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Rule Change Intent

The USHJA Pony Task Force recommends this rule change that will allow Ponies to have a second Green year. Allowing two Green years will help the proper development of Ponies. A second Green year for Ponies will also help set them up for more inexperienced riders. The current Green Pony divisions are typically low in entry numbers, and this rule change should help the divisions fill more regularly.

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Linked Rules Comments

Committee Actions

HU140 Hunter Eligibility and Green Status for Ponies

1. In all cases, the Hunter eligibility and green status of the pony is the responsibility of the owner.
2. Determining Hunter eligibility for ponies. Hunter eligibility for a pony begins when a pony of any age, competes for the first time in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in 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:

2'3"	.70 meter
2'6"	.80 meter
2'9"	.85 meter
3'0"	.90 meter
3. Determining Green Status for ponies. Ponies that have not broken their Green Status must jump less than their regulation height or their Green Status will be broken. The Green status of a pony is determined by the following factors in competition experience at Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America:
 - a. The height of fences (determined by the class, section or division specifications) over which a pony has competed.
 - b. The number of competition years a pony has competed at regulation height. A pony that has competed in such classes for **more than two (2) one (1) or more** competition years, ~~without receiving a reinstatement,~~ is no longer eligible to compete in the Green section.
4. 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.
5. If a competition starts prior to or on November 30th, Green status at the start of the competition is maintained throughout the competition.
6. Green Pony Status.
 - a. A green pony is a pony not exceeding 14.2 hands of any age, which is eligible to compete in the Green Pony section. A pony's Green Hunter eligibility, regardless of age, begins the first time the pony competes in any over fences class with jumps at 2'3" or higher for small ponies, 2'6" or higher for medium ponies and 2'9" or higher for large ponies in Hunter or Hunter/Jumping Seat Equitation classes or sections held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition in North America.
 - b. A pony is eligible to compete as a Green Pony for a maximum of ~~one (1) year~~ **two (2) years (not necessarily consecutive)**, regardless of age or change to measurement status. A pony that has changed height sections in its green years may complete the green years at its new height.
 - c. ~~In its first year of showing at regulation height or higher, a~~ **A** green pony may also compete in the Regular Pony Hunter section at its respective height.
 - d. Once a pony begins competing in any class that restricts Green status, the following restrictions apply for Jumper classes held at a Federation or Equine Canada Licensed competition:
 1. Small Ponies are not permitted to compete in any Jumper classes with fence heights at or above .70 meters or they will lose their green status.
 2. Medium Ponies are not permitted to compete in any Jumper classes with fence heights at or above .75 meters or they will lose their green status.
 3. Large ponies are not permitted to compete in any Jumper classes with fence heights at or above .85 meters or they will lose their green status.
 - e. ~~A Pony Hunter Green reinstatement may be granted one time. A pony is not eligible for a green reinstatement if it has competed in a USHJA Pony Hunter Derby or the USEF Hunter and/or Jumper Pony Championship.~~

- f. A pony that is green eligible may only compete in the Green Pony Hunter section one time at the USEF Hunter Pony Championship. If the pony competes in the Green Hunter Pony section at this competition it must be the pony's first time competing at the USEF Hunter Pony Championship.**
7. ~~Green Pony Reinstatement. A pony cannot return to compete in the section for which the reinstatement application was made until written notification has been received from the Federation that the reinstatement has been granted. A pony's eligibility to compete in restricted sections may be reinstated for a future competition year provided that:~~
- ~~a. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher at more than four (4) competitions prior to September 1st of the current competition year.~~
 - ~~b. The pony was not shown at the regulation height or higher on or after September 1st of the current competition year.~~
 - ~~c. The pony no longer competes at the regulation height or higher immediately upon application for reinstatement.~~
 - ~~d. The pony is otherwise eligible for a reinstatement under Federation rules.~~
 - ~~e. The horse or pony is actively recorded with the Federation at the time of the request. If the horse or pony is not actively recorded at the time of request, it must be recorded/renewed at that time. If the horse or pony is not recorded/renewed at the time of application, the reinstatement request will automatically be denied.~~