

**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.) violations for previous calendar year.

**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 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.

**3. Judges**

- The water tasting contest will be judged by a panel of water industry representatives and general public. They are as follows:
  - o Past Nebraska Section AWWA President
  - o National AWWA Representative
  - o Representative from the NHHS
  - o Representative from the Local Media
  - o Other
- Depending on availability, judges may be altered the day of the competition.

**4. Contest Categories**

- All water samples will be judged in a single category.

**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 by taste on a 10-point scale from Good (1) to Best (10).
- 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\_\_”.
- Only the winning sample will be announced – 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 AWWA Annual Conference, if the winner meets the National AWWA eligibility requirements.