



GLOBAL CHAMPIONS  
ARABIANS TOUR  
AMERICAS

***RULES***  
***FOR THE 2025 SEASON***  
***GCAT AMERICAS***







**5**  
**EVENTS**

**SCOTTSDALE**  
**MIAMI BEACH**  
**SÃO PAULO**  
**BRANDON**  
**LAS VEGAS**



# THE CALENDAR

<b>SCOTTSDALE</b> (ARIZONA, USA)	<b>18 &amp; 20 February 2025</b>
<b>MIAMI BEACH</b> (FLORIDA, USA)	<b>17 - 19 April 2025</b>
<b>SÃO PAULO</b> (BRAZIL)	<b>13 - 14 July 2025</b>
<b>BRANDON</b> (CANADA)	<b>8 - 9 August 2025</b>
<b>LAS VEGAS</b> (NEVADA, USA)	<b>27-28 September 2025</b>



## GLOBAL CHAMPIONS ARABIANS TOUR AMERICAS

# OVERALL RANKING

The **GCAT** overall ranking is based on the total points earned by each horse and handler across all **GCAT Americas 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 who has competed at more stages of the Tour 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.





# INDIVIDUAL RANKING - HORSES

**GCAT** assigns 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 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 Americas** event qualify to the World Arabian Horse Championship Supreme.

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

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



# 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.

Entries are open to horses registered in any WAHO-recognized studbook by the closing date.

Owners withdrawing their horses must submit a medical certificate 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.





# QUALIFYING CLASSES:

## CLASSES:

The classes in order of age division for the 2025 **GCAT Americas 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

## CLASSES:

The classes in order of age division for the 2025 **GCAT Americas 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

**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.



# RULES FOR CONDUCT OF SHOWS

## 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.

## 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 Americas Show** where the total number of entered horses is less than 180, a minimum of four members of the Disciplinary Committee is required, including a veterinarian. If the number of entered horses is more than 180, a minimum of five members of the Disciplinary Committee is required, including two veterinarians. Two Ringmasters are officiating at each **GCAT Americas Show** Show.



Rules for Conduct of Shows



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## 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 greater than 180, only the top three 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 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 the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) in Lexington Kentucky.



# 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 Americas** overall ranking (tour series). The horse that collects the highest total points will receive an extra \$50,000 prize. In the **GCAT Americas** overall ranking, the total prize money amounts to

**\$1.275.000 (\*)**

TOP 20 Female Horses	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$80.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$70.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$60.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$50.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$25.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$25.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$15.000
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$15.000
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$15.000
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$13.000
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$13.000
17 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$13.000
18 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10.000
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10.000
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10.000

TOP 20 Male Horses	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$100.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$80.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$70.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$60.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$50.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$25.000
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$25.000
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20.000
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$15.000
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$15.000
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$15.000
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$13.000
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$13.000
17 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$13.000
18 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10.000
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10.000
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10.000

TOP 20 Handlers	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$10.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$8.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$7.000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$6.000
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$5.000
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$4.000
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
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$2.000
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$2.000
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$2.000
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$2.000
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$2.000
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$1.000
17 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$1.000
18 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$1.000
19 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$1.000
20 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$1.000

The horse that collects **the highest total points** will receive an **extra \$50.000 prize**.



# 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:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$10.000
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$8.000
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$7.000
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$5.000
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$4.000
6 <sup>th</sup> place	\$3.000
7 <sup>th</sup> place	\$2.000
8 <sup>th</sup> place	\$2.000
9 <sup>th</sup> place	\$2.000
10 <sup>th</sup> place	\$2.000





## 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 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 America Shows](#) for promotional purposes or any other purpose to the benefit of the Tour.







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