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Proposed Change

**HU111 Height of Obstacles** [CHAPTER HU-4 Courses]

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When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list. In all cases, the spread of jump may not exceed height and must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines.

1. Green Hunter Sections:

- a. **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0"
- b. **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3"
- c. **First Year** Green Hunter - 3'6"
- d. **Second Year** Green Hunter - 3'9"

(Exception: Fences may be a maximum of 3" lower in Zones 11 and 12)

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**HU-8 Hunter Sections**

**HU131 Hunter Eligibility and Green Eligibility Status for Horses**

1. In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse is the responsibility of the owner.
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 in North America.
  - a. For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:
    - 3'0" .90 meter
    - 3'3" 1.0 meter
    - 3'6" 1.10 meter
    - 3'9" 1.20 meter
3. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper classes affects its Green Status and Eligibility according to HU129.11.
4. Horses may enter the Green Hunters in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.
5. When a horse begins its hunter eligibility competing in hunter or equitation classes or sections with fence heights of 3'0" - 3'5", it remains eligible for **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" for two competition years (not necessarily consecutive).
6. A horse that competes in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 3'6" or higher is no longer eligible to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" section but remains eligible to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" section. A horse may compete in any other hunter or equitation class with fence heights of a maximum of 3'6" if otherwise eligible a maximum of four (4) times in one competition year prior to August 1 and remain eligible to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3". For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.
7. Once a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher a fifth time in one competition year, it is no longer eligible for the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" year. If a horse competes in a hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher after August 1, it is no longer eligible for the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" section and it is only eligible to compete in the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section for the remainder of the competition year. That competition year will be considered the horse's **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" year. For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.
8. Once a horse competes in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event with fence heights of 3'6" or higher he is no longer eligible for the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" sections.
9. Following a horse's **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in

North America with fence heights of 3'6" or higher. For jumper restrictions see HU131.11.

10. A horse that has completed his **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9"-year is no longer eligible for any Green Hunter section.

11. Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, the following jumper restrictions apply:

- a. To remain eligible for **Pre** 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" (or 1.0m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
- b. To remain eligible for **First Year** 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" (or 1.10m when class specifications list fence height in metric).
- c. To remain eligible for **Second Year** 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" (or 1.20m when class specifications list fence height in metric).

12. In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.

13. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.

#### **HU132 Green Hunter Sections**

1. A horse may compete in only one Green Hunter fence height section at any one competition.

2. Green Hunters are divided into **Pre** Green Hunter 3', **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3", **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9".

3. Green Hunters are required to jog for soundness.

4. "A" rated **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" sections must offer an over fence class as a handy hunter. A handy hunter class may be offered in any **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" and 3'3" sections but is not required.

#### **HU135 High Performance, Performance, Small Hunter and Thoroughbred Hunter – Definition and Classifications**

1. A High Performance or Performance Hunter is a horse of any age and is not restricted by previous showing.

2. High Performance Hunter

- a. Championships must be offered in accordance with HU150.
- b. Number of classes and prize money must be offered in accordance with GR312.6.
- c. Individual classes may be entered. (Exception: Under Saddle classes. See HU129.2)
- d. In a section with three (3) classes, the under saddle will count half points towards champion and reserve.
- e. The High Performance section must offer the greatest amount of prize money of all hunter sections at the competition. (Exception: When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter or the **First/Second Year** Green Hunter, see HU162)

#### **HU136 Conformation Hunter Sections**

1. Model Classes for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6" and High Performance Conformation Hunter:

- a. To be shown at a walk and trot. To be judged on conformation, way of moving and soundness.
- b. All horses being considered for an award must be serviceably sound.
- c. Model classes to count 1/2 points.

2. In a combined section, if a horse is eligible for more than one section; the exhibitor must declare to the Competition Secretary which height section the points are to count toward.

3. No horse may compete in more than one height section of a combined division.

4. No credit will be given in combined sections unless three entries have competed.

5. A horse must be eligible for the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" in order to be eligible for Green Conformation Hunter 3'6".

6. High Performance Conformation Hunter fences to be 3'9" and open to all horses.

7. All Conformation sections are to be judged 70% on performance, 30% on conformation.

#### **HU-12 Division of Sections or Classes**

## HU162 Combining and Dividing Specific Sections

1. Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any sections where individual classes may be entered.

### a. Combining

1. At all licensed competitions, if there are fewer than six entries in either the Performance Hunter 3'3" or Performance Hunter 3'6" they must be combined, but they cannot be combined with any other hunter sections, except High Performance Hunter. If there are six or more entries in each Performance Hunter section, they must be held separately. If the Performance Hunter 3'6" and the Performance Hunter 3'3" sections have fewer than three entries after they have been combined they may be further combined with the High Performance Hunter section.

