

RULES FOR THE GLOBAL CHAMPIONS TOUR (GCT) 2012

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Events for 2012 GCT

PLACE	NATION	DATE
DOHA	QAT	5 - 7 APRIL
VALENCIA	ESP	4 - 6 MAY
HAMBURG	GER	16 - 20 MAY
WIESBADEN	GER	25 - 28 MAY
CANNES	FRA	14 - 16 JUNE
MONACO	MON	28 - 30 JUNE
ESTORIL	POR	13 - 14 JULY
CHANTILLY	FRA	20 - 22 JULY
VALKENSWAARD	NED	17 - 19 AUGUST
LAUSANNE	SUI	14 - 16 SEPTEMBER
WIEN	AUT	21 - 23 SEPTEMBER
SHANGHAI	CHI	4 - 6 OCTOBER
ABU DHABI	UAE	22 - 24 NOVEMBER

Overall classification

Athletes may take part in all GCT events. Maximum fifty percent of the 2012 GCT competitions held, rounded up to the next whole number will count for points to establish the 2012 GCT overall classification. **Events on borrowed horses are excluded from this fifty percent maximum.** In case of a tie on points for any position at the end of the season the athlete with the greatest number of first placing will be classified before the other athletes tying for the same position on points. If there is still a tie the athlete with the greatest number of second placing will be classified before the other athletes and so on until all those equal on points have been separated.

A prize money for overall classification will be offered to the top eighteen competitors in the GCT overall classification (tour series) as follows:

1 st place	31%
2 nd place	20%
3 rd place	13%
4 th place	8%
5 th place	5%
6 th & 7 th places	3,5% each
8 th to 11 th places	2% each
12 th to 14 th places	1,5% each
15 th & 16 th places	1% each
17 th & 18 th places	0,75% each

Prizes won by competitors who are tied are added and divided equally

The amount of the prize money for the overall classification in 2012 is EUR 950'000. *[updated 5 May 2012]*

The top three athletes in the GCT overall classification after the last competition must be present at the last event of the GCT to receive their prize in person and must be available for the press conference following the last competition in the GCT for the season in question.

Athletes must be dressed in competition attire.

No prize money will be given to a rider who does not present himself at the prize giving ceremony for any of the GCT competitions if required to do so. **This does not apply for the overall classification except for the top three riders.**

Invitation system for each event

Group 1

The riders 1 to 30 (60% of the number of riders participating) on the Rolex Rankings two months prior to the event are invited. In case of riders declining invitations replacements will be selected from the Rolex Rankings in descending order. Riders in this group cannot be lower on the Rolex Rankings than 150th place. Substitutions will be taken in descending order until 10 days prior to the start of the Event (this applies also to the FEI wild card); for the events organized outside European countries, due to the requirements for horse flights and health documents, the deadline will be 30 days before the event. After this date the place(s) will be allocated by OC (Group 3).

Group 2

Five participants are selected in Group 2 (10% of the number of riders participating) : **4** will be home riders and will be selected by NF. Also included in this group is **1** FEI Wild Card. The **4** home riders are selected by the home National Federation and the FEI Wild Card by the FEI. Should the NF and/or FEI not be able to meet its quota of riders in this group, the quota will be filled by inviting additional riders by OC (Group 3).

Group 3

15 participants (30% of the number of riders participating) are selected by the OC. It is not obligatory that these participants be chosen from the Rolex Rankings.

The FEI will apply a certain amount of flexibility in relation to enforcing the rule obliging OCs to have at least 10 NFs represented.

Entries

In accordance with the current FEI rules on entries, no competitor can enter more than one event on the same weekend without the agreement of both OCs. The penalty for contravening this rule is disqualification from the event. This does not apply to athletes on the definite entry list who have been selected to replace another athlete at a CSIO on the same week end (Jumping rules Art. 251.14). OCs of GCT events will permit athletes who withdraw following the deadline date for the definite entries from a GCT event to participate at a CSI 4* or lower event on the same dates but will not allow participation of such athletes in another CSI 5* on the same dates.

Eligible for each GCT Grand Prix

Participation in each GCT Grand Prix is open to maximum 50 (fifty) athletes .

To be eligible to start in the GCT Grand Prix the competitor must complete in the event one competition with the horse he/she will ride in the GCT Grand Prix (in case of mixed competitions (one round and jump-off or two rounds we consider the first round; in case of a 2 phase competition we consider the 1st phase).

If the GCT Grand Prix is held on the second day of the event and for whatever reason a competitor has not been able to complete a competition on the first day of the event with the horse to be ridden in the GCT Grand Prix, the competitor in question may take part with the horse to be ridden in the GCT Grand Prix in a competition on the same day as the GCT Grand Prix if he / she wishes to take part in the GCT Grand Prix. This exception is only applicable if the GCT Grand Prix is held on the second day of the event.

Designated class for GCT ranking

The class that counts for points in the GCT ranking is the Grand Prix, which takes place on the Saturdays or Sundays of the events.

It is a jumping competition over two different rounds against the clock with one jump off against the clock in case of a tie on penalties for the first place (Art. 273.3.4.):

- A maximum of 18 (eighteen) participants return for the second round based on penalties and time in the first round. In any case, all participants with zero penalties in the first round return for the second round. The participants that tie for the 18th place (penalties and time) are allowed to participate in the second round;

- Participants are classified according to their penalties in both rounds and if necessary according to their penalties and time in the jump-off.
- The participants of the second round not taking part in the jump-off are classified according to their penalties in both rounds and time in the second round;
- The participants of the first round not taking part in the second round are classified according to their penalties and time in the first round.

Starting order

The starting order will be established according to a draw. Participants are divided into two groups based on their position on the Rolex Rankings at the time of the event (we consider the 1st competition day of the event). The competitors in the group with the higher ranked participants start last in the first round.

The order of starting in the second round is according to the reverse order of penalties and time in the first round.

The order of starting in the jump-off is according to the same order as in the second round.

Point system

Only competitors participating in the second round ~~All Twenty five competitors~~ will obtain points in each competition of the GCT.

The following point-system will be used for each GCT Grand Prix:

Place – points; place – points; place – points;					
1	40;	11	26;	21	10;
2	37;	12	25;	22	9;
3	35;	13	24;	23	8;
4	33;	14	23;	24	7;
5	32;	15	22;	25	6.
6	31;	16	21;		
7	30;	17	20;		
8	29;	18	19;		
9	28;	19	12;		
10	27;	20	11;		

Points won by competitors who are tied are added and divided equally.

Prize money for each GCT Grand Prix

The minimum prize money of the Grand Prix will be 285,000.00 euro.

The amount for each GCT Grand Prix and the tax deduction will be specified in the schedule of each event.

The partition of the prize money is as follows in percentage:

1 st place	33%
2 nd place	20%
3 rd place	15%
4 th place	10%
5 th place	6%
6 th place	3%
7 th to 9 th places	2%
10 th place	1,5%
11 th to 13 th places	1%
14 th to 18 th places	0,5%

The OC has the right to round off slightly the amounts, maintaining the proportions of the percentage.

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