

GLOBAL CHAMPIONS ARABIANS TOUR

RULES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

1. AJMAN - JANUARY
2. DOHA - FEBRUARY
3. MUSCAT - MARCH
4. RIYADH - APRIL
5. CANNES - JUNE
6. VALKENSWAARD - JULY
7. LONDON - AUGUST
8. PRAGUE – SEPTEMBER

CONDITION OF ENTRIES:

Horses and handlers are eligible to participate in all GCAT Shows. Participants may register an unlimited number of owned horses for each GCAT Show; however, the number of leased horses is limited to one per participant. Entries are open to horses registered in any WAHO-recognized studbook by the closing date. The registration fees are €1,000 for each horse per event, while late entry fees are €10,000. Registration fees are non-refundable after the closing date. Owners withdrawing their horses 10 days prior to the show without a valid medical reason will face a penalty of €5,000. Medical certificates must be submitted within 24 hours through the official GCAT registration portal only. GCAT, in accordance with the show organizer, reserves the discretion to accept or decline applications and may close entry forms as needed.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Only open halter classes will be considered. Yearlings must be weaned, and they may not be shown under the age of six (6) months. Horses, except yearlings, should have qualified for the GCAT event as follows:

- 1) **ECAHO-affiliated Shows:**
 - a) 1st - 5th place at the World Championship, a Title, an A, or a B Show
 - b) 1st - 3rd place at a National Championship, a C International or a European Show
 - c) 1st place at a Specific Origin or C National Show
- 2) **USA Shows:**
 - a. Champion or Reserve Champion or top 10 at the US Nationals
 - b. Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place in class at the Scottsdale Show
 - c. Champion or Reserve Champion in Regional Shows
 - d. Champion or Reserve Champion, or 1st - 3rd place in an official National Championship
 - e. 1st - 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup show
- 3) **AHO Shows:**
 - a. Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place in class at AHO international shows

QUALIFYING CLASSES:

The classes in order of age division for the 2025 GCAT Shows where the total number of entered horses is **more than 180** are as follows:

Yearling Fillies

Born in 2024

Yearling Colts

Born in 2024

Fillies 2 years old

Born between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023

Colts 2 years old

Born between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023

Fillies 3 years old

Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022

Colts 3 years old

Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022

Mares 4 to 6 years old

Born between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2021

Stallions 4 to 6 years old

Born between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2021

Mares 7 to 10 years old

Born between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2018

Stallions 7 to 10 years old

Born between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2018

Mares 11 years old and over

Born before 31/12/2014

Stallions 11 years old and over

Born before 31/12/2014

The classes in order of age division for the 2025 GCAT Shows where the total number of entered horses is **less than 180** are as follows:

Yearling Fillies

Born in 2024

Yearling Colts

Born in 2024

Junior Fillies

Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2023

Junior Colts

Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2023

Senior Mares

Born before 31/12/2021

Senior Stallions

Born before 31/12/2021

RULES FOR TIES IN QUALIFYING PLACES:

In the event of a tie in the qualifying places of a class, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for type. If there is still a tie, the higher place will be given to the horse with the most points for movement. If the highest and lowest points are eliminated, only the remaining points for type and movement are considered in the tiebreak. Failing a decision on either of these, one judge chosen by ballot whose class scores will be used to break the tie.

RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In a GCAT show where the total number of entered horses is **less than 180, the top five horses qualify** for the following championships: Yearling Males, Yearling Females, Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males, and Senior Females. If the number of entered horses is **more than 180, only the top 3 qualify** for the championships. The Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners will be selected from amongst all the horses which have qualified in their respective classes for each championship.

