

RULES FOR THE WAHC SUPREME

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



Open to horses registered in any WAHO-recognized studbook by the closing date of entries.

Participation is complimentary for horses qualified through GCAT or GCAT Americas events of the current season by achieving at least one Top Five placing in the championship (Gold, Silver, Bronze, 4th or 5th place).

The Show Organizer reserves the right, at its discretion, to extend additional complimentary entries to horses qualified through GCAT Partner Shows. Other qualified horses may participate upon payment of the applicable entry fee prior to the closing date.

Withdrawals within ten days prior to the start of the show without valid veterinary certification shall incur a penalty of $10,000. Veterinary certificates must be submitted within seventy-two (72) hours of the withdrawal via the official GCAT registration portal. When the horse is already at the showground, any veterinary certification must be issued or confirmed by the Show Veterinarian or the DC Veterinarian and submitted to the Disciplinary Committee.

Only open halter classes shall be considered. Qualifications are attached to the horse and remain valid irrespective of transfer of ownership. No substitution of horses shall be permitted.

QUALIFICATION

All horses, including yearlings should have qualified at an ECAHO affiliated show in one of the following ways:

ECAHO-affiliated Shows:

1. 1st to 5th place at the World Championship, Title, an A Show, a GCAT show or B Shows.
2. 1st to 3rd place at a National Championship, C National, C International or European Shows or EAHGC Shows.
3. 1st to 2nd place at Specific Origin Shows.

Non-ECAHO countries:

1. 1st to 5th place at any GCAT Americas Shows.
2. A title of Champion or Reserve Champion or "TOP TEN" at the US Nationals.
3. A title of Champion or Reserve Champion or a 1st place at the US Scottsdale Competition.
4. A title of Champion or Reserve Champion in US "Regional" competitions.
5. 1st to 3rd place at the Arabian Breeders World Cup.
6. A title of Champion or Reserve champion or 1st to 3rd place in an Egyptian Event.
7. A title of Champion or Reserve Champion or 1st to 3rd place in an official National Championship Show.

Entries Open On 11 October And Close On 26th October

AGE DIVISION

YEARLING FILLIES
BORN IN 2025

YEARLING COLTS
BORN IN 2025

JUNIOR FILLIES
BORN BETWEEN 01/01/2023 AND 31/12/2024

JUNIOR COLTS
BORN BETWEEN 01/01/2023 AND 31/12/2024

SENIOR MARES
BORN BEFORE 31/12/2022

SENIOR STALLIONS
BORN BEFORE 31/12/2022

ENTRY & PARTICIPATION



Qualification allows a horse to apply for participation but does not constitute automatic acceptance.

Each championship category is planned for up to 15 horses. Where appropriate and in order to preserve competitive balance across categories, a championship may be expanded to a maximum of 20 horses at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.

Where the number of eligible entries exceeds the planned capacity, or where the Organizing Committee considers it necessary to preserve the sporting standard and competitive quality of a championship, entries may be assessed by reference to the horse's competitive profile during the current season.

In categories where the overall level of entries is deemed to be particularly strong, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to further limit participation to those horses considered to meet the competitive benchmark of that championship, even if this results in fewer than the maximum number of entries.

Final acceptance of all entries shall remain with the Organizing Committee, whose decisions shall be guided by the objective of ensuring that each championship reflects the highest possible standard of qualification.

In accordance with ECAHO Rules, any refusal of entry shall be communicated in writing. The Organizing Committee shall provide a general statement reflecting the basis of its decision.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF SHOWS

SHOW OFFICIALS & SCORING SYSTEM:

The WAHC Supreme features a panel of seventeen (17) judges: a minimum of eleven (11) active on the ground for each championship, and up to five (5) on rotation, with the majority selected from the EAHSC A and B lists.

The remaining judges shall act solely as observers and shall not be present on the ground. Only one of them, selected by ballot, may be brought to the arena in the case of a dual two-way tie in the Gold Medal nominations, in accordance with the rules for ties set out below.

Judges from non-ECAHO Member Countries must be appointed from the panel of a recognized National Arab Horse Organization and must fulfill all guest judge criteria. Probationary judges are not permitted.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE & RINGMASTERS:

There will be a minimum of five members, the majority of which must be chosen from the EAHSC A or B list of DC members. Included in the Committee will be two Veterinarians. One member from the EAHSC lists of DC members shall be appointed by ECAHO and will be Chairman. At least one member must be able to speak the local language as well as English.

Ringmaster: Two (2) Ringmasters shall officiate at the show.



PRELIMINARY INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION

For each championship category, all accepted horses shall first participate in a preliminary individual evaluation.

All horses accepted for each championship shall enter the arena collectively, in catalogue order, and walk two times around the judging panel. Each horse shall then return individually for the trot and stand-up presentation.

