



GLOBAL CHAMPIONS  
ARABIANS TOUR

***RULES***  
***FOR THE SEASON***  
***2025***



***EVENTS***

***AJMAN*** JANUARY

***DOHA*** FEBRUARY

***MUSCAT*** MARCH

***RIYADH*** APRIL

***CANNES*** JUNE

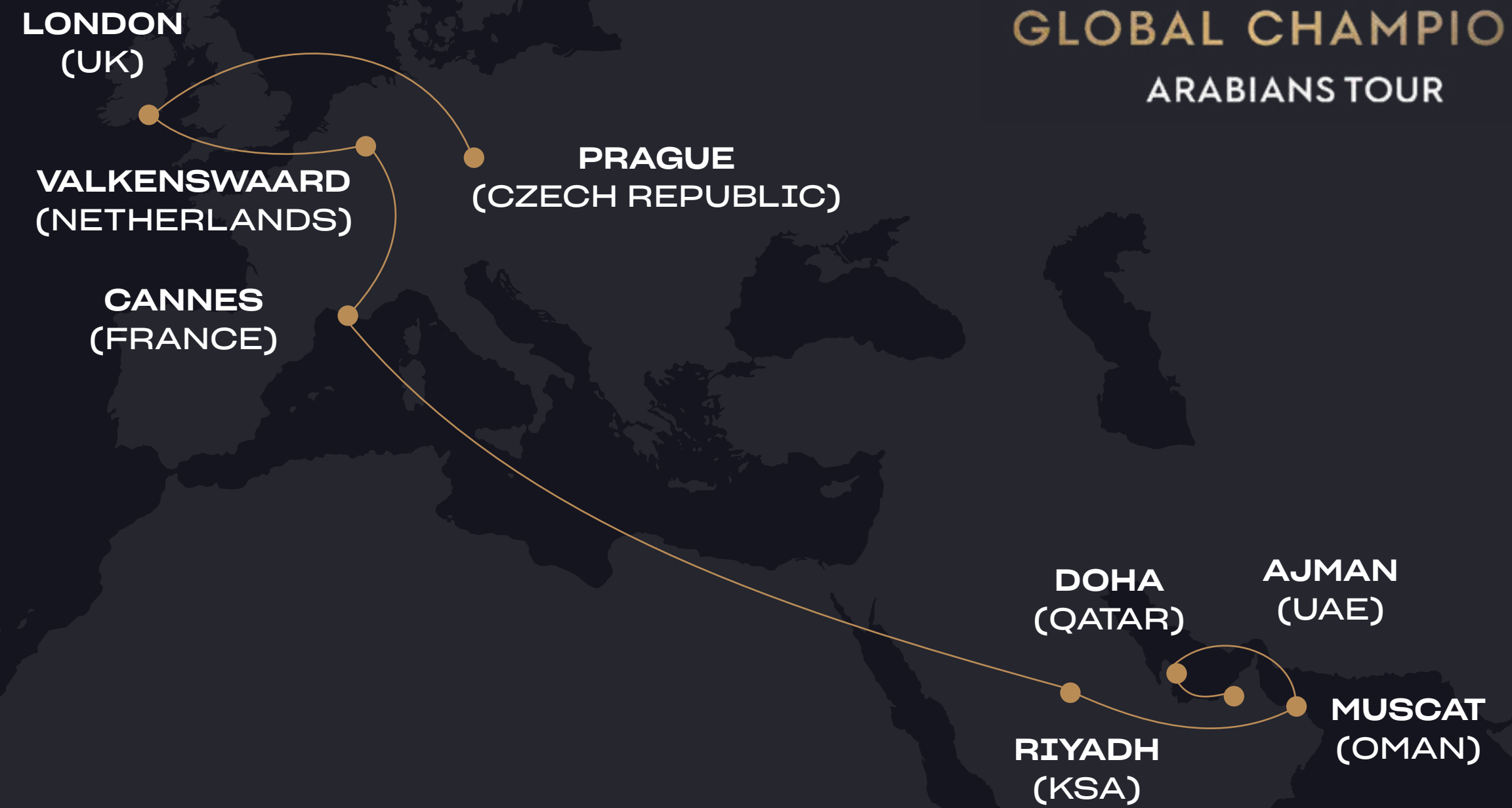
***VALKENSWAARD*** JULY

***LONDON*** AUGUST

***PRAGUE*** SEPTEMBER

# THE CALENDAR

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# EVENTS

In 2025,  
there will be  
a maximum of  
8 Global Champions  
Arabians Tour events,  
each referred to  
as a «GCAT Show».



