

THE GODOLPHIN STUD AND STABLE STAFF AWARDS 2015

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are The Godolphin Stud and Stable Staff Awards?

The Stud and Stable Staff Awards were initiated in 2005 to recognise the achievements of racing's key staff. They are sponsored by Godolphin, who have pledged £120,000 in prize money for the 2015 Awards, and are run by the British Horseracing Authority, in association with the Racing Post.

When can I nominate?

Nominations open on Tuesday 23rd September 2014, and will close at midday on Friday 12th December 2014.

Who can enter the Awards?

The competition is open to any candidate currently employed as Stud or Stable Staff within England, Wales or Scotland at the time of nomination. Anyone from within the industry can nominate, so owners, trainers, breeders and other industry staff can nominate those who they feel deserve an award.

What are the criteria for each Award?

Each Award category has its own criteria, which are fully stated on the nomination form and also outlined on the British Horseracing Authority website.

I've entered a candidate before and wasn't successful. Why should I nominate again?

Every year there are hundreds of worthwhile applicants and we would love to choose all of them to win a prize in recognition of their efforts. Having spoken to many of the nominees, it is a huge boost to their self-esteem just to be nominated, so we would urge you to keep trying, even if not successful – it is hugely appreciated by those who are nominated.

Who will judge the Awards?

The judging panel will be made up of a number of influential racing figures, overseen by Brough Scott. The full list of judges will be announced before the judging process commences.

What is the prize for each Award category?

For the Leadership, Rider/Groom, Stud Staff and Dedication to Racing Awards, each category winner will be awarded £5,000 and their yard/stud will also receive £5,000. Two runners-up within each category will also receive £2,000 each, as will their yards/stud.

For the David Nicholson Newcomer Award, the category winner will be awarded £2,000 and their yard/stud will also receive £2,000. The two runners-up will also receive £1,000 each, as will their yards/stud.

For the Administration Staff Award £5,000 will be awarded to the winner and £5,000 to the winner's yard/stud.

Why does the David Nicholson Newcomer Award carry less prize money than the other categories?

This is simply a reflection on the longevity of service of the Newcomer category. Employees in this group may only have been working within the racing industry for a maximum of three years, compared to the other categories where finalists may have had much longer careers.

What about the Employee of the Year Award?

It is not possible to nominate for the overall Employee of the Year Award. The overall winner will be chosen from all Category Winners, excluding the David Nicholson Newcomer and Administration Staff Award. The overall Employee of the Year will receive an additional £15,000 prize, with £15,000 also being awarded to their yard or stud.

How should the forms be completed?

The instructions for completion are clearly stated on the nomination form. Each question should be answered within the space provided. The completed form should then be returned via email, post or fax to reach us no later than midday on Friday 12th December 2014.

How should I return the form?

You either apply online: www.britishhorseracing.com/stablestaff, or attach your completed form and email it to awards@britishhorseracing.com, fax it to 020 7152 0161 or post it to Stud and Stable Staff Awards, British Horseracing Authority, 75 High Holborn, London WC1V 6LS.

Who can I speak to if I need any more assistance?

Please email awards@britishhorseracing.com or telephone Tessa Smyth, Media and Communications Assistant, on 020 7152 0163, if you require any additional help or guidance.