American Water Works Association
VirginiaSection

Hydrant Hysteria Competition Update

August 19, 2025

Due to ongoing negotiations with event sponsors, the AWWA has decided to put the Hydrant Hysteria Competition on hold. We can confirm that the competition will not be held at the upcoming 2026 ACE Conference in Washington, D.C.

We understand that this may be disappointing, and we regret any inconvenience this may cause. We all know that the Hydrant Hysteria Competition is an extremely popular event that showcases the best of both competition and teamwork. It is an event that we all value, and we sincerely hope that it will continue in the future.

For this year, the Virginia Section will, however, still be holding our section Hydrant Hysteria competition at the Distribution Systems Committee Seminar and Utility Rodeo this upcoming October in Roanoke. The winners of this competition will receive a stipend to attend the ACE conference in Washington, D.C., but please note that they will not be competing in a national competition.

If you should have any questions, comments, or other concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Rodeo Competitions Head Judge, Chris Carey (chris.carey@westernvawater.org).