2. If there are fewer than three entries in the High Performance Hunter section it must first be combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section or the **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" section (or with **First/Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" if offered combined). If the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter 3'6" section it may then be further combined with the Performance Hunter 3'3" section, but may not be combined with the **First/Second Year** Green Hunter section(s).

3. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Performance Hunter section the following applies:

- When combining High Performance Hunter with Performance Hunters, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Performance Hunter section(s) with which it is combined.
- When combining High Performance Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

4. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the **First/Second Year** Green Hunter section the following applies:

- If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section
- If combined **First/Second Year** Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.
- A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.
- When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
- When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.
- The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined **First Year Green/Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0" sections.

### b. Dividing:

1. In Performance Hunter, High Performance Hunter and any other sections where individual classes may be entered, the sections may only be divided after thirty (30) horses have competed in the first over fences class. Subsequent classes may be divided once twelve (12) horses have competed in each class. For Championships, see HU150.

## 2. Green Hunter

### a. Combining:

1. Green Hunter section(s) may not be combined with any other hunter section(s). (Exception; The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with the **First Year Green and Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and 3'9" sections, see HU162.1)

2. Regardless of competition rating, each Green Hunter section that is offered separately must be held separately when there is a minimum of three entries.

3. If there are fewer than three entries in a Green Hunter section, that section must be combined with a contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter.

4. If, after combining, there are still fewer than three (3) entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the next contiguous fence height section of the Green Hunter.

5. In the case where there are no entries in the fence height section that bridges the gap between the two non-contiguous fence height sections those two non-contiguous fence height sections may be combined.

6. If "A" rated **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" and/or 3'3" sections are combined with "A" rated **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and/or **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" sections a handy hunter class is not required. The combined sections must meet class number requirements for "A" rated **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" and **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9" and use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.

7. When the High Performance Hunter section is combined with the Green Hunter section the following applies:

- If, after combining, there are still fewer than three entries in the combined section, it must be further combined with the **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6" section
- If combined Green Hunter sections have fewer than three entries, they must be combined with High Performance Working Hunter.
- A horse that is eligible for more than one section must be declared and compete in only one. Horses will jump the respective height for the entered section.
- When combining High Performance Working Hunter with another section, if different amounts of prize money or entry fees were offered in the original sections, the combined sections will use the lower amount for both prize money and entry fees.
- When combining a section of High Performance Hunter with either a section of **First Year** Green Hunter 3'6", **Second Year** Green Hunter 3'9", or both, the combined sections must offer the same number of classes offered by the Green Hunter section(s) with which it is combined. In addition, a section entry fee will be required and individual classes may no longer be entered for the combined section.
- The High Performance Hunter section may be combined with a combined **First Year/ Second Year** Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9" section but may not be combined with any **Pre** Green Hunter 3'3" or 3'0" sections.

### b. Dividing:

1. Regardless of competition rating, any Green Hunter section that is offered combined must be split by fence height, and sections held separately when there is a minimum of three entries in any one fence height section provided at least three (3) entries remain in each of the other two sections, which would also be held separately, or as one other combined section. Contiguous fence height sections should be combined before combining non-contiguous fence height sections.

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## HU-14 USHJA Championships and Special Classes

### HU 166 USHJA Green Hunter Challenge

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1. USHJA Green Hunter Challenge is open to horses of any age eligible under Federation rules to compete in the **Pre** Green Hunter 3' or 3'3".
2. National and Zone HOTY points for a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge will count toward the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0" or 3'3" section and will be awarded as follows:
  - a. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge in which the first round is the last class of the **Pre** Green Hunter 3'0"/3'3" Section, National and Zone HOTY points will be awarded as follows: 1st-40, 2nd-32, 3rd-28, 4th-24, 5th-20, 6th-16, 7th-12, 8th-10, 9th-8, 10th-6, 11th-4 and 12th-2.
  - b. For a USHJA Green Hunter Challenge which is held as separate two round class, National and Zone bonus HOTY points will be awarded for a as follows: 1st-80, 2nd-64, 3rd-56, 4th- 48, 5th- 40, 6th-32, 7th-24, 8th-20, 9th-16, 10th-12, 11th-8 and 12th-4.

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#### Rule Change Intent

The Green Hunter section names were changed from Pre Green/First Year/Second Year by a rule change that was effective 12/1/2016. Since then, there has been a great deal of debate regarding the appropriate name for these sections. The National Hunter Committee wishes to submit this proposal for the purpose of discussion of the Green Hunter sections and whether they should be changed back to their original names.

#### Linked Rules

HJ 127 (196-18), GR 1131 (324-18), GR 311 (325-18)

#### Comments

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#### Committee Actions

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