

## Best Tasting Water Competition Official Rules



- 1) Each participating utility must be a member of NYSAWWA.
- 2) All entries must have incurred no state or federal drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, recordkeeping, etc.)
- 3) A representative from the water system must be present at the judging.
- 4) Bring two samples, each a 1-liter container. The container must be clearly marked with the water system's name. (*preferable – glass container*)
- 5) Samples will be served at room temperature.
- 6) The winner will be announced immediately at the end of the contest.
- 7) Samples will be judged “blindly”.
- 8) Each judge will be given the same amount of each sample to test in a glass. Judges are asked to evaluate the sample on the following grade scale:
  - a. Taste 1 – 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being best
  - b. Odor 1 – 5, with 1 being “strong odor” and 5 being “no odor”
  - c. Color 1 – 5, with 1 being “has a distinct color” and 5 being “has no color”
  - d. Clarity 1 – 5, with 1 being “is opaque” and 5 being “has total clarity”
  - e. Mouth Feel 1 – 5, with 1 being “feels very heavy in the mouth” and 5 being “has a very light/no feel in the mouth”
  - f. Aftertaste 1 – 5, with 1 being “has a very strong aftertaste” and 5 being “has little/no aftertaste”
- 9) The sample with the highest cumulative score will be declared the “Best Tasting Water in New York in 2019”.
- 10) Second and third rated samples will be recognized.
- 11) All contestants must deliver their samples to the Registration Desk by 9 am on Wednesday, April 17.**

*For more information, contact the New York Section American Water Works Association office at 315.455.2614.*