2020 Green Waiver and Reinstatement FAQs

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What is a Green Waiver?
- 2020 Waivers are designed so that horses and ponies that have competed in four (4) or more competitions at regulation height or higher prior to June 1, 2020 for the 2020 competition year may retain their green eligibility for a future year.
- Owners are required to submit an official request to USEF through the Green Status portal before the September 1, 2020 deadline.
- Horses and ponies granted a waiver will not be permitted to compete in classes with fences regulation height or higher for the remainder of the current competition year.
- They may, however, continue to compete in other classes with fences lower than regulation height for the remainder of the year. Refer to each height section for additional details.

What is a Green Reinstatement?
- 2020 Reinstatements are designed so that horses and ponies that have competed in fewer than four (4) competitions at regulation height or higher for the 2020 competition year may retain their green eligibility for a future year.
- Because horses meeting this criteria have not had the opportunity to compete at regulation height during a minimum of four (4) competitions, they are afforded the opportunity to continue to compete at that height during any competition with a start date prior to August 1, 2020 until they reach a maximum of four (4) competitions. At that time horses must stop competing at regulation height or higher; the horse must not compete at regulation height or higher in any competition with a start date on or after August 1, 2020.
- The horse may, however, continue to compete in other classes with fences lower than regulation height for the remainder of the year.
- Owners are required to submit an official request to USEF through the Green Status portal before the September 1, 2020 deadline.

What is the difference between a green waiver and reinstatement?
- Functionally there is no difference. They both allow the horse or pony to retain green eligibility for a future year. Some horses and ponies have not yet had the opportunity to compete during at least four (4) competitions so far this year, and the reinstatement process helps clarify that these animals have the opportunity to reach their four (4) shows by continuing to compete through the months of June and July. These animals have no more experience or advantage than those that are granted a green waiver.
- Green waivers allow for those horses or ponies that would otherwise never be eligible for a reinstatement to retain their green eligibility for a future year, due to the circumstances surrounding the global pandemic.

When is the deadline to submit my request for a green waiver or reinstatement?
- The request must be submitted online through the Green Status Portal available on the USEF website by September 1, 2020.
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What is the cost for a green waiver or reinstatement?
• There is a $50 non-refundable fee

I would like the opportunity to “redo” the 2020 green year for my horse or pony. What do I do?
• You will need to request a green waiver or reinstatement.
  o Green waivers and reinstatements should be submitted online through the owner’s USEF account. Only the owner can request a green waiver or reinstatement, and the fee is $50-nonrefundable. Click the link here or log on to your usef.org account; scroll down to “Horse Options” and select “Green Status” then “Green Waiver or Reinstatement” to submit a request. Be sure to complete your request by visiting “My Cart” and submitting your payment. Requests must be submitted by September 1, 2020.

I’m not sure if my horse or pony is eligible for a waiver or reinstatement, how can I tell?
• Has your horse or pony competed in classes with fences regulation height or higher during four (4) or more competitions before June 1, 2020 during the 2020 competition year?
  o Yes – Answer: See information pertaining to the “waiver” in Green Pony or Green Hunter document
  o No – Answer: refer to the information under the “reinstatement” section for the Green Pony or Green Hunter document

I would like to have my horse or pony eligible for the Green section next year, but I would also like to continue showing it during the 2020 competition year. Can I do that?
• The horse or pony must not continue to compete in any classes where fences are regulation height or higher. It may compete in classes with fences that are lower than the following heights as listed per section below:
  o Green Hunter 3’ – less than 3’
  o Green Hunter 3’3” – less than 3’
  o Green Hunter 3’6” – less than 3’6”
  o Green Hunter 3’9” – less than 3’6”
  o Small Green Pony – less than 2’3”
  o Medium Green Pony – less than 2’6”
  o Large Green Pony – less than 2’9”

My horse competed at regulation height or higher during more than four (4) competitions before June 1, 2020 (Green Waiver specific). I am waiting to see when specific competitions open up before I decide to submit a Green Waiver Request. Can I continue to show my horse in the green section until I know whether or not the competition will run?
• No. If the horse competes in classes at regulation height or higher in a competition starting on or after June 1, 2020 it will no longer be eligible to receive a waiver. You can continue to compete with the horse in classes with lower fences height. Please refer to the question above for information on those fence height restrictions.
My horse or pony was granted a green waiver or reinstatement, so I no longer wish to show it in the green section during the remainder of the 2020 competition year. In what classes/section may my horse compete?

- The horse or pony must not compete in any classes or sections where fences are required to be set at regulation height or higher. It may only jump in classes where fences are lower than regulation height. For example, if a horse received a reinstatement for the Green Hunter 3’3” section. It may no longer compete in any classes where fences are 3’ or higher (regardless of whether or not it is a green section). It may not compete in the Children’s Hunter section for example, because the fence height requirement for that section is 3’. It may however compete in classes with fences below 3’, such as the 2’9” USHJA Hunter.

My horse received a waiver or a reinstatement, and I’m not sure if my horse is eligible to return to a lower Green Hunter height section. What do I do? (Example: the horse was competing in the Green Hunter 3’6” section, can it now compete in Green Hunter 3’ or 3’3” section?)

There are several factors to consider when determining this answer. Consider the points outline below.

- A horse that has competed in classes with fences 3’6” or 1.0m or higher is not eligible to return to the Green Hunter 3’ section.
- If your horse received a waiver, then it is no longer eligible to compete in a lower Green Hunter section. Its competition experience exceeds what is permitted to return to a lower section.
- You may submit a green inquiry to determine what section your horse can compete in for the remainder of the year.
- Review your horse’s record to determine how many competition years it has shown at the lower height. For example, if the horse competed in the Children’s Hunter section (3’) in 2018 and the Green Hunter 3’ section in 2019, the horse is no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3’/3’3” sections. It utilized its two years of eligibility during 2018 and 2019.
- Review your horse’s record to determine if it has exceeded the maximum Jumper height permitted for the lower height section. For example, if the horse was competing in the Green Hunter 3’9” section, but it also competed in a 1.10m jumper class during 2019, it would not be eligible to return to the Green Hunter 3’6” section.
- Review your horse’s record to determine if there is any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation experience that would prevent the horse from returning to the lower height section. For example, if the horse competed in a 3’6” equitation class during after August 1st, it would not be eligible to return to the Green Hunter 3’3” section.