

TRAVERSE CITY HUNTER FINALS

The Traverse City Hunter Finals / September 15-19, 2021 (Pending USEF Approval)

The Traverse City Hunter Finals are open to horses of any age that are eligible to compete in their respective divisions under the most current USEF Federation rules. The 2021 Season commences June 9, 2021 & concludes September 18, 2021.

Participants enrolled in the Traverse City Hunter Finals program will be entitled to all prize money and awards as offered.

Enrollment Fees collected will be distributed as follows:

- 70% awarded as bonus Prize Money will go back as add back prize money to each division Final. Bonus prize money will not be doubled in the event of split Finals.
- 30% goes towards the administration costs of tracking prize money earned. Rankings will determine order of go for each Final.

To be eligible to compete in the Finals:

- 1) Horses that are enrolled in the 2021 Traverse City Hunter Finals program are entitled to all awards. the official Enrollment Form can be found at www.traversecityhorseshows.com.
- 2) Horses must have competed in at least THREE competition weeks during the Traverse City Horse Shows in their respective divisions.
- 3) Any horse is eligible for the finals when they have competed in THREE competition weeks in their respective divisions; however if not enrolled they will not be entitled to add back prize money offered in the Finals.
- 4) Horse Enrollment Fee during Finals week is \$1,500 plus entry fee for division Final.

The Finals will counts toward USEF HOTY Awards as long as there are six or more entries per individual Final.

'Final' Class Specifications:

Finals to be held: Green Hunter 3'3"3", Green Hunter 3'6"/3'9", Junior Hunter Finals 3'3" and 3'6", Amateur Owner Hunter Finals 3'3" and 3'6" and Performance Hunter Final (3'3", 3'6", 3'9" & 4').

- Green and Performance Horses may be ridden by a professional, junior or amateur • There is no limit to the number of horses a rider may compete.

24 hour Check - In required for each individual Final

Format: Two Round Hunter Classic format; to be scored under the open numerical judging system. The top 12 horses will return to jump a second round in reverse order of their scores from Round One; In case of ties, order will revert to the first round order. Scores will be totaled from both rounds to determine the overall placing. In case of a tie for first place only, the tied horses will jump a third round over a shortened course to break the tie. In all other ties, the prize money will be added and divided equally and riders will toss a coin for the ribbons.

The Final will not count towards a Show or USEF Championship; however horses will receive points - using the USEF "Hunter Classic" point structure- towards USEF HOTY Awards.

Start Orders: Will be drawn in accordance with USEF rules.

Attire: Formal Attire is required.

Awards: Trophy to first, one set of Ribbons thru 12th place; prize money divided as follows: 30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%.

Additional add back prize money to be distributed based on 70% of the dues collected from the Enrollment Fees in individual Finals; and added to the guaranteed prize money payout for each individual Final.

Traverse City Green Hunters Finals - Friday, Sept 17

5000 \$25,000 3'3"3" Green Hunter Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

5001 \$25,000 3'6"/3'9" Green Hunter Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

Enrollment \$750 thru July 15 / \$1,000 after July 15

If more than 100 entries will split by fence height.

Traverse City Performance Horse Final (3'3", 3'6", 3'9" & 4')

Friday, Sept 17

5004 \$50,000 Performance Horse Final - Entry Fee \$1,750

To Qualify must be shown at respective fence height in two TCHS competitions

Enrollment \$750 thru July 15 / \$1,000 after July 15

Traverse City Junior Hunters Finals - Saturday, Sept 18

5002 \$25,000 3'3" Junior Hunter Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

5003 \$25,000 3'6" Junior Hunter Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

Enrollment \$750 thru July 15 / \$1,000 after July 15

If more than 100 entries will split by age group.

Traverse City Amateur-Owner Hunter Finals - Saturday, Sept 18

5005 \$25,000 3'3" Amateur Owner Hunter Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

5006 \$25,000 3'6" Amateur Owner Hunter Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

Enrollment \$750 thru July 15 / \$1,000 after July 15

If more than 100 entries will split by age group.

