

**Are you a water treatment plant professional?** Test your knowledge and compete in the annual Virginia Section AWWA Top Ops Competition!

**Are you a water treatment plant manager?** Send a team in the spirit of friendly competition!

### **What is Top Ops?**

Top Ops is the “college bowl” of the water industry. Teams of one, two or three water operators or lab personnel from all AWWA Sections compete against each other in a fast-paced question-and-answer tournament. A moderator poses a broad range of technical questions and math problems, and the team scoring the most points in the championship round is awarded the Top Ops Championship.

### **Where is the 2024 Virginia Section AWWA Top Ops Competition Held?**

The Virginia Section AWWA Top Ops is held at the annual Plant Operations Conference in Virginia Beach on May 8-10. A practice round is held on day 2 (May 9) and then final round is held on day 3 (May 10) of the conference.

### **What water professionals are eligible to compete?**

Full-time water treatment plant or water distribution employees that hold a valid water operator, laboratory and/or distribution certification in their jurisdiction. Team members do not need to be employed by the same water authority.

### **What water professionals are not eligible to compete?**

Senior employees with a job function higher than a first line supervisor and engineers unless they are actively working as a full-time operator.

### **How do I sign up?**

Individuals or teams can sign up for Top Ops when registering for the Plant Operations Conference [24th Annual Plant Operations Conference | Virginia Section American Water Works Association \(vaawwa.org\)](https://www.vaawwa.org). Attending as an individual but want to compete as a team? No problem! We can match you with other individual competitors! There are no additional fees to compete!

### **Is it fun and what do the winners receive?**

You bet it's fun! The winning team receives an invitation to the national Top Ops competition held at the AWWA's Annual Conference and Expo (ACE) and up to \$3000 towards ACE travel and expenses.

### **Have more questions about Top Ops?**

The complete Top Ops rules and regulations are available at [Top Ops Rules | ACE \(awwa.org\)](https://www.ace.wwa.org). You can also reach out to the Virginia Section Plant Operations Committee Chair, Thomas Barger, [tbarger@rivanna.org](mailto:tbarger@rivanna.org).

