

## Microchipping Requirement: At A Glance

Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and contain only a unique 15-digit identification number that can be tied to information related to the horse held by any breed organization, veterinarian, or competition organization such as USEF or USHJA. Microchipping provides a reliable way to verify a horse's identity and ensure that all information pertaining to the horse follows it throughout its life, thus increasing transparency, contributing to the well-being of the horse, and supporting consumer confidence during sales transactions. Microchips are a standard of the FEI, the international equestrian sport governing body.



### THE COMPETITION REQUIREMENT



#### PHASE I: Microchipping Required for Points

Beginning in competition year 2018 (December 1, 2017), all horses competing in USEF-licensed and/or USHJA-sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed **will be required to be microchipped to receive points.**



#### PHASE II: Microchipping Required for Competition

Beginning in competition year 2019 (December 1, 2018), ALL horses competing in USEF-licensed and/or USHJA-sanctioned competitions with Hunter, Hunter Breeding, Jumper and Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes not restricted by breed **will be required to be microchipped.**

### Reporting Your Horse's Chip Number to USEF

Once a horse is microchipped, you may report your microchip number to the USEF through any of the following methods:

- Online by signing into your My USEF My Way account and updating your horse's record
- Faxing to (859) 231-6662 or emailing to [horseservices@usef.org](mailto:horseservices@usef.org) the Microchip Reporting Form, which may be used to report chip numbers for multiple horses.
- Completing the microchip field on a USEF Horse Recording/ ID Application If your horse is not yet recorded with USEF or registered with the USHJA, you will need to complete a Horse Recording Form AND fill out the microchip number field on that form.



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*For more information about the microchipping requirement, visit [www.ushja.org/microchipping](http://www.ushja.org/microchipping).*