A Combination Hunter Championship and Reserve are awarded to two of the four horses which have acquired the most points performing over a regulation Hunter course with fences the height required in the section in which shown. In addition to these points, only these horses receive half points for ribbons won in Model, Maiden, Novice, Limit and Green classes and full points for ribbons won in one Under Saddle class or, if not held, in one Hunter Hack class, if otherwise qualified. The prize list must specify which classes count. This Championship does not count toward a Federation Horse of the Year Award except for Amateur Owner **Hunters**.

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#### SUBCHAPTER HU-8 CONDUCT

##### HU157 Entry Fees

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~~2. When entries require that High Performance Working Hunters are combined with Green Working sections, a section entry fee will be required for the High Performance Working Hunter section and individual classes will not be able to be entered.~~

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##### HU158 Scheduling

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4. No more than three (3) classes in any "A" rated hunter section at a National or Premier rated competition may be held in one day if the section is held over two days. (Exception: Model classes in Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** and ~~Regular~~ **High Performance Conformation Hunter** sections may be held as a fourth class. High Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter, Performance Hunter 3'6" and Performance Hunter 3'3" at National and Premier rated competitions and Pony Hunter sections at National rated competitions may be held on one day.)

a. At National and Premier rated competitions, classes in recognized sections must be run on consecutive days. (**Exception: hunter classics**).  
(~~Exception, classics~~)

5. At all Regular Competitions, an Under Saddle class cannot be the first performance class held in a section. (Exception: Ladies Hunter Side Saddle and unrated ~~divisions~~ **sections**).

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#### SUBCHAPTER HU-9 SPECIAL RATING REQUIREMENTS

See also GR901.21b, GR901.24 and Chapter GR3.

##### HU164 Sections Required for National Rating

1. At least five (5) "A" rated Hunter sections must be offered. One (1) Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering 3 classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively or one (1) \$5,000. Jumper section or class at 1.20m or higher may be substituted for one (1) required "A" rated Hunter section. A High Performance Working Hunter section must be offered.

2. Divided sections count as a single section.

3. Competitions that restrict entries in the rated Hunter sections to Juniors and Amateurs may count divided sections individually, but must offer at least six (6) "A" rated hunter sections. One Amateur Owner or Junior Jumper section offering **three (3)** classes and at least \$800 or \$600 respectively, may be substituted for one required Hunter section. If no classes for ponies are offered they **Jumper sections** may be used for two of the required sections.

4. "A" rated sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. Exception Green Pony Hunter, **Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" (unless combined with Green Hunter 3'6" and/or 3'9")**. **A handy hunter class may be offered in the Young Hunter section and Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections, but is not required.**

#### HU165 Sections Required for Regional I Rating

~~Except at National rated competitions, at~~ **At** least three (3) "B" rated Hunter sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance **Working Hunter**, Amateur Owner **Hunter**, Junior, Pony, or Green Pony Hunter) must be offered. One Children's Hunter or one Adult Amateur Hunter section ~~or for any Zone whose Pre-Green Hunters are rated, one Pre-Green Hunter section may be substituted for two required "B" sections. Divided sections count as a single section.~~

#### HU166 Sections Required for Regional II Rating

~~Except at competitions offering "A" or "B" rated Hunter sections, at~~ **At** least two (2) "C" rated sections (Green **Conformation Hunter 3'6"** or Regular **High Performance Conformation Hunter**, Green **Working Hunter**, **Young Hunter**, High Performance **Working Hunter**, Amateur Owner **Hunter**, Junior **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, or Green Pony Hunter, Children's Hunter, Adult Amateur Hunter, ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~, or Thoroughbred Hunter) must be offered. Divided sections count as a single section. Competitions restricted to side saddle may offer a Ladies Hunter Side Saddle Section as the only "C" rated Hunter section.

### SUBCHAPTER HU-13 USHJA INTERNATIONAL HUNTER DERBY AND USHJA NATIONAL HUNTER DERBY

#### HU188 USHJA National Hunter Derby

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5. Zone bonus points will be awarded to each horse's respective hunter section as declared at time of entry. A horse may be declared in only one of the following sections at the competition: ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"~~, Performance Hunter 3'3", Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Small Hunter, Junior Hunter 3'3", Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"**. Only Juniors or Amateurs may declare for the applicable Children's **Hunter**, Pony **Hunter**, Adult Amateur **Hunter** or Amateur Owner **Hunter 3'3"** section. National bonus points will not be awarded. At Premier or National rated competitions zone bonus points will be awarded as follows, 1st - 75, 2nd - 60, 3rd - 54, 4th - 45, 5th - 38, 6th - 30, 7th - 23 and 8th - 15, 9th - 10, 10th - 7, 11th - 5, 12th - 3. At Regional I or Regional II rated competitions, Zone bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 35, 4th - 30, 5th - 25, 6th - 20, 7th - 15, 8th - 10, 9th - 7, 10th - 5, 11th - 3, 12th - 2.