The Championships will be judged by the following: all the horses qualified for the championship will enter the ring and line up according to the numerical order of their catalogue numbers. The horses will be judged individually, standing and trotting. Each judge will nominate his/her choice for gold, silver, and bronze medals together at the same time, from amongst all the horses qualified for the championship. Points will be given to the nominated horses by the following: a horse nominated by a judge for gold medal will receive 4 points. A horse nominated by a judge for silver medal will receive 2 points. A horse nominated by a judge for bronze medal will receive 1 point. The gold medal will be awarded to the horse with the most votes for gold medal champion. In case of an equal number of votes for the gold medal champion, the gold medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championship points. From the remaining horses: the silver medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championship points. The bronze medal will be awarded to the horse with the 2nd highest number of championship points. In the case of a tie, the 'Rules for Ties' in championships will be followed. The Judges will not discuss the horses. A fourth horse will be selected, which will become the bronze medal winner should one of the three medal winners be disqualified. This horse will not be announced. If two or more of the medal winners are disqualified, no further substitution will be made. All horses that qualify for their respective championships must take part in the championship. Unless a certificate from the DC veterinarian is produced, failure to compete will disqualify the horse from the show, with its record of score and class placing being deleted and the horse being disqualified from showing for the period of one year from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up a place in the class. Should a horse be sent out of the ring by the judges or taken out by the handler for any reason, it will be deemed to have taken part in the championship. All horses that are awarded a medal in their respective championships must take part in the championship prize-giving ceremony. Unless the DC decides otherwise in which case any representative of the horse may accept the medal without the horse being present. The absence of the horse or any representative to appear in the prize-giving ceremony will disqualify the horse from the show with its record of score in the class and championship placing being deleted and the horse being disqualified from the showing for the period of one year from the date of the show. In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse will move up one place in the championship.

RULES FOR TIES IN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In the event of a tie in the championships, the higher place will be given to the horse with the highest total points in the qualifying classes. If the highest and lowest points are eliminated, only the remaining points for total, type and movement are considered in the tiebreak. If there is still a tie, the rules for ties in qualifying places will be applied.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF SHOWS:

All GCAT Shows are following the ECAHO Rules of affiliation of Shows and the rules of the Blue Book.



JUDGES & JUDGING SYSTEM:

Each GCAT Show features a panel of **16 judges: 9 on the ground for the qualifying classes, and 11 on the ground for the championships.** Probationary judges are not permitted.

The electronic scoring system evaluates horses based on five criteria: type, head & neck, body, legs, and movement. Judges assign scores ranging from 1 to 20 points for each criterion, including half-points. The final score for each horse is calculated by removing the highest and lowest scores for each criterion, then summing the remaining scores. Horses are ranked according to their final scores.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

In a GCAT Show where the total number of entered horses is less than 180, a minimum of 4 members of the Disciplinary Committee is required, including a veterinarian. If the number of entered horses is more than 180, a minimum of 5 members of the Disciplinary Committee is required, including 2 veterinarians.

Two Ringmasters are officiating at each GCAT Show.

MEDICATION CONTROL:

The medication testing of all championship medal winners is compulsory. Any horse may be tested at the discretion of the DC and the show organizer. All medication testing will be conducted according to ECAHO Rules for Medication Control.

For the gold, silver, and bronze medal winners, horse owners agree that in the case of a positive test result for the A sample, the B sample will be analyzed immediately at an ECAHO-approved testing laboratory.

Participants may select the laboratory for conducting the **B test** from the following options:

- a. Laboratoire des Courses Hippiques LCH, 13 Rue de Paradis, 91370, Verrières le Buisson, France
- b. LGC Ltd, Newmarket Road, Fordham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5WW, United Kingdom
- c. The Hong Kong Jockey Club - Racing Laboratory, Shatin Racecourse, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong.

The choice of an ECAHO-approved testing laboratory must be indicated by the participants at the time of entry for each GCAT show.

INDIVIDUAL RANKING:

HORSES

GCAT assigns points to the **top 10 horses in each of its six championship categories** at every GCAT Show. These categories include Yearling Males, Yearling Females, Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males, and Senior Females, totalling 60 horses. Points are primarily distributed based on the championship points each horse has earned. When championship points are not applicable, rankings are determined by the highest total score in each horse's qualifying classes. **Only the gold, silver and bronze medal winners of each GCAT and GCAT Americas event qualify to the World Arabian Horse Championship Supreme.**

HANDLERS

GCAT assigns points to the top 10 handlers in each of its six championship categories at every GCAT Show, based on the achievements of their horses. Only the **top 3 results** of a handler are taken into consideration in a GCAT Show.

