



**Alabama/Mississippi Section**  
American Water Works Association

**Alabama/Mississippi Section of AWWA  
“2016 Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest”**

**“Do you have the best tasting water?”**

**Please see attached rules and regulations.**

**If interested in participating, please send  
your mailing information to receive a bottle for  
sample collection.**

**DEADLINE!!  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**ALABAMA CONTACT  
JAQUICE.BOYD@BWWB.ORG**

**MISSISSIPPI CONTACT  
AUSTIN.MOORE@WAGGONERENG.COM**



**Alabama/Mississippi Section AWWA**  
**“Best Tasting Drinking Water Contest”**  
**Rules and Regulations**



**1. Eligible Participants**

- Water sample entries must be submitted by an Alabama or Mississippi Public Water Supply System.
- There should be no state or federal drinking water violations (MCL, monitoring, recordkeeping, etc.) for the previous calendar year.

**2. Submission of Water Samples**

- One entry per Public Water Supply.
- Samples must be submitted in containers supplied by Jaquice or Austin. 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° F and 70° F. Samples will be served at room temperature and **should be submitted at room temperature.**
- Operators shall collect the sample in a properly cleaned container; from a customer’s tap that is free from any point of use devices such as filters or water softeners, etc.
- When sampling from the tap, remove any screens, aerators, or treatment devices and minimize turbulence. Flush tap for at least 5 minutes. Reduce the flow rate during sampling. Rinse the bottle with the sample, and then fill it to the top, with no headspace.
- Water samples shall be submitted in person at the AWWA registration booth by 9:00 a.m. local time, the day of the contest (Monday, October 10, 2016).

**3. Judges**

The water tasting contest will be judged by a panel of water industry representatives and general public. They are as follows:

- Past AL/MS Section AWWA President
- National AWWA Representative
- Representative from a Alabama or Mississippi regulatory agency
- Representative from the Local Media
- 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 10point 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 Alabama/Mississippi 2016”.
- Only the winning sample will be announced. Samples will not be ranked, nor will scores be released. The AL/MS 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.