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#### HU189 USHJA PRE-GREEN **HUNTER** CHALLENGE

USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge may be offered at USEF **Federation** Licensed Premier, National, Regional I or Regional II Competitions and at Competitions approved for a Special Competition Status.

1. USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge is open to horses of any age ~~in their first or second year of competing over fences set at~~ **eligible under Federation rules to compete in the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3"**.

~~2. A horse which has received a pre-green reinstatement in accordance with USEF rules is allowed to compete in a USHJA Pre-Green Challenge.~~

**23.** Horses are not required to jog for soundness.

**34.** All USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge classes must meet the requirements set forth by USHJA. Information on class procedures, class requirements, judging system and course requirements is available from the Programs Department in the USHJA office and on the website at [www.ushja.org](http://www.ushja.org).

a. The USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge may be held as a separate two (2) round class or competitions may utilize the last class of a ~~Pre-Green~~ section as the first (1st) round of the ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge. At least twelve (12) horses, if available, must return for the second (2nd) round. Prize lists must specify if more than twelve (12) horses will be invited to return for the second (2nd) round.

**45.** Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the per horse entrant fee along with the class results within ten (10) days of the competition. The USHJA ~~Pre-Green Hunter~~ Challenge entry fee is capped at ten percent (10%) of prize money offered. The per horse entrant fee will be \$15 at Premier, National and Special competitions and \$10 at Regional I and Regional II competitions. The per horse entrant fee may be added to the entry fee.

**56.** This per horse entrant fee is not included in calculating the ten percent (10%) entry fee maximum.

**67. National and** Zone bonus points will be awarded to the horse in the ~~Pre-Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3"~~ section. However, horses may be ridden by Professionals, Juniors, or Amateurs.

**78. National and Zone** bonus points will be awarded for a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~ **Hunter** Challenge as follows:

a. For a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~ **Hunter** Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the ~~Pre-Green~~ **Hunter 3'0"/3'3"** Section, **National and Zone** bonus points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.

b. For a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~ **Hunter** Challenge which is held as separate two round class, **National and Zone** bonus points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

**89.** A minimum of \$750 must be offered when a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge is held at a Premier rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition status, a minimum of \$500 when held at a National rated competition and a minimum of \$250 must be offered when held at a Regional I or Regional II rated competition. If the 10% cap is less than \$50, management may charge an entry fee up to the maximum of \$50.

[...]

12. Riders, owners and trainers must be current Active members of USEF ~~the Federation~~ and USHJA to participate in this class. (See GR202). Horses must be registered with the USHJA to participate in this class. Exception: Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.

a. USHJA **National and Zone** Horse of the Year bonus points will only be awarded for placing in a USHJA ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge if the owner is a current Active member of the Federation and USHJA, the horse is recorded with the Federation and registered with USHJA. For additional information and Zone residency requirements see GR1110 and GR1111.

13. No more than one ~~Pre-Green~~**Hunter** Challenge may be held during a given competition and competitions have the option of offering only one (1) fence height, or both fence heights within the class. If offering only one height, it must be the 3'0" height that is offered.

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#### SUBCHAPTER HU-14 LIMITING ENTRIES

##### HU190 Limiting Entries

Hunter sections restricting entries based on winnings must use the Federation National Horse of the Year points or prize money won, whichever is applicable, as a means of qualification for the specified time period or, alternatively, must use the greatest number of Federation National Horse of the Year points won at a specified number of competitions within a specified time period. (Exception: ~~First Year Green, Second Year Green~~ **Hunter 3'0", 3'3", 3'6" and 3'9"**, Green Conformation **Hunter 3'6"**, ~~Regular~~ **High Performance** Conformation **Hunter**, High Performance Hunter, Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'6" and Performance ~~Working~~ Hunter 3'3" sections restricting entries based on winnings must accept 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year points list and 50% of the entries from the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list. If an odd number of entries will be accepted, the Federation National Horse of the Year prize money won list will take precedence. The procedure for determining horses that qualify and their ranking will begin with the top placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then go to the top placed horse on the Points standings list, back to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, then on to the second placed horse on the Money Won standings list, continuing down both lists in that order until all available slots have been filled. If during this process a horse appears on either list that has already qualified, skip that horse and go instead to the next horse on the same list. Continue using this process until all slots are filled)...