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National Western Stock Show Announces Selection Process for Invitational Ranch Rodeo

Denver, CO. - The National Western Stock Show is excited to host the third annual Invitational Ranch Rodeo to be held in the National Western Events Center. The National Western prides itself on being the world's premier center for America's western heritage. Teams for the Invitational Ranch Rodeo will be invited based on a variety of criteria with the intention of upholding and aligning with the quality, competition and entertainment of the event and National Western. The Invitational Ranch Rodeo will consist of eight four-man teams competing in four events. The entry fee is \$2,000 per team with 100% payback and \$5,000 added. The following are criteria the selection committee utilizes:

- 1. The previous year's National Western Invitational Ranch Rodeo winning team will receive an invitation for the current year's event.
- 2. The most current WRCA World Champion Ranch Rodeo team will receive an invitation for the current year's event.
- 3. Additional teams will be selected based on their success at the National Western Invitational Ranch Rodeo, credentials from other ranch rodeos, ranch history and sportsmanship.

Teams who would like to provide the selection committee with further information should fill out the <u>Team Interest</u> <u>Form</u> and return to horse@nationalwestern.com by November 1, 2017. Initial invitations will be extended in November.

First-time competitors from Veale/Triangle in Texas showed off their talent and consistency on opening Saturday to take the team championship and earn an invitation for the 2018 event. 2017 WRCA World Champion Team Jolly Ranch & S&L Cattle dominated two events, setting an arena record in one, to pull them into third. The top hand award went to Jet McCoy of Beebe-McCoy, Top Horse honors went to Dream Model Edition, ridden by Brendan Hermes of Hermes Ranch and the newly created Excellence in Animal Care award was earned by the team representing Flying A/Beatty Canyon.

2017 Score Sheet

2016 Score Sheet

Grounds admission and event tickets for the 2018 National Western Stock Show will be available at nationalwestern.com and all King Soopers locations in the fall.

About the National Western Stock Show

Just completed the 111th year, the National Western Stock Show is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization that provides college and graduate level scholarships in agriculture and medicine for practice in rural areas. It is also our mission to serve producers and consumers throughout the world by being the premier Stock Show, Rodeo, Horse Show and center for year-round events. The 16-day show also serves as an entertainment arena, hosting one of the world's richest regular season professional rodeos, largest horse show and Colorado's largest western trade show. For more information, visit nationalwestern.com.