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WPR A Hands Out Treats with Announcement of the 2022 Justin Best Footing Award Winners

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (October 31, 2022) – There are no tricks today – only treats from the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association for those rodeo committees who have went above and beyond this past year to ensure safe ground for the animal athletes of rodeo, specifically the barrel racing horses. Every year since the early 1990s the WPR A and Justin Brands have honored rodeo committees in each of the 12 circuits with the Justin Best Footing Awards.

The Justin Best Footing Awards® program was created when Tom Feller, director of event marketing for Justin Brands, approached the WPR A about partnering on a program that would focus on the health and well being of the animal athlete. Not only does the program keep animal athletes performing at the top level, but it also recognizes the hard work and time rodeo committees put into making their ground as safe as possible for the barrel horse and all rodeo livestock.

This past year, a majority of the rodeos stepped up and either provided a hand rake or a tractor drag halfway through during their performances. As a result, there were numerous arena records set with the improved ground conditions allowing the horsepower in the WPR A to run at an elite level.

This award is determined by votes by the WPR A membership and Circuit Directors and represents our members’ voices saying “thank you” for a job well done. The WPR A recognizes the top three rodeo committees in all 12 circuits as well as the most improved ground committee in each circuit. Committee awards provided by Justin include cash bonuses (ranging from \$350-\$1,000), plaques and, at certain award levels, a pair of Justin exotic boots. In addition, names of each winner for each of the 12 circuits are put into a drawing for an addition \$1,500 bonus from Justin. The following rodeo committees will be recognized at the WPR A Star Celebration in Las Vegas on Dec. 1 at the South Point Hotel and Casino.

Congratulations to the following rodeo committees being honored in 2022 and the WPR A thanks you for making your ground safe and consistent.

2022 Justin Best Footing Award Winners

Badlands Circuit

First – Roughrider Days Rodeo, Dickinson, ND

Second – Watertown (SD) Rodeo

Third – Buffalo Stampede, Kadoka, SD

Most Improved – Badlands Iron Cowboy Rodeo, Killdeer, ND

California Circuit

First – California Rodeo Salinas

Second – Clovis Rodeo

Third – Red Bluff Round-Up

Most Improved – Oakdale Saddle Club Rodeo

Columbia River Circuit

First – Gem State Stampede, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Second – Eugene (OR) Pro Rodeo

Third – Lynden (WA) PRCA Rodeo

Most Improved – St. Paul (OR) Rodeo

First Frontier Circuit

First – Goshen (CT) Stampede

Second – Apple Hill Stables Rodeo, Levante, ME

Third – Cowtown Rodeo, Woodstown, NJ

Most Improved – Triple Creek All American Rodeo, Cordova, MD

Great Lakes Circuit

First – Sikeston (MO) Jaycee Bootheel Rodeo

Second – American Royal ProRodeo, Kansas City, MO

Third – Mid-Western Rodeo, Manawa, WI

Most Improved – Buffalo (MN) Championship Rodeo

Montana Circuit

First – Rosebud Treasure Co. Fair Rodeo, Forsyth

Second – C.M. Russell Stampede, Stanford

Third – Fallon County Fair & Rodeo, Baker

Most Improved – Richland County Fair & Rodeo, Sidney

Mountain States Circuit

First – Elizabeth (CO) Stampede

Second – Steamboat Springs (CO) Pro Rodeo Series

Third – Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, Castle Rock, CO

Most Improved – Earl Anderson Memorial Rodeo, Grover, CO

Prairie Circuit

First – Kansas Biggest Rodeo, Phillipsburg

Second – Woodward (OK) Elks Rodeo

Third – Rodeo Grady County, Chickasha, OK

Most Improved – 101 Wild West Rodeo, Ponca City, OK

Southeastern Circuit

First – Rotary Rodeo, Starkville, MS

Second – Northwest Florida Championship Rodeo, Bonifay, FL

Third – 148th Silver Spurs Rodeo, Kissimmee, FL

Most Improved – Dixie National Rodeo, Jackson, MS

Texas Circuit

First – Cowboy Capital of the World, Stephenville

Second – Heart O' Texas Rodeo, Waco

Third – San Angelo Rodeo

Most Improved – 67th Annual Johnson County Sherriff's Posse PRCA Rodeo, Cleburne

Turquoise Circuit

First – World's Oldest Rodeo, Prescott, AZ

Second – La Fiesta de los Vaqueros, Tucson, AZ

Third – Roots N' Boots Pro Rodeo, Queen Creek, AZ

Most Improved – Socorro (NM) County Fair & PRCA Rodeo

Wilderness Circuit

First – Gooding (ID) Pro Rodeo

Second – Ogden (UT) Pioneer Days

Third – Jerome (ID) County Fair and Rodeo

Most Improved – Strawberry Days Rodeo, Pleasant Grove, UT