Horse Waivers

Horses with Four (4) or More Competitions at Regulation Height or Higher as of June 1, 2020

Horses 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 with this waiver process providing they no longer continue to compete at that height or higher on or after June 1st. Owners are required to submit an official request to USEF before the deadline, and horses 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. The horse 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.

General Information:
- Cost $50
- Federation and Equestrian Canada licensed competitions impact green status. Refer to HU131 for more details.
- The horse must have an active recording (lifetime or annual) with the Federation.
- Green Waivers and Reinstatements for the 2020 competition year must be submitted through the Green Status portal on the USEF website no later than September 1, 2020. Requests submitted after the September 1st deadline will not be granted.
- The horse may no longer compete at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for a waiver. After the request is granted the horse may not compete in any classes at the regulation height or higher for the remainder of the competition year or it will lose its green eligibility.
- All dates related to competitions which are referenced in this document are based on the actual date the competition begins “start date”, not the date the classes are held.

Green Hunter 3’ and 3’3” Eligibility

Horses competing in classes with fences 3’ – 3’5” in height during the 2020 competition year.

Waivers will only be granted if the horse meets all of the following criteria:
- The horse has never shown in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes 3’6” (or 1.10m) or higher at USEF or EC licensed competitions.
- The horse has not shown in any Jumper classes higher than 1.0m (or 3’3”) after beginning its Hunter eligibility. (see HU131.2-3)
- The horse has not shown in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class 3’ (or 0.90m) or higher during any USEF or EC licensed competition starting on after June 1, 2020.
The horse has not competed in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event at the 3’/3’3” (or 0.9m) height or higher during the 2020 competition year.

The horse has not already utilized its two (2) years of Green Hunter 3'/3’3” eligibility during previous competition years. (Meaning prior to 2020 the horse did not compete in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at USEF or Equestrian Canada licensed competitions with fences 3’ – 3’5” during two or more competition years)

The request is officially submitted through the USEF Green Status portal by September 1, 2020.

The horse may no longer compete at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for a waiver. After the request is granted the horse may not compete in any classes at the regulation height or higher for the remainder of the competition year or it will lose its green eligibility.

Green Hunter 3’6” Eligibility

Horses in the first year of competing in classes with fences 3’6” or higher during the 2020 competition year.

Waivers may also be requested for horses utilizing the 2020 competition year as their second attempt at 3’6” eligibility, where the horse met the requirements in HU131.6 in a previous year.

Waivers will only be granted if the horse meets all of the following criteria:

- The horse has not shown in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class with fences 3’6” (1.10m) or higher during any USEF or EC licensed competition starting on or after June 1, 2020.
- The horse has not shown in any Jumper classes higher than 1.10m (or 3’6”) after beginning its Hunter eligibility (HU131.2-3)
- The horse has not competed in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event at the 3’6” (or 1.10m) height or higher during the 2020 competition year
- The horse has not already utilized its second attempt of Green Hunter 3’6” eligibility during previous competition years. (Meaning 2020 is not the third or greater year where the horse has competed in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at USEF or Equestrian Canada licensed competitions with fences 3’6” (or 1.10m) or higher)
- The request is officially submitted through the USEF Green Status portal by September 1, 2020.

The horse may no longer compete at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for a waiver. After the request is granted the horse may not compete in any classes at the regulation height or higher for the remainder of the competition year or it will lose its green eligibility.

A horse that is granted a waiver for 3’6” competition experience may not return to the Green Hunter 3’ or 3’3” sections.
Green Hunter 3’9” Eligibility

*Horses competing in classes or sections with fences 3’6” or higher that are no longer eligible for the Green Hunter 3’6” section.*

**Waivers will only be granted if the horse meets all of the following criteria:**

- The horse has not shown in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class with fences 3’6” (1.10m) or higher during any USEF or EC licensed competition starting on or after June 1, 2020.
- The horse has not shown in any Jumper classes higher than 1.20m (or 3’9”) after beginning its Hunter eligibility. (HU131.2-3)
- The horse has not competed in a Federation or USHJA National Championship/Event at the 3’6” (or 1.10m) height or higher during the 2020 competition year.
- The horse has not already utilized its two (2) years of competing in classes or section with fences 3’6” (or 1.10m) or higher (unless one year met the requirements of HU131.6) during previous competition years. (Meaning the horse has not competed in any Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes at USEF or Equestrian Canada licensed competitions with fences 3’6” (or 1.10m) or higher during three or more years prior to the 2020 competition year.)
- The request is officially submitted through the USEF Green Status portal by September 1, 2020

The horse may no longer compete at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for a waiver. After the request is granted the horse may not compete in any classes at the regulation height or higher for the remainder of the competition year or it will lose its green eligibility.

A horse may not return to the Green Hunter 3’/3’3” or 3’6” sections if it is granted a waiver for Green Hunter 3’9” experience.