# OVERALL RANKING

The **GCAT** overall ranking is based on the total points earned by each horse and handler across all **GCAT** Shows during the season.

To be eligible for the overall ranking, participants must compete in at least 80% of the shows within the same calendar year.

In case of a tie in points at the end of the season, the horse/handler with more event participations will be ranked higher. If the tie persists, the horse with the most first-place finishes, followed by second-place finishes, and so on, will be ranked higher.



# 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.

The points are distributed as follows:

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

# INDIVIDUAL RANKING - HANDLERS

**GCAT** assigns points to the **top 10 horses** 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.

If a tie occurs, the handler with the highest number of participations in **GCAT** Shows will be ranked higher.

In case the tie persists, the highest number of championship points counts as a tiebreaker.

The points are distributed as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	20 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	17 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	13 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	12 points
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# 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.







# QUALIFICATIONS



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. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place at the World Championship, a Title, a GCAT, an A, or a B Show
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place at a National Championship, a C International or a European Show
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> place at a Specific Origin or C National Show

## 2) Non-ECAHO countries:

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place at a GCAT Americas show
- B. Champion or Reserve Champion or top 10 at the US Nationals
- C. Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1<sup>st</sup> place in class at the Scottsdale Show
- D. Champion or Reserve Champion in Regional Shows
- E. Champion or Reserve Champion, or 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in an official National Championship
- F. 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup show

## 3) AHO Shows:

- A. Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1<sup>st</sup> place in class at AHO international shows

# CHAMPIONSHIPS & 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:

<b>Yearling Fillies</b> Born in 2024	<b>Yearling Colts</b> Born in 2024
<b>Fillies 2 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023	<b>Colts 2 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2023
<b>Fillies 3 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022	<b>Colts 3 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2022
<b>Mares 4 to 6 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2021	<b>Stallions 4 to 6 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2021
<b>Mares 7 to 10 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2018	<b>Stallions 7 to 10 years old</b> Born between 01/01/2015 and 31/12/2018
<b>Mares 11 years old and over</b> Born before 31/12/2014	<b>Stallions 11 years old and over</b> 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:

<b>Yearling Fillies</b> Born in 2024	<b>Yearling Colts</b> Born in 2024
<b>Junior Fillies</b> Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2023	<b>Junior Colts</b> Born between 01/01/2022 and 31/12/2023
<b>Senior Mares</b> Born before 31/12/2021	<b>Senior Stallions</b> Born before 31/12/2021

# RULES FOR CONDUCT OF SHOWS

All **GCAT** Events 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 for the championships, with the majority selected from the EAHSC A and B lists. Additionally, three National ECAHO judges are included; for each qualifying class, only two will be chosen, and their averaged scores will be included in the total results. In each championship, only one will be chosen, with their scores fully counted. Judges from non-ECAHO Member countries must be selected from the panel of a recognized National Arab Horse Organization. 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.

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

## 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. Probationary Disciplinary Committee members are not permitted. Two Ringmasters are officiating at each **GCAT** Show.



Rules for Conduct of Shows

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## 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 amount of votes for the 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 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.

# 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, both the A and B tests will be analyzed simultaneously at an ECAHO-approved testing laboratory.

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

- i) Laboratoire des Courses Hippiques LCH, 13 Rue de Paradis, 91370, Verrières le Buisson, France
- ii) LGC Ltd, Newmarket Road, Fordham, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5WW, United Kingdom
- iii) 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.

# 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<sup>(\*)</sup>**

in the following categories:

The horse that collects the highest total points will receive an extra **€ 500.000 prize<sup>(\*\*)</sup>**

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**".<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup>

<sup>(\*)</sup> ECAHO fees not included

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> 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.

<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> After this milestone, the horse can still participate in GCAT Shows. However, it will be excluded from GCAT overall ranking, yet remains eligible for prize money in the seasonal GCAT Shows.

TOP 20 Females Horses	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	€ 500.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	€ 300.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	€ 200.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 150.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 100.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 60.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 60.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 25.000
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 25.000
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 25.000
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 20.000
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 20.000
17 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 20.000
18 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 15.000
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 15.000
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 15.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 1.670.000</b>

TOP 20 Males Horses	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	€ 500.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	€ 300.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	€ 200.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 150.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 100.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 60.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 60.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 30.000
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17 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 20.000
18 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 15.000
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 15.000
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 15.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 1.670.000</b>

TOP 20 Handlers	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	€ 50.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	€ 40.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	€ 30.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 20.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 10.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 5.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 5.000
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18 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 5.000
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 5.000
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	€ 5.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 225.000</b>

# 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:

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

1 <sup>st</sup> place	€ 3.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	€ 3.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	€ 3.000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000
6 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000
7 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000
8 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000
9 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000
10 <sup>th</sup> place	€ 3.000

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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.

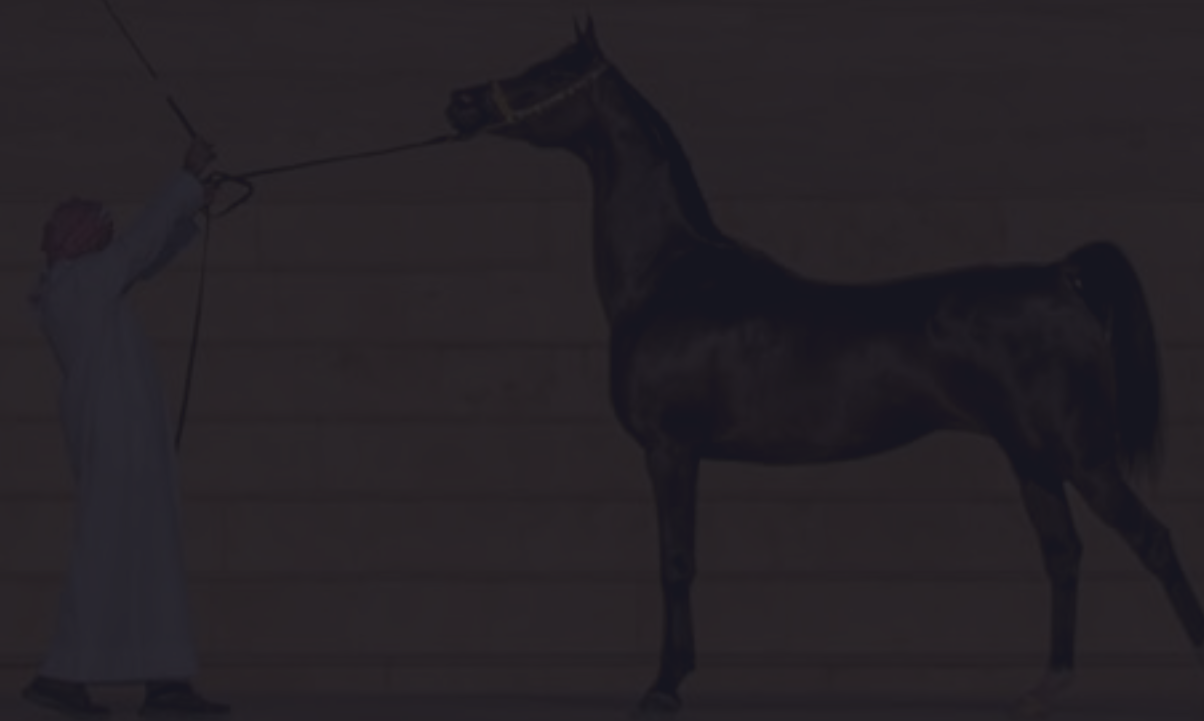
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