The points are distributed as follows:

1st place	20 points
2nd place	17 points
3rd place	15 points
4th place	13 points
5th place	12 points
6th place	11 points
7th place	10 points
8th place	9 points
9th place	8 points
10th place	7 points

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FOR INDIVIDUAL RANKING:

Prize money is designated for the **top 10 horses in each championship category** during every GCAT Show. The categories include yearling females, yearling males, junior females, junior males, senior females, and senior males. Additionally, in the **European GCAT Shows**, prize money is also designated for the **top 10 horses in each qualifying class**.

In the GCAT individual ranking, the total prize money for the top 10 horses in each championship category amounts to **€1,050,000** and is distributed as follows:

1st place	€50,000
2nd place	€40,000
3rd place	€30,000
4th place	€20,000
5th place	€10,000
6th place	€5,000
7th place	€5,000
8th place	€5,000
9th place	€5,000
10th place	€5,000

In the GCAT shows in **Europe**, the total prize money for the **top 10 horses in each qualifying class** amounts to **€360,000** and is distributed as follows:

1st place	€3,000
2nd place	€3,000
3rd place	€3,000
4th place	€3,000
5th place	€3,000
6th place	€3,000
7th place	€3,000
8th place	€3,000
9th place	€3,000
10th place	€3,000

OVERALL RANKING:

The GCAT overall ranking is determined by the total points earned by each horse and handler across all GCAT shows during the season. **To qualify for the overall ranking, participants must compete in at least 80% of the shows within the same calendar year.**

In the event of a tie in points at the end of the season, the horse or handler with more event participations will be ranked higher. If the tie persists, the horse with the highest total number of championship points will be ranked higher. Should the tie remain unresolved, the highest average score in the qualifying classes will serve as the final tiebreaker.

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FOR THE OVERALL RANKING:

Prize money is allocated to the top **20 female horses, to the top 20 male horses, and to the top 20 handlers** in the GCAT overall ranking (tour series) as follows: In the GCAT overall ranking, the total prize money amounts to **€4,065,000** in the following categories:

Top 20 Female & Male Horses:

1st place	€500,000	11th place	€30,000
2nd place	€300,000	12th place	€25,000
3rd place	€200,000	13th place	€25,000
4th place	€150,000	14th place	€25,000
5th place	€100,000	15th place	€20,000
6th place	€60,000	16th place	€20,000
7th place	€60,000	17th place	€20,000
8th place	€30,000	18th place	€15,000
9th place	€30,000	19th place	€15,000
10th place	€30,000	20th place	€15,000

The **Horse of the Tour**: the horse that collects the highest total points will receive an **extra €500,000** prize.

A horse that achieves the first place overall ranking three times in its lifetime will, upon its third victory, receive an **extra €2,000,000** prize and will be crowned as a **Legend Horse**. After this milestone, the horse can still participate in GCAT Shows. However, it will be excluded from GCAT's overall ranking, and will only remain eligible for prize money in the seasonal GCAT Shows

Top 20 Handlers:

1st place	€50,000	11th place	€5,000
2nd place	€40,000	12th place	€5,000
3rd place	€30,000	13th place	€5,000
4th place	€20,000	14th place	€5,000
5th place	€10,000	15th place	€5,000
6th place	€5,000	16th place	€5,000
7th place	€5,000	17th place	€5,000
8th place	€5,000	18th place	€5,000
9th place	€5,000	19th place	€5,000
10th place	€5,000	20th place	€5,000

SCHEDULE:

1. Ajman – 3-6 January 2025
2. Doha – 5-8 February 2025
3. Muscat – 6-8 March 2025
4. Riyadh – 9-12 April 2025
5. Cannes – 14-15 June 2025
6. Valkenswaard – 19-20 July 2025
7. London – 16-17 August 2025
8. Prague – 06-07 September 2025

MISCELLANEOUS:

It is not possible to cover every situation in these GCAT rules. Therefore, in the event of any unforeseen or exceptional circumstances, it is the responsibility of the Show Officials in accordance with the Show Organizers to make a decision that is fair and in keeping with the spirit of the rules. They should use their common sense and strive to achieve the intention of these rules as closely as possible.

Horse owners registering for any Global Champions Arabians Tour event acknowledge the Organizing Committee reserves the right to use videographic and photographic material obtained during any GCAT Shows for promotional purposes or any other purpose to the benefit of the Tour.