

## Sodexo Live! wins big at 2022 Stadium Experience Awards

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Sodexo Live! has swept up at the 2022 Stadium Events & Hospitality Awards. Picking up 14 overall, Newcastle United Football Club scored three top awards and one silver, with Leeds Rhinos Rugby Club taking home the prestigious 'Overall Matchday Hospitality Experience'.

Voted for by a team of industry experts and resuming after a two-year break, the national awards ceremony recognises the dedication shown by catering, conference and events teams at every football and rugby stadium across the UK.

Hosted at Anfield, home to Liverpool Football Club, each award category was independently judged. Some are voted for by stadium directors, and others are decided by teams of experts with many years of experience in their fields.

Newcastle United took home the most, with the team earning top awards for 'Matchday Hospitality Award - Large Stadium', 'Best Stadium Events Venue' and 'Operations Team of the Year'. These are in addition to executive head chef Graham Proctor picking up silver for the 'Outstanding Contribution Award', which recognises outstanding individuals in the industry.

Gemma Nugent, Duty Manager at Newcastle United's St. James Park, Sodexo UK & Ireland, commented: "This year has been a rollercoaster for all at NUFC. We have conquered some monumental challenges, so words cannot describe how delighted we are to accept this award on behalf of our incredibly hard-working team at NUFC!".

Leeds Rhinos Rugby Club were the final winners of the evening, triumphing in the 'Overall Matchday Hospitality Experience 2022' and the 'Matchday Hospitality Award - Small Stadium'.

Rachel Fox, Account Manager at Headingley Stadium, Sodexo UK & Ireland, said: "The opportunity to bring the team together to experience a fantastic night with like-minded colleagues from UK stadia has been amazing. To achieve an award and recognition on top is just phenomenal. I can't wait until next year!"

Sodexo Live! also won silver in the following categories:

- 'Visiting Rugby Directors Award' – Wigan Warriors Rugby club
- 'Matchday Hospitality Award – Medium Stadium' Blackburn Rovers Football club

And bronze for:

- 'Outstanding Contribution Award' – Rachel Laming, Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club
- 'Chef Team of the Year' – Everton Football Club
- 'Operations Team of the Year' – Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club
- 'Matchday Hospitality Award – Medium Stadium' Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club
- 'Best Stadium Events Venue' – Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club
- 'Matchday Hospitality Award – Large Stadium' – Hampden Park Stadium

David Trotter, divisional director at Sodexo Live! added: "We are absolutely delighted to receive 14 different honours at this year's Stadium Events and Hospitality Awards. This is testament to the hard work and dedication of our talented and dedicated teams across England and Scotland who strive to go that extra mile to give our customers and corporate clients the very best experience on every visit.

"To receive so many awards against such strong opposition proves that we have the best teams in the business, and we are thrilled to receive this recognition for our venues."