

# Nebraska Section AWWA

## “Best-Tasting Drinking Water Contest” Rules and Regulations



### 1. Eligible Participants

- Water sample entries must be submitted by a Nebraska Public Water Supply System.
- There should be no state or federal drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, recordkeeping, etc.) for previous calendar year.
- Water system or representative must be an AWWA member.

### 2. Submission of Water Samples

- One entry per Public Water Supply.
- One or more samples should be submitted to equal the volume of 1-gallon. Glass containers are preferable, but utilities can use the container of their choosing. Each sample should be clearly identified with the name of the water system and contact person.
- **Samples should be clearly marked as to whether the water is Treated or Untreated.**
- Samples should be collected no more than 48 hours prior to the contest and continuously stored at a temperature between 40° and 70° F. Samples will be served at room temperature and **should be submitted at room temperature.**
- Water samples shall be submitted in person at the AWWA registration booth by 12:00 p.m. local time, the day of the contest.
- Water systems should pick up their containers at the registration booth after the contest is completed.

### 3. Judges

- The water tasting contest will be judged by a panel of water industry representatives.

### 4. Contest Categories

- All water samples will be judged as an overall winner, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner.

### 5. Contest Judging

- Samples will be presented to the judges anonymously and in random order.
- Each judge will be given one 8 oz. water sample. Water samples will be judged on a 10-point scale from Good (1) to Best (10) in these categories: appearance, scent, taste, aftertaste.
- In case of a tie, additional water samples will be presented to the judges for final selection.
- The water sample with the highest cumulative score will be the winner and shall be declared the “Best Drinking Water in Nebraska 20\_\_”. The second highest score will be announced as the best tasting water in their respective category, treated or untreated.
- Samples will not be ranked, nor will scores be released. The Nebraska Section winner will be nominated to compete in the National AWWA Water Taste Test at the next ACE conference, if the winner meets the National AWWA eligibility requirements.