



## **USHJA GREEN HUNTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM** **2018 STAKE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS\***

\*Effective for competitions starting December 1, 2017-November 30, 2018  
*Changes from 2017 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 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](http://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.***
- 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 Stake class. However, competing in a Stake class will affect their Green status.
- E. Horses are not required to jog for soundness.
- F. Horses may be ridden by a Professional, Junior or Amateur.
- G. 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. 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. 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. 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.
- D. Competition management must check at [www.ushja.org](http://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.
- E. **Up to two** USHJA Green Hunter 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.** Competitions may offer both fence heights within the same class.
  - 1. Exception: If a competition holds a Green Hunter 3'0" section plus a Green Hunter 3'3" section, **or 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. **Heights may only be combined as a**

**3'0"/3'3" section and a 3'6"/3'9" section. All four fence heights may not be combined under any circumstance.**

- F. The one round USHJA Green Hunter Incentive class may be held concurrently with a class of an existing Green Hunter 3'0", 3'3", **3'6" or 3'9"** 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.
- G. If there are any Stake class entries, the Stake class must be run.
- H. 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.
- I. Competitions are responsible for all class awards. However, the USHJA reserves the right to supplement awards.
- J. The USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class should be promoted and conducted by management as one of the featured classes of the competition.

**IV. Prize Money and Entry Fee**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> -30%	7 <sup>th</sup> -4%
2 <sup>nd</sup> -22%	8 <sup>th</sup> -3%
3 <sup>rd</sup> -13%	9 <sup>th</sup> -3%
4 <sup>th</sup> -8%	10 <sup>th</sup> -2%
5 <sup>th</sup> -6%	11 <sup>th</sup> -2%
6 <sup>th</sup> -5%	12 <sup>th</sup> -2%

- B. If there are less than 12 entries in the class, prize money must be paid according to the breakdown in Section IV.A, 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.
- C. Each USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class must offer a minimum of \$1,000 in prize money when held at a Premier or National rated competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition status, and a minimum of \$500 in prize money when held at a Regional I or Regional II rated competition.
  - 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 12<sup>th</sup> place must not exceed the amount awarded to 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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. 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:

Katie Patrick, Director of Sport Programs, USHJA (859) 225-6725

Colleen McQuay, Vice Chair, International Hunter Derby & Incentive Task Force (940) 367-3030

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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.*

