



Green Hunter Horse Eligibility FAQ

1. Are horses eligible for Green Reinstatement?

- No, horses can no longer be granted green reinstatement. However, horses may be eligible to compete as a green for one additional year if they fit the criteria of HU131.3. Click the link below or log on to your usef.org account; scroll down to “Horse Options” and select “Green Status” then “Green Inquiry” to see if your horse is eligible. <https://members.usef.org/green-status>

2. Which Hunter sections is my horse eligible for?

- For verification of what your horse or is eligible for please submit a [Green Inquiry](#) request. If you are unsure of the current green eligibility of your horse and would like for USEF staff to further investigate the horse’s show record, please submit a green status inquiry. A green status inquiry can be submitted by anyone concerning any horse with a recording number. There is a \$25 fee for each inquiry, and the form must be filled out online through a member’s USEF online account. Once on your USEF account home page, this link can be found under the heading titled “Other”, from there select the “Green Status Inquiry” link. Upon selecting the link, you will be instructed to submit the horse’s information, your question, and a payment.

3. When does the window of Green Hunter eligibility begin?

- As per HU131.2, Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at three feet (3’0”) in height or higher in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed competition.

4. How will jumper experience impact my horse's Green Hunter eligibility?

- Any previous jumper experience attained prior to the horse competing in its first Hunter or Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation class at 3’0” or above shall not impact the horse’s green status. Once a horse begins competing in Hunter or Hunter/Jumper Seat Equitation classes with fence heights at or above 3’0”, competing in comparable jumper classes will impact a horse's green eligibility in the same manner as Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes.



5. How many years can my horse compete in Green Hunter sections at 3'0" or 3'3"?

- HU131.3 explains that horses receive two years of eligibility to compete in Green Hunter sections at 3'0" and/or 3'3" fence heights. These two years do not have to be consecutive. Horses may compete interchangeably between the 3'0" and 3'3" fence heights during this window of eligibility. Note: Once a horse competes in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada licensed recognized competition with fence heights of 3'6" or 1.10m, it will be deemed no longer eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 3'3" section. Horses competing in classes higher than 3'6": Once a horse competes in any Hunter, Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation, or Jumper classes at Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions with fences higher than 3'6" (or 1.10m), it shall no longer be eligible for the Green Hunter 3' or 3'3" sections.

6. Can my horse compete in Green Hunter 3'6" sections for more than one year?

- Maybe. A horse may be eligible for an additional year of competing in Green Hunter sections with 3'6" fence heights if it meets the criteria spelled out in HU131.3.b. Please see the rulebook for more detail or submit a [Green Inquiry](#) request.

