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INDUSTRY NEWS

Nominate NOW for the Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards

Nominations are OPEN for the 2024 [Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards](#), sponsored by Godolphin.

With £128,500 in prize money across six categories, these awards are about shining a spotlight on the people working in our yards and providing the best possible care for our horses.

This might be someone new to the yard who has made a quick impression, a great leader or dedicated colleague with years of service, or simply a brilliant member of the team.

If you know someone who deserves recognition, please nominate them now at:

www.thoroughbredawards.co.uk.

Nominations are open until Tuesday 7 November 2023. Just go to the website and complete the online form or submit a quick video nomination.

For more information, including full details about the categories and nomination criteria, visit www.thoroughbredawards.co.uk.

EMPLOYMENT

Accident records

Imagine the scenario: An employee has an accident, perhaps a leather broke. You inspected the tack; it did not appear defective and it is thrown away or sent for repair. Three years later a personal injury claim comes in with an allegation that a defective piece of equipment caused the accident resulting in injury. What evidence do you have to rebut that claim?

In a recent meeting with insurers, good records of incidents and keeping evidence was highlighted. It may not seem that important at the time, but make sure accidents go into the accident book, statements are obtained and where appropriate take photographs and retain evidence, such as damaged tack.

An employee has three years from the date of the accident to bring a claim although in some cases that can be longer – securing evidence at the time of the accident can be key to defending a claim and keeping insurance costs down.

MEMBER SERVICES

NTF RACING DIARY 2024

Preparation for the NTF Racing Dairy 2024 is underway. Will you please advise any change to your address and contact details and names of contacts to diary@racehorsetrainers.org the current details we have are shown on the NTF website, available [here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

NTF Regional Forums Confirmed for the Autumn

- **South West and Wales Region** on Monday **16th October** at Taunton Racecourse
- **South East Region** on Wednesday **18th October** at Lingfield Racecourse

- **Scotland and the North Region** Monday **6th November** at Newcastle Racecourse
- **Midlands and Central North Region** Monday **20th November** at York Racecourse and via Zoom
- **Central South Region** on Tuesday **21st November** at Oaksey House
- **East Region** on Tuesday **28th November** at Newmarket Rowley Mile Racecourse

Agenda to follow 1 week before the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Direct Vision Standards for London

From next year the Direct Vision Standards legislation comes into effect in London. Thereafter, any horsebox over 12 tonnes that is going into London must be fitted with cameras and audible warnings of turning and reversing. This should not affect trainers as racecourses are situated outside of the zone however Heathrow Airport is within the zone.

For more information on DVS <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/deliveries-in-london/delivering-safely/direct-vision-in-heavy-goods-vehicles>

For more information on ULEZ <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/ulez-where-and-when>