

# GREEN AND YOUNG HUNTER FAQs

For questions regarding Green Status and eligibility, please email [greenstatus@usef.org](mailto:greenstatus@usef.org)

## 1. How do the new Green Hunter Sections relate to the old sections?

Pre-Green 3'0" > Green Hunter 3'0"

Pre-Green 3'3" > Green Hunter 3'3"

First Year Green Hunter > Green Hunter 3'6"

Second Year Green Hunter > Green Hunter 3'9"

## 2. What are the age restrictions for the Young Hunter sections?

Young Hunter 3'0" - horses five years of age and under

Young Hunter 3'3" - horses six years of age and under

Young Hunter 3'6" - horses seven years of age and under

## 3. Are there any eligibility restrictions for the Young Hunter section other than age?

Eligibility for the Young Hunter sections coincides with eligibility for the Green Hunter sections:

Young Hunter 3'0" – Horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'0" and also be eligible by age

Young Hunter 3'3" – Horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'3" and also be eligible by age

Young Hunter 3'6" – Horse must be eligible for the Green Hunter 3'6" and also be eligible by age

## 4. Does Jumper experience affect eligibility for the Green Hunter sections and Young Hunter sections?

Previous experience in jumper classes does not affect eligibility for the Green Hunter and Young Hunter sections. However, as soon as a horse starts competing in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at Federation or Equine Canada licensed competitions in North America the following jumper restrictions apply:

### Green Hunter:

a. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (1.00m) when class specifications list fence height in metric.

b. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" (1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

c. To remain eligible for Green Hunter 3'9", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'9" (1.15m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

### Young Hunter:

a. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'0 and 3'3", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'3" (1.00m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

b. To remain eligible for Young Hunter 3'6", a horse may not compete in a jumper class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights higher than 3'6" (1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

## 5. Are there a required number of classes to be held or required amount of prize money to offer for the Green Hunter and Young Hunter sections?

Although they are "A" rated sections, there are no requirements for prize money or number of classes for the any of the Young Hunter sections or the Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections. There are, however, requirements for the Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections (see GR312.6 in the 2019 rule book).

In order to award a section Championship, at least two over fences and one under saddle class must be held for each section.

## 6. What other sections can the Green Hunter section be combined with?

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### 8. Are the rules for Green Pony eligibility changing?

No, the rules regarding Green Status for ponies are being moved to their own rule but they are not changing from the current rules.

### 9. How do I verify my horse's age with the Federation in order to be able to compete in the Young Hunter section?

To verify a horse's age, competitors need the horse's name, USEF or USHJA number (same number), and either breed registry papers or a passport from a registry approved by USEF. Submit this information to USEF through the MY USEF My Way account online or by mailing or faxing a copy of the papers or passport, along with the horse's name and number, to USEF. If a horse's registry or passport papers are under a different name, please enclose a letter detailing the old name and new name. For detailed instructions to upload online, visit: <https://www.usef.org/ageverification.pdf>. You can check if a horse is age verified through the online horse recording search. For questions about age verification contact USEF Customer Care at [customercare@usef.org](mailto:customercare@usef.org) or call (859) 258-2472.

### 10. How do I determine what age my horse will be for a competition year?

For the purposes of the Young Hunter section, a horse's age is based on the age it will turn during the calendar year for that competition year. For example, a horse with a foal date of May 2010 will be considered a 7-year-old for the 2017 competition year, which begins on December 1, 2017.

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### 11. If I have a 6-year-old horse who is eligible for the Green Hunter and the Young Hunter can I compete him in both sections?

As long as the horse is eligible for the applicable height section of both the Young Hunter and the Green Hunter, yes, you may compete the horse in both sections at the same competition. There are no cross-entry restrictions between the Green Hunter and Young Hunter sections other than eligibility.

### 12. How will the Handy Class fit into the new sections?

The Handy Class will be optional in Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" as well as all Young Hunter sections. The Handy Class will continue to be required for one class in the "A" rated Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections. If an "A" rated Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" section is combined with an "A" rated Green Hunter 3'6" and/or 3'9" section, a handy class is not required.

### 13. Will horses be required to jog in the new sections?

A Jog will be required in all Green Hunter sections (3'0", 3'3", 3'6", and 3'9"). A Jog will NOT be required in any of the Young Hunter sections.

### 14. Will the USHJA National Hunter Derby adversely affect horse Green Eligibility?

No, because the highest jump in a National Hunter Derby is 3'5". Therefore, they will not affect horse Green Eligibility any more than under the current standard.