

SUBJECT: Clarifying Green Working Hunter (USEF/EC)

Amendment 2 (pink)

(EXTRAORDINARY)

Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

Committee Action:

Committees required to review: (This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee) Approve Disapprove

Table with 3 columns: Committee Name, Approve, Disapprove. Rows include Competition Advisory Committee, Hunter/Jumper Committee, and USEF Arabian Division Committee.

CONVENTION ACTION:

XX Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved Withdrawn Referred to Committee

PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one) Add new rule Delete existing rule X Change existing text Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF AR162.b.1.

RESOLUTION: Use bold/italic for new wording, strikethrough to indicate deletion

Whereas, Resolution 11-17 was adopted by the 2017 AHA Convention and has an USEF effective date of December 1, 2018, and

Whereas, The following language will be added to USEF AR162.b.1.a:

b. Restricted classes:

1. Horse eligibility:

a. Green Working Hunter – Open – Horses in their first year of competition will jump at 2'6" (0.8m) at Federation licensed Arabian competitions (EC) or AHA approved shows. Horses in their second year of competition will jump at 2'9" (0.85m) at Federation licensed Arabian competitions (EC) or AHA approved shows. Horses never to have shown over fences (Hunter, Equitation or Jumper) above their green eligibility height prior to the beginning of the competition year. Exception: Hunter Hack classes or horses competing in their second year Green Hunters. A first year green hunter is a horse that has not competed above 2'6" (0.8m). A second year green hunter is a horse that has not competed above 2'9" (0.85m). Competition years do not need to be consecutive. Once a horse competes at a height over 2'9" (0.85m) it would no longer be eligible to compete as a green hunter. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to determine the eligibility of a horse to compete as a green hunter. Horses that have competed in Modified Hunter ATR and 14.2 hands and under prior to the 2017 competition year are still eligible to compete as a green hunter over fences in the 2017 competition year as long as they did not compete in other classes over 2'9" (0.85m) or higher, and

Whereas, The USEF hunter eligibility rule HU103 was modified to remove reference to first and second year green hunter eligibility and to instead refers to the height of the fences for the Green Working Hunter classes and sections, and

Whereas, The current USEF AR rules refers to an outdated term of first and second year green status and eligibility for the Arabian and Half-Arabian Green Working hunter classes and sections, and

Whereas, The AHA green hunter rules should utilize similar language and verbiage as the USEF green hunter rules so as to encourage exhibitors coming from open hunter competitions and to provide alignment for judges and stewards officiating Arabian working hunter sections at AHA competitions, and

Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the green working hunter classes and sections bring new, less experienced, and generally younger horses into the hunter classes of AHA shows mostly ridden and trained by experienced professional trainers. This is a critical pipeline to train and develop working hunter horses into the Amateur and Junior working hunter sections as the horses become more experienced in the discipline.

55 Having consistent and understandable rules for green eligibility is critical to the success of the working  
 56 hunter discipline, and  
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58 Whereas, In the opinion of the proponent, the green working hunter classes and sections were originally created to  
 59 encourage professional trainers to develop younger and less experienced horses and provide a lower height  
 60 open division and additional classes for trainers to show horses; Therefore, Be It  
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62 Resolved, That Resolution 11-17 be rescinded, and; Be It Further

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 64 Resolved, That USEF AR162.b.1.a be modified by striking out the following:  
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66 a. ~~Horses at in their first year or second competition year at 2'6" at Federation licensed Arabian competitions (EC) or~~  
 67 ~~AHA approved shows. Horses never to have shown over fences (Hunter, Equitation or Jumper) at a height of 2'6"~~  
 68 ~~(0.8m) or greater prior to the beginning of the competition year. Exception: Hunter Hack classes or horses~~  
 69 ~~competing in their second year Green Hunters. A second year green hunter is a horse that has competed at 2'6"~~  
 70 ~~(0.8m) or greater in the prior year. Competition years do not need to be consecutive. However, if a horse has been~~  
 71 ~~shown in any two competition years at a height of 2'6" (0.8m) or greater it would no longer be eligible to compete~~  
 72 ~~as a green hunter. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to determine the eligibility of a horse to compete as a~~  
 73 ~~green hunter.~~

74 ~~Horses that have competed in Modified Hunter ATR and 14.2 hands and under prior to the 2017 competition year~~  
 75 ~~are still eligible to compete as a green hunter over fences in the 2017 competition years as long as they did not~~  
 76 ~~compete in other classes over 2'6" or higher., and; Be It Further~~  
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78 Resolved, That USEF AR162.b.1. be modified by inserting the following:

79 b. Restricted classes:

80 1. Horse eligibility:

81 a. *In all cases, the hunter eligibility and green status of the horse is the responsibility of the owner*

