



GLOBAL CHAMPIONS
ARABIANS TOUR

RULES
FOR THE SEASON
2024



DOHA
ABU DHABI
MUSCAT
CANNES
VALKENSWAARD
ROME
RIYADH

EVENTS

THE CALENDAR

DOHA (QATAR)	01 - 05 February
ABU DHABI (UAE)	22 - 25 February
MUSCAT (OMAN)	30 March - 01 April
CANNES (FRANCE)	11 - 12 June
VALKENSWAARD (NETHERLANDS)	20 - 21 July
ROME (ITALY)	04 - 05 September
RIYADH (KSA)	TBC

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EVENTS

In 2024,
there will be a
maximum of
7 Global Champions
Arabians Tour events,
each referred to as a
“ GCAT Event ”.



OVERALL RANKING

The **GCAT** overall ranking is determined based on the total points earned by each horse and handler across all GCAT Events held during the season. In case of a tie in points at the end of the season, priority will be given to the horse with more placements.

Placements are counted as follows: a first-place result is considered higher than a second-place result, and so on. If a tie persists, the participant with more placements, regardless of their specific ranks, will be ranked higher.

This prioritization ensures that the horse with a greater number of successful event participations is awarded a higher overall ranking, even if the total points are equal.



INDIVIDUAL RANKING - HORSES

GCAT assigns points to the **top 10 horses** in each of its six championship categories at every **GCAT** event.

These categories include Yearling Males, Yearling Females, Junior Males, Junior Females, Senior Males, and Senior Females, totaling 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.

The points are distributed as follows:

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

INDIVIDUAL RANKING - HANDLERS

GCAT assigns points to the **top 10 handlers** in each of its six championship categories at every **GCAT** event, based on the achievements of their horses.

Only the **top 3** results of a handler are taken into consideration in a **GCAT** Event.

If a tie occurs, the handler with the highest number of participations in **GCAT** events will be ranked higher. In case the tie persists, the highest number of championship points counts as a tie breaker.

The points are distributed as follows:

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

CONDITION OF ENTRIES

Horses and handlers are eligible to participate in all **GCAT** Events. Participants may register an unlimited number of owned horses for each **GCAT** Event; 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 **1000€** 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.





QUALIFICATIONS



Horses, except yearlings, should have qualified for the **GCAT** event in one of the following ways:

a) ECAHO affiliated Shows:

- I. – 1st – 5th place at the World Championship, a Title, an A, or a B Show
- II. – 1st – 3rd place at a National Championship, a C International or a European Show
- III. – 1st place at a Specific Origin or C National Show

b) USA Shows:

- I. – Champion or Reserve Champion or top 10 at the US Nationals
- II. – Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place in class at the Scottsdale Show
- III. – Champion or Reserve Champion in Regional Shows
- IV. – Champion or Reserve Champion, or 1st – 3rd place in an official National Championship
- V. – 1st – 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup show

Only open halter classes will be considered.
Yearlings must be weaned, and they may not be shown with less than 6 months of age.

CHAMPIONSHIPS & CLASSES

CHAMPIONSHIP: In a **GCAT** event where the total number of entered horses does not exceed 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 above 180, only the top 3 qualify for the championships.

CLASSES:

The classes in order of age division for the 2024 **GCAT** events are as follows:

Yearling Fillies Born between 01/01/2023 and 01/08/2023	Yearling Colts Born between 01/01/2023 and 01/08/2023
Fillies 2 years old Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022	Colts 2 years old Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022
Fillies 3 years old Born between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021	Colts 3 years old Born between 01/01/2021 and 31/12/2021
Mares 4 to 6 years old Born between 01/01/2018 and 31/12/2020	Stallions 4 to 6 years old Born between 01/01/2018 and 30/12/2020
Mares 7 to 10 years old Born between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2017	Stallions 7 to 10 years old Born between 01/01/2014 and 31/12/2017
Mares 11 years old and over Born before 31/12/2013	Stallions 11 years old and over Born before 31/12/2013



RULES FOR CONDUCT OF SHOWS

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

Show Officials & Judging System

Each **GCAT** Event ensures a panel of 20 judges, with a ratio of 9 to 11 on the ground and on rotation. The electronic scoring system employs five criteria: type, head & neck, body, legs, and movement. Judges assign scores from 1 to 20 points for each criterion, including half-points. The final score for a horse is determined by excluding the highest and lowest scores for each criterion and summing the remaining scores. Horses are ranked based on their final scores.

