

2026 Jigsaw Puzzle Competition Rules

The 1st Place team will be the one who finishes a **500-piece** jigsaw puzzle in the shortest time, or in the case of no team finishing within the maximum period of **2 hours**, the team who has placed the most pieces correctly.

The individual registration fee is \$30 .

Teams

Teams must be composed of 4 people. **No team changes will be allowed during the competition.** Registration fee is \$30 **per person.** The amount includes the use of one 500-piece jigsaw puzzle for the team and a box lunch for each participant.

If an individual or couple wishes to enter the competition, they will be assigned to a team by the organization. If a complete team cannot be assigned before the registration deadline, they will be asked if they wish to be kept on a wait list in case an opening is available. If not, the registration fees will be refunded to those individuals. If they wish to be on a wait list, teams will be created up to 15 days prior to the competition. At this time any individual NOT assigned to a team will be refunded their registration.

Prizes

- 1ST PLACE team To Be Announced
- 2