TRAVERSE CITY DERBY PRO & NON PRO FINAL

Traverse City Derby Finals - Sunday, September 19

5008 \$50,000 3' Pro Traverse City Derby Final - Entry Fee \$2,000

5009 \$25,000 3' Non Pro Traverse City Derby Final - Entry Fee \$1,000

Enrollment \$1,000 thru July 15 / \$1,500 after July 15 / \$2,000 Finals week enrollment

Additional add back prize money to be distributed based on 70% of the dues collected from the Enrollment Fees in Traverse City Derby Finals.

Enrollment Fees collected will be distributed as follows:

- 70% awarded as bonus Prize Money will go back as add back prize money to each division Final. Bonus prize money will not be doubled in the event of split Finals.
- 30% goes towards the administration costs of tracking prize money earned. Rankings will determine order of go for each Final.

To be eligible to compete in the Traverse City Derby Finals Sunday September 19, 2021:

- 1) Horses that are enrolled in the 2021 Traverse City Derby Finals program are entitled to all awards. the official Enrollment Form can be found at www.traversecityhorseshows.com.
- 2) Horses must have competed in at least THREE competition weeks during the Traverse City Horse Shows in the Traverse City Derby.
- 3) Any horse is eligible for the finals when they have competed in THREE competition weeks; however if not enrolled they will not be entitled to add back prize money offered in the Finals.
- 4) Horse Enrollment Fee during Finals week is \$2,000 plus entry fee for division Final.

Derby Series and Final's Class Specifications

24 hour Check - In required for each individual Final

Start Orders: Will be drawn in accordance with USEF rules.

Attire: Formal Attire is required.

Awards: Trophy to first, one set of Ribbons thru 12th place; prize money divided as follows: 30%, 22%, 13%, 8%, 6%, 5%, 4%, 3%, 3%, 2%, 2%, 2%.

Additional add back prize money to be distributed based on 70% of the dues collected from the Enrollment Fees in individual Finals; and added to the guaranteed prize money payout for each individual Final.

Fence height 3'0" There must be four option fences set up to 3'5". If there is a difference in difficulty between any two tracks containing height options, the higher options should include the more inviting, less difficult track.

The Classic Hunter Round, consisting of seven to eight (7-8) fences with two (2) high options, shall be judged on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going. A minimum of ten obstacles must be offered in the Classic Hunter Round. At least one in and out.

Handy Hunter Course (Second Round) A minimum of eight obstacles must be offered in the Handy Hunter Round. The course should simulate riding over hunt country and must have a minimum of two handy options, such as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump, trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2'6" in height, halt and/or back. Gimmicky options are not appropriate.

The Handy Hunter Round, consisting of five to eight (5-8) fences with two (2) high options, shall be judged on quality, movement, jumping style, manners and way of going. Pace, brilliance, and a shorter track are to be rewarded. A horse/rider may not jump decorations or other obstacles in order to create a shorter track.

The Option Bonus Score of one (1) additional point for each higher height option fence jumped must be awarded even if there is a refusal, rail down or loss of good jumping style at that higher height option fence, providing that the horse- and rider combination does jump the higher height option fence. Twelve (12) entries are to return for the second round, then only the top twelve (12) horses from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round.

Tie Breaking Procedures

- A. No panel may award the same base score to any two competitors in any one round unless a competitor's score is below the cut-off score.
- B. Any ties in all rounds will be broken by the base score (before adding height bonus points) of that round.
- C. Twelve (12) entries are to return for the second round, only the top twelve (12) horses from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second round.
- D. In the event of a tie for first place after the second round, the tied competitors will compete in a jump-off round. In the case of unsafe conditions preventing a jump-off from being held, the tie will be broken using the second round base score (before adding height bonus points).
- E. Ties for other than first place in the overall standings will be broken using the second round base score (before adding height bonus points).
- F. Prior to the start of the class, if two (2) judging panels are used, one (1) panel must be designated as the tie breaking panel for the first round and another panel must be designated as the tie breaking panel for the second round. The tie breaking panel for the first round will also be designated as the tie breaking panel for the jump-off round.

Schooling

During the two (2) rounds of the Traverse City Derby, all horses entered must be ridden in official horse show schooling areas unless Management designates a specific schooling area for Derby horses. Riders must wear their horse's Derby competition number while mounted. This includes horses entered simultaneously in another class, if any. Entered horses ridden or schooled elsewhere on the competition grounds or NOT wearing their Derby competition number will be eliminated from competing in the Derby and the entry fee will be forfeited.