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 tie break. Failing a decision on either of these, one judge chosen by ballot will name his preference.

Rules For Ties In Championship

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 tie break. If there is still a tie, the rules for ties in qualifying places will be applied.

Disciplinary Committee

A minimum of 5 members of the Disciplinary committee is required, including 2 veterinarians. Two Ringmasters are officiating at a GCAT event.



Rules for Conduct of Shows

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Rules For Championships

Open Method: 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. Doping will be carried out on all classes of championship winners.

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 amount of vote for gold medal champion, the gold medal will be awarded to the horse with the highest number of championships 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 as 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, 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.

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.

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FOR THE OVERALL RANKING

A prize money is allocated to the top 20 female horses, top 20 male horses, and top 20 handlers in the **GCAT** overall classification (tour series) as per tables on the right side. In the **GCAT** overall classification, the total prize money amounts to

4.065.000€ (*)

in the 3 categories on the tables on the right.

The horse that collects the highest total points will receive an extra **€ 500,000 prize. (**)**

The horse that achieves the first place at 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**". (***)

(*) ECAHO fees not included

(**) In the event of a tie, the horse with a higher number of first placements will be ranked higher. Should the tie continue, the horse with a higher number of second placements will be given priority, and so on.

(***) After this milestone, the horse can still participate in GCAT Events. However, it will be excluded from GCAT overall ranking, yet remains eligible for prize money in the seasonal GCAT Events only.

TOP 20 Females Horses	
1 st Place	500.000€
2 nd Place	300.000€
3 rd Place	200.000€
4 th Place	150.000€
5 th Place	100.000€
6 th Place	60.000€
7 th Place	60.000€
8 th Place	30.000€
9 th Place	30.000€
10 th Place	30.000€
11 th Place	30.000€
12 th Place	25.000€
13 th Place	25.000€
14 th Place	25.000€
15 th Place	20.000€
16 th Place	20.000€
17 th Place	20.000€
18 th Place	15.000€
19 th Place	15.000€
20 th Place	15.000€
Total	1.670.00€

TOP 20 Males Horses	
1 st Place	500.000€
2 nd Place	300.000€
3 rd Place	200.000€
4 th Place	150.000€
5 th Place	100.000€
6 th Place	60.000€
7 th Place	60.000€
8 th Place	30.000€
9 th Place	30.000€
10 th Place	30.000€
11 th Place	30.000€
12 th Place	25.000€
13 th Place	25.000€
14 th Place	25.000€
15 th Place	20.000€
16 th Place	20.000€
17 th Place	20.000€
18 th Place	15.000€
19 th Place	15.000€
20 th Place	15.000€
Total	1.670.00€

TOP 20 Handlers	
1 st Place	50.000€
2 nd Place	40.000€
3 rd Place	30.000€
4 th Place	20.000€
5 th Place	10.000€
6 th Place	5.000€
7 th Place	5.000€
8 th Place	5.000€
9 th Place	5.000€
10 th Place	5.000€
11 th Place	5.000€
12 th Place	5.000€
13 th Place	5.000€
14 th Place	5.000€
15 th Place	5.000€
16 th Place	5.000€
17 th Place	5.000€
18 th Place	5.000€
19 th Place	5.000€
20 th Place	5.000€
Total	225.000€

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION FOR INDIVIDUAL RANKING

A prize money is designated for the top 10 horses in each championship category during every **GCAT** Event, including yearling females, yearling males, junior females, junior males, senior females, and senior males.

In the **GCAT** individual ranking, the total prize money for the top 10 horses amounts to **1.050.000€** in the following manner:

1 st place	50.000€
2 nd place	40.000€
3 rd place	30.000€
4 th place	20.000€
5 th place	10.000€
6 th place	5.000€
7 th place	5.000€
8 th place	5.000€
9 th place	5.000€
10 th place	5.000€

In the **GCAT** individual ranking, the total prize money for the **top 10** horses amounts to:

175.000€

At each **GCAT** the total Prize Money for the **top 10 horses** amounts to

1.050.000€

* ECAHO fees not included.



SCHEDULE



The schedule is to be confirmed.

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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 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.





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