



### Example Nomination

I would like to submit a nomination for [REDACTED] for the GSSSA Rider/Groom. I think he would be a very deserving candidate. For his dedication to the industry to be recognised in the way of an award like this would mean a lot to [REDACTED] and would bring a great deal of pride to the whole team. [REDACTED] horsemanship skills have been built on and perfected over the years, as a young boy he started at [REDACTED] and moved up through the ranks to [REDACTED] where he travelled horses around the world.

I can always rely on [REDACTED] to give me excellent feedback on the horses he rides every day. This season he has ridden and cared for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] nearly every single day. They have been two of my best horses and I could not have them in better hands. [REDACTED] is not a large man and they are both big strong colts, he has dealt with them to perfection in an assertive but calm loving way and they have turned in to well-mannered horses with fun individual characters. This is largely due to their correct handling by an excellent horseman.

[REDACTED]: 'I know I can rely on [REDACTED]. We had a very sick horse last spring and it was [REDACTED] that I turned to help administer the late evening meds and check that he was okay. He treats every horse as an individual which is very important'. Equine welfare is at the centre of my business. [REDACTED] would not walk past a horse in trouble, you can guarantee he is first on the scene when help is needed. I can always trust that he will put the horses first. During the hot summer [REDACTED] had a fan in his box, [REDACTED] did many out of hours checks to make sure his horse was comfortable. I also know that when he was down there if anything out of the ordinary was going on he would have noticed it. It is also why he often backs up the senior staff, he is great help when horses are delivered to the stables out of hours. He will not just put them in their stable and leave again, he will instead go out of his way to make sure they are happy, eating and the right temperature.

[REDACTED]: '[REDACTED] steadies the ship, when young hounds are running the old hounds steady them up. He is someone everyone looks up to'.

[REDACTED]: 'You will never see a team BBQ hosted by [REDACTED] without [REDACTED]! When the World Cup football was on [REDACTED], bought us all flags and booked us a table at the local pub to watch the games'.

I particularly notice how good [REDACTED] is with new and inexperienced members of the team, he always remains light hearted and calm. He is extremely approachable and I know that he is passing on his attention to detail and knowledge to all those around him. He has an excellent sense of humour and it does not go unnoticed that he is always the first in and last to leave. Even if I had two more people like [REDACTED] working for me I would honestly say that the productivity both on the yard and the results on the racecourse would increase. Most importantly, [REDACTED] commitment is faultless, he has overcome cancer and continuously battles his diabetes but yet he has not wavered. I cannot overestimate the value he brings to my yard and racing as a whole.