

**2025 USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championships Specifications**

\*Effective for competitions starting December 1, 2024 November 30, 2025

*Changes from 2024 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', 3'3", 3'6" or 3'9" Hunter under Federation rules. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to verify the USEF Green eligibility of the horse before competing.**
- 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. Soundness – horses are required to trot a circle on a loose rein at the end of the over fences performance. Horses may be asked to return to the ring and trot another circle at the judge's discretion. **Judges have the authority to disqualify a horse due to unsoundness at any time during the over fences performance.**
- F. Horses may be ridden by a Professional, Junior or Amateur.
- G. Horses may compete in multiple Regional Championships per year.

**II. Prize Money and Entry Fee**

- A. A minimum of \$10,000 in prize money must be offered for the championship, whether the height sections are separate or combined. 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 **and Tier III** riders. Refer to the USHJA website for Tier eligibility lists. Tier II **and Tier III** money must not exceed the money awarded for the rest of the class. Show managers may secure Tier II **and Tier III** 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:
 

1st-30%	7th-4%
2nd-22%	8th-3%
3rd-13%	9th-3%
4th-8%	10th-2%
5th-6%	11th-2%
6th-5%	12th-2%
- E. 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 GR903). ***The prize money awarded to each placing below 12th place must not exceed the amount awarded to 12th place.***

- F. 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.
- G. At minimum, the top six overall must be presented in the ring. All other placing presentations will be at the show management's discretion.

**III. HOTY Points**

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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 Incentive 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', 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 Channel I 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 Incentive Regional Championship have been officially enrolled in the Green Hunter Incentive Program.
- D. Competitions must offer each height section (3', 3'3", 3'6", 3'9"). Competitions may combine height sections.
- E. The two round USHJA Green Hunter Incentive 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. The first round of the USHJA Green Hunter Regional Championship may be run concurrently with another Green Hunter Stake class or championship. The second round must be held separately.
- G. A USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Regional Championship must run if there are a minimum of six (6) entries.
- H. The second round must be run with 12 qualified entries. Exception: if championship entries are fewer than 12, all entries who were not eliminated in the first round 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 may offer additional awards at their own expense. 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, Sport Department Managing Director, USHJA	(859) 225-6703
Rachel Kennedy, Co-Chair, International Hunter Derby & Incentive Task Force	(443) 878-8146
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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.*