A minimum of five (5) judges, selected by ballot from the judges present in the arena, shall assign marks from 1 to 20, including half points, based on the following criteria: Type, Head, Neck, Body, Legs, and Movement.

The marks for Head and Neck shall be averaged to produce one combined Head & Neck score. The final score shall therefore be calculated on the basis of five criteria: Type, Head & Neck, Body, Legs, and Movement.

The judges will use the electronic scoring system. The system shall calculate the result by averaging the total points awarded by the selected judges, expressed as a score out of 100.

In case of any technical interruption, the manual scoring sheets signed by the judges shall be considered the official reference.

In the event of a tie affecting qualification for the Top Ten, the higher place shall be awarded to the horse with the higher score for Type. If the tie remains, the higher score for Movement shall decide. If the tie still remains unresolved, the applicable ECAHO rules for ties in qualifying places shall apply.

RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open method with Top 10

Top Ten: Only the horses placed within the Top Ten following the preliminary individual evaluation of the relevant championship category shall be eligible for medal consideration. The Top Ten ranking shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed to the public until the official results are announced.

All horses participating in the relevant championship shall then return collectively to the arena for the final stand-up presentation.

A minimum of six (6) judges, chosen by ballot, shall nominate individually and without discussion their choice for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medal Champions:

1. Four (4) points for a Gold nomination;
2. Two (2) points for a Silver nomination; and
3. One (1) point for a Bronze nomination.

The Gold Medal will be awarded to the horse with the most votes for Gold Medal Champion.

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.

Once the judges have concluded their evaluations and finalized the medal nominations, whether on the iPad or scoring sheet, and once confirmed by the Ringmaster, they shall be invited by the Ringmaster to take their place next to the horse of their choice for the Gold Medal.

All horses that are awarded in their respective championships must take part in the Championship prize-giving ceremony. Unless the Disciplinary Committee 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 from the prize-giving ceremony shall disqualify the horse from the show, with all its records being deleted and the horse being disqualified from showing for a period of one year from the date of the show.

In the event of a disqualification, all horses placed behind the disqualified horse shall move up one place in the Championship.

RULES FOR TIES IN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

In the event of a dual two-way tie for the Gold Medal nominations, one reserve judge shall be selected by ballot from among the remaining judges who did not judge the championship and shall cast the deciding vote only if both owners expressly agree to break the tie.

In such case, the selected judge shall be brought to the arena to cast the deciding vote. The horse placed first shall be awarded the Supreme Gold Medal, and the second shall receive the Gold Medal.

If either owner declines to break the tie, the tie shall not be broken and both horses shall be awarded the Gold Medal.

For all other ties in a championship, except the dual two-way tie for the Gold Medal nominations, the horse with the highest total score obtained during the preliminary individual evaluation shall be declared the winner.

If the tie remains, the horse with the higher score in Type shall be ranked higher. Should the tie persist, the higher score in Movement shall decide.

Failing a decision on either of these, one judge from the preliminary individual evaluation will be chosen by ballot whose scores will be used to break the tie. The ballot will be organized by the DC team.

PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTION IN THE WAHC SUPREME

In the WAHC Supreme the prize money is designated only for the **Top Ten horses in each championship category**, for yearling females, yearling males, junior females, junior males, senior females, and senior males.

In the WAHC Supreme, the total prize money for the Top Ten horses amounts up to

$4.320.000

in the following manner:

Supreme Gold Medal *	$200,000 *
Gold Medal	$180,000
Silver Medal	$120,000
Bronze Medal	$80,000
4th place	$20,000
5th place	$20,000
6th place	$20,000
7th place	$20,000
8th place	$20,000
9th place	$20,000
10th place	$20,000

* Applicable in the event of a tie-break for Gold Medal winner.

MISCELLANEOUS

In the event of unforeseen or exceptional circumstances not expressly covered by these rules, the matter shall be decided by the competent authority under the applicable ECAHO Rules and Regulations, including the Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary or veterinary matters and the Organizing Committee for organizational or operational matters.

The intention is to ensure that any decision remains consistent with both the spirit of these rules and the principles of fairness and transparency recognized by ECAHO.

Horse owners participating in the WAHC Supreme acknowledge that the Organizing Committee reserves the right to use videographic and photographic material obtained during the event for promotional purposes or any other purpose that contributes to the promotion of the event, without any obligation of notice, approval, or financial compensation to the horse owners, handlers, or related parties.

All officials, handlers, and individuals present in the arena must adhere to the formal dress code or the specific dress code regulations prescribed by the Organizing Committee, ensuring that their attire appropriately reflects the prestige of the event.

MEDICATION CONTROL

Medication testing of all Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medal winners is compulsory. Additional horses may be tested at the discretion of the DC and the Organizing Committee. All testing shall be carried out in accordance with the ECAHO Rules for Medication Control.

