



Dear USHJA Hunter Derby and Green Incentive Committees,

On behalf of USETA and all of our members, we would like to sincerely thank you for your efforts in organizing and advocating for a higher pay rate for the judges this year at the 2026 USHJA Green Hunter Incentive and International Hunter Derby Championships.

The work that our judges do is incredibly important to our sport. They not only bring their proficiency and experience, but their contribution often goes far beyond what is visible in the show ring. Recognizing their time and expertise through higher compensation is both meaningful and long overdue.

Thank you for taking the time to address this issue and for recognizing the value that our judges bring to the sport. Your willingness to advocate for them demonstrates a genuine commitment to supporting the industry as a whole, while also recognizing the tremendous value their knowledge and experience brings to our championship horse shows. We truly appreciate your leadership and efforts on behalf of the judges. Thank you for making this a priority and for taking an important step toward better supporting them.

With sincere appreciation,

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