82 b. *Green Working Hunter – Open - Hunter eligibility for a horse begins when a horse of any age, competes for*  
 83 *the first time in any over fences class with jumps at two feet six inches (2'6") in height or higher (exception:*  
 84 *Hunter Hack) in any Hunter, Jumper, or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a*  
 85 *Federation, or Equine Equestrian Canada Licensed competition or AHA approved shows in North America.*  
 86 *Horses that have competed in Modified Hunter ATR and 14.2 hands and under prior to the 2017 competition*  
 87 *year are still eligible to compete as a green hunter over fences in subsequent competition years as long as*  
 88 *they did not compete in other classes over 2'6" or higher.*

89 c. *For the purposes of eligibility, equivalent heights are:*

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91	2'6"	.70 meter
92	2'9"	.80 meter
93	3'0"	.90 meter
94	3'3"	1.1 meter

95 d. *Once a horse begins its hunter eligibility, competing in jumper and equitation classes also affects its Green*  
 96 *Status and Eligibility and the horse's green status will remain in effect for the current competition year.*

97 e. *Horses may enter the Green Hunters in any height section for which they are eligible. Further eligibility in*  
 98 *the Green Hunter section is determined by the height section in which they enter the system.*

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

100 g. *When a horse begins its green hunter eligibility competing in hunter, jumper or equitation classes or sections*  
 101 *with fence heights of 2'6" and above, it remains eligible for Green Hunter 2'6" and 2'9" for two competition*  
 102 *years (not necessarily consecutive).*

103 1. *A horse that competes in any Hunter, Jumper, or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation class at a*  
 104 *recognized competition in the United States or Canada with fence heights of 2'6" or higher is*

- 105 *eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 2'6" section. A horse is eligible to compete in the Green*  
 106 *Hunter 2'6" section for one competition year.*
- 107 2. *Following a horse's Green Hunter 2'6" year, it is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 2'9"*  
 108 *section for one year. That one year will commence the next competition year that the horse competes*  
 109 *in any hunter or equitation class at a Federation, or Equine Equestrian Canada Licensed*  
 110 *competition or AHA approved shows in North America with fence heights of 2'9" or higher.*  
 111 *Competition years do not have to be consecutive.*
- 112 3. *Once a horse competes in Hunter, Jumper or Equitation classes at a Federation, or Equine*  
 113 *Equestrian Canada licensed competition or AHA approved shows in North America with fence*  
 114 *heights of 2'9" or higher, it is not eligible for the Green Hunter 2'6" section and is only eligible for*  
 115 *the Green Hunter 2'9" section. That competition year will be considered the horse's Green Hunter*  
 116 *2'9" year. A horse is eligible to compete in the Green Hunter 2'9" section for one competition year.*
- 117 h. *In all cases, fence heights will be determined by the specifications of each section regardless of whether*  
 118 *or not the fences are actually set at the regulation height.*
- 119 i. *A horse competing in Hunter Hack classes or sections will not affect green eligibility status.*
- 120 j. *Competitions may elect to combine Green Working hunter 2'6" and 2'9" sections if there are less than*  
 121 *three (3) entries in each height section.*

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 123 Effective: December 31, 2018 or when approved by USEF/EC

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 125 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

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127 RESOLUTION TYPE (REQUIRED): Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary X\_\_\_\_\_ "If indicated as  
 128 "Extraordinary", the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.2 has been met)

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 130 The Green Working Hunter eligibility rules have been changed twice by AHA resolution in the last three years.  
 131 Terminology, such as first and second year green hunters, as well as fence heights have created substantive changes to  
 132 eligibility as defined in these rule changes. This has created confusion and uncertainty for owners, exhibitors, competition  
 133 management, and stewards attempting to verify green hunter eligibility. Due to this uncertainty the entries in the green  
 134 working hunter classes and sections has dropped in recent years and as described above, the green working hunter classes are  
 135 a pipeline for horses new to the working hunter discipline. In order to encourage participation in these classes the rules need  
 136 to be simple, concise and easy to understand and encourage participation. This resolution aims to do that and quickly come  
 137 into alignment with changes to the USEF green working hunter eligibility rules last year. Additionally, the Sport Horse  
 138 National show commission added a sweepstakes Green Working hunter derby to Arabian and Half-Arabian Sport Horse  
 139 Nationals for 2018. In order to ensure eligibility in this class the rule change needs to go into effect prior to 2019 Sport  
 140 Horse Nationals.

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 142 AHA Resolution 11-17 was passed last year with unclear and old verbiage including the first and second year terminology  
 143 and will go into effect December 1, 2018 for the 2019 competition year. If resolution 11-17 goes into effect for an additional  
 144 competition year this will create more confusion and may unintentionally disqualify some horses from green eligibility.  
 145 Resolution 8-18 needs to be extraordinary to clarify the rules for the 2019 competition year and come into compliance with  
 146 the USEF rule changes put into effect last year for the green working hunter sections. Time is of the essence for this  
 147 resolution and rule change to ensure some horses are not excluded from competition in the green working hunter classes.  
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149 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (REQUIRED): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.e. for financial requirements

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153 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None.

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