All positive medication tests shall result in the disqualification of the horse and its owner from the event, forfeiture of any titles and prize money awarded, and may result in further disciplinary measures in accordance with ECAHO rules and procedures.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES ADDENDUM – WAHC SUPREME 2026

WITHHOLDING TAX:

Any prize money awarded to participants who are not tax residents of France shall be subject to withholding tax to be deducted at source, in accordance with applicable French tax laws and regulations. All participants are strongly encouraged to obtain independent tax, legal, and financial advice prior to registering for and participating in the event. The Show Organizer shall bear no responsibility for any tax liabilities, withholding obligations, deductions, or related consequences arising in connection with such prize money.

All winners shall be required to submit their certificate of tax residency and other supporting documentation as required by the French Tax Authority.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND:

In the event that a registrant unilaterally withdraws from the event, any applicable refund transaction fees shall be deducted from the refundable amount. This deduction shall not apply in cases of force majeure events beyond the registrant's reasonable control. Refunds shall be subject to process requirement of:

a. Ninety (90) days for debit card transactions and transaction fees up to QAR 40 per transaction
b. One hundred eighty (180) days for credit card transactions, and transaction fees up to QAR 116.00 per transaction.

MISCELLANEOUS:

It is not possible to cover every situation in these WAHC Supreme 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.

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

WAHC Supreme reserves the right to propose modifications to these rules, subject to ECAHO review and approval. Any approved changes shall take effect upon publication on the official WAHC Supreme website.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND MEDIA RIGHTS

The Participant hereby acknowledges and agrees that WAHC Supreme shall have the right to capture, record, reproduce, and use photographs, video recordings, and any other form of media during the event, and shall be governed by the applicable WAHC Supreme Privacy Notice as per below link.

Link : https://gcarabianstour.com/privacy-notice

This includes, without limitation, images or recordings depicting horses, handlers, participants, guests, staff, and any other individuals present at the event premises.

The individual or entity registering the horse(s) represents and warrants that they have informed, and shall ensure the awareness and acceptance of, all associated persons, including but not limited to guests, handlers, and staff, of the provisions set forth herein.

The Participant acknowledges that WAHC Supreme may display notices and signage at event entrances and throughout the venue advising attendees that photography, filming, and other media recording activities are taking place and that entry to the event premises constitutes acknowledgment of and consent to such activities to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Where any minor attends the event under the Participant's supervision, custody, or responsibility, the Participant represents and warrants that the minor's parent or legal guardian has been informed of and consents to the capture, recording, use, publication, and distribution of the minor's image, likeness, voice, and other identifying characteristics as contemplated by this clause, to the extent required by applicable law.

The Participant further agrees that WAHC Supreme shall bear no liability whatsoever for the capture, use, publication, or distribution of such media, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND REPUTATION PROTECTION

All registrants must ensure that any photographs, videos, statements, social media posts, or other content relating to the event that are shared publicly do not include:

a. False or misleading statements of fact concerning WAHC Supreme, the event, its organizers, officials, participants, sponsors, or partners;
b. Unauthorized use, alteration, or misuse of WAHC Supreme's name, logo, trademarks, branding, or other intellectual property;
c. Harassment, abuse, threats, discriminatory remarks, or targeted personal attacks against WAHC Supreme, its representatives, officials, participants, sponsors, partners, or any other person connected with the event;
d. Disclosure of confidential, private, or non-public information obtained through participation in or association with the event; or
e. Content that unlawfully defames WAHC Supreme or any person connected with the event.

Nothing in this provision shall prevent registrants from expressing honest opinions, providing fair comment, raising good-faith concerns regarding welfare, safety, integrity, or regulatory matters, or making protected disclosures in accordance with applicable law.

Where WAHC Supreme reasonably determines that a registrant has breached this provision, WAHC Supreme may take appropriate action, including issuing a written warning, requiring the removal or correction of the relevant content, suspending the registrant's participation, or disqualifying the registrant from the event. Any action taken shall depend on the nature and seriousness of the breach.

REGISTRANT'S UNDERTAKING AND GOVERNING LAW

By registering a horse for participation in the event, the registrant irrevocably confirms, represents, and warrants that it has obtained, or shall obtain, the consent and acceptance of all persons associated with the registered horse(s), including without limitation owners, riders, handlers, trainers, grooms, employees, agents, contractors, and guests, to comply with and be bound by these Rules and Regulations. The registrant shall remain fully responsible for ensuring such compliance.

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the event, participation therein, or these Rules and Regulations shall be exclusively governed by the laws of the Netherlands, and the courts of the Netherlands shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any such dispute.

THANK YOU

If you have any questions, Please reach out to: info@gcat.com