



GLOBAL CHAMPIONS ARABIANS TOUR AMERICAS

RULES FOR THE 2026 SEASON

1. SCOTTSDALE, USA – 13-15 FEBRUARY
2. MIAMI BEACH, USA – 10-12 APRIL
3. LAS VEGAS, USA – 02-04 OCTOBER

CONDITION OF ENTRIES:

Horses and handlers are eligible to participate in all GCAT Americas Shows. Participants may register an unlimited number of owned horses for each GCAT Americas Show; however, the number of leased horses is limited to one per participant per season.

Entries are open to horses registered in any WAHO-recognized studbook by the closing date of entries. GCAT, in accordance with the show organizer, reserves the discretion to accept or decline applications and may reject entry forms as needed. The registration fees are \$250 for each horse per event. Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable after the published closing date.

QUALIFYING CLASSES:

The classes in order of age division for the 2026 GCAT Americas Shows where the total number of entered horses is **more than 180** are as follows:

Yearling Fillies

Born in 2025

Fillies 2 years old

Born between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024

Fillies 3 years old

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

Mares 4 to 6 years old

Born between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2022

Mares 7 to 10 years old

Born between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2019

Mares 11 years old and over

Born before 31/12/2015

Yearling Colts

Born in 2025

Colts 2 years old

Born between 01/01/2024 and 31/12/2024

Colts 3 years old

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

Stallions 4 to 6 years old

Born between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2022

Stallions 7 to 10 years old

Born between 01/01/2016 and 31/12/2019

Stallions 11 years old and over

Born before 31/12/2015





The classes in order of age division for the 2026 GCAT Americas Shows where the total number of entered horses is **less than 180** are as follows:

Yearling Fillies

Born in 2025

Junior Fillies

Born between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2024

Senior Mares

Born before 31/12/2022

Yearling Colts

Born in 2025

Junior Colts

Born between 01/01/2023 and 31/12/2024

Senior Stallions

Born before 31/12/2022

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 Americas 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 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.

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.

SHOW OFFICIALS & JUDGING SYSTEM:

Each GCAT Americas Show features a panel of **11 judges: 7 judges on the ground for the qualifying classes, and 9 judges on the ground for the championships**. 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.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

In a GCAT Americas 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 the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) in Lexington Kentucky.





INDIVIDUAL RANKING:

HORSES

GCAT assigns GCAT points to the **top 10 horses in each of its six championship categories** at every GCAT Americas 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 ranking 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:

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

HANDLERS

GCAT assigns GCAT points to the top 10 handlers in each of its six championship categories at every GCAT Americas Show, based on the achievements of their horses. Only the **top 3 results** of a handler are taken into consideration in a GCAT Americas 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 Americas Show. The categories include yearling females, yearling males, junior females, junior males, senior females, and senior males.

In the GCAT Americas individual ranking, the total prize money for the **top 10 horses in each championship category** amounts to **\$270,000** and is distributed as follows:

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

OVERALL RANKING:

The GCAT Americas overall ranking is determined by the total points earned by each horse and handler across all GCAT Americas championships during the season. To qualify for the overall ranking, a horse or handler must have earned championship points in a **minimum of three (3) GCAT Americas shows** within the same calendar year.

Should additional GCAT Americas events be added to the calendar, the Organising Committee reserves the right to confirm or adjust the minimum participation requirement, which will be communicated prior to the opening of entries.

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 or handler 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 10 female horses, to the top 10 male horses, and to the top 10 handlers** in the GCAT Americas overall ranking (tour series).

Horse of the Tour: The horse that accumulates the highest total points will receive an **additional \$50,000 prize**.

In the GCAT Americas overall ranking, the total prize money amounts to **\$785,000** in the following categories:

Top 10 Female Horses:

1st place	\$100,000
2nd place	\$80,000
3rd place	\$60,000
4th place	\$40,000
5th place	\$20,000
6th place	\$10,000
7th place	\$10,000
8th place	\$10,000
9th place	\$10,000
10th place	\$10,000

Top 10 Male Horses:

1st place	\$100,000
2nd place	\$80,000
3rd place	\$60,000
4th place	\$40,000
5th place	\$20,000
6th place	\$10,000
7th place	\$10,000
8th place	\$10,000
9th place	\$10,000
10th place	\$10,000





Top 10 Handlers:

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

SCHEDULE: The schedule is to be confirmed.

1. Scottsdale, USA – 13-15 February
2. Miami Beach, USA – 10-12 April
3. Las Vegas, USA – 02-04 October

MISCELLANEOUS:

It is not possible to cover every situation in these GCAT Americas 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 sound judgment 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 Americas Shows for promotional purposes or any other purpose to the benefit of the Tour.

Participation in GCAT Americas events is at the sole risk of the owner. GCAT Americas shall not be liable for any loss, injury, illness, or death of horses, handlers, or other persons, except in cases of proven gross negligence.

GCAT Americas reserves the right to modify rules. Changes take effect immediately upon publication on the official website.

