



2025 USHJA GREEN HUNTER CHALLENGE SPECIFICATIONS

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

Changes from 2024 marked with bold, italics and underlined.

I. Competition Requirements

- A. A Green Hunter Challenge may be offered at 3'0" and 3'3" heights at USEF Licensed Channel I (Premier or National), or Channel II (Regional) rated competitions or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status.
- B. No more than one USHJA Green Hunter Challenge may be held during a given competition and competitions have the option of offering only one fence height or both fence heights within the class.
 - 1. Exception: A competition may offer a separate Challenge class for 3'0" and a separate class for 3'3" with separate ribbons and prize money.
 - 2. If offering only one height, it must be the 3'0" height that is offered. The USHJA Green Hunter Challenge may be held in conjunction (or simultaneously) with a USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class.
- C. The USHJA Green Hunter Challenge may be held either:
 - 1. As a separate two round class.
 - 2. With a designated over fences class offered in the Green Hunter section. When this option is chosen, the first round is the last over fences class of the Green section.

At least 12 horses, if available, must return for the second round. Prize lists must specify if more than 12 horses will be invited to return for the second round.
- D. Three horses are required for this class to be held.
- E. Competition management will collect and remit to USHJA the \$15 per horse entrant fee at Channel I Premier and National rated competitions and competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status, and the \$10 per horse entrant fee at Channel II Regional competitions within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition. The per horse entrant fee may be added to the entry fee.
- F. Competition management will remit complete results including prize money awarded and under which format the class was held, to USHJA and USEF within 10 days of the conclusion of the competition.

II. Prize Money and Entry Fee

- A. A minimum of \$750 prize money must be offered when a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is held at a Premier competition or a competition that has been approved for a Special Competition status.
- B. A minimum of \$500 prize money must be offered when a Green Hunter Challenge is held at a National competition.
- C. A minimum of \$250 prize money must be offered when a Green Hunter Challenge is held at a Regional competition.
- D. A competition may choose to offer add-back prize money in addition to the prize money offered, however, the minimum required prize money must be guaranteed. If add-back prize money will be offered, this must be stated in the prize list.
- E. Prize money must be paid to a minimum of 12 places as follows:

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| 1 st –30% | 6 th –5% |
| 2 nd –22% | 7 th –4% |
| 3 rd –13% | 8 th –3% |
| 4 th –8% | 9 th –3% |
| 5 th –6% | 10 th –2% |

11th-2%

12th-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.
- F. If there are less than 12 entries in the class, prize money must be paid according to the breakdown in Section II.E, 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. The entry fee cannot exceed 10% of the prize money offered. (The per horse entrant fee and the add-back portion of the entry fee (if any) are NOT included in the 10%). However, if the 10% cap is less than \$50, management may charge an entry fee up to a maximum of \$50. See Section II.E for prize money requirements.

III. Membership and Participation Requirements

- A. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is open to eligible Green horses of any age in their first or second year of competing over fences set at 3' or 3'3".
- 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 registered with the USHJA to participate in this class.
- D. **Exception:** Foreign residents and horses in good standing with their National Federation are eligible to compete in this class.
- E. National and USHJA Zone HOTY championship points will only be awarded if the owner is a current Active member of USEF and USHJA, and the horse is recorded with USEF and registered with USHJA. (See GR1110)
- F. Three horses are required to compete in this class in order for USHJA Zone HOTY championship points to be awarded.
- G. There is no limit to the number of horses a rider can compete in the class.
- H. The same horse may compete in the USHJA Green Hunter Challenge and the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Stake class at the same competition. Competing in the USHJA Green Hunter Challenge does not qualify a horse or rider for the USHJA Green Hunter Incentive Championship.
- I. Horses entered in this class will **NOT** be required to jog for soundness.

IV. Horse of the Year Points

- A. National and Zone HOTY championship points will be awarded to each horse's applicable Green section. Horses may be ridden by Professionals, Juniors or Amateurs.
- B. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the Green section, National and Zone championship points will be awarded as follows:

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| 1 st – 40 | 7 th – 12 |
| 2 nd – 32 | 8 th – 10 |
| 3 rd – 28 | 9 th – 8 |
| 4 th – 24 | 10 th – 6 |
| 5 th – 20 | 11 th – 4 |
| 6 th – 16 | 12 th – 2 |

- C. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as a separate two round class, National and Zone championship points will be awarded as follows:

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| 1 st – 80 | 7 th – 24 |
| 2 nd – 64 | 8 th – 20 |
| 3 rd – 56 | 9 th – 16 |
| 4 th – 48 | 10 th – 12 |
| 5 th – 40 | 11 th – 8 |
| 6 th – 32 | 12 th – 4 |

V. Judging Requirements and Judging System

- A. When the USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is held:
 1. At Premier rated competitions or competitions that have been approved for a Special Competition status, two judges are required, one of which must hold a Registered (Large R) USEF Hunter License. The second judge may hold a Registered (Large R) or Recorded (Small r) USEF Hunter License.
 2. At National rated competitions only one judge is required, and that judge must hold a Registered (Large R) USEF Hunter License; however two judges are encouraged when feasible.
 3. Regional rated competitions, only one judge is required, and that judge must hold either a Registered (Large R) or Recorded (Small r) USEF Hunter License; however two judges are encouraged when feasible.
- B. When more than one judge officiates, all judges will sit together and provide one score. The scores from each round will be either averaged or added as specified in the prize list to obtain the overall total for each horse.
- C. The Green Hunter Challenge shall be judged on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going using the open numerical scoring system.
- D. A score will be announced after each round.

VI. Order of Go

- A. When held as a separate two round class, the order of go must be posted a minimum of one hour prior to the start of the class.
- B. The draw may be performed by hand or by random order by the computer.
- C. In the case of multiple horses being ridden by the same rider, every effort will be made so that there will be a minimum of eight horses (if available) separating multiple rides. All horses must be ridden in the sequence that appears on the jumping order in the first round of the competition.
- D. In the second round, horses will return in reverse order of their first round scores (lowest to highest). Due to multiple rides, any rider may elect to move up in the order.

VII. Award Presentations

- A. Judges are required to pin to 12th place plus two reserve placings.
- B. Ribbons and prize money are required to be awarded through 12th place per the prize money breakdown provided in section II.E.

VIII. Course Requirements

- A. The course diagrams for each round must be posted a minimum of one hour before the start of the first round, unless the second round is held at another time. In that case, the course for second round must be posted a minimum of one hour prior.
- B. The first round of the Green Hunter Challenge must consist of eight to 10 obstacles in accordance with HU109. In the second round of the Green Hunter Challenge, the course must consist of a minimum of eight to 10 obstacles of at least six different types.
- C. Fences must be set at 3' or 3'3" in height, in accordance with how management chooses to offer and

conduct the class.

IX. USHJA Contact Information

A. Please contact one of the following USHJA representatives, if questions arise pertaining to the USHJA Green Hunter Challenge that cannot be answered by the Show Steward or Management based on the class specifications provided.

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

Robin Rost Brown—Hunter Working Group Chair (973) 222-8523

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Any deviations from the class specifications for the USHJA Green Hunter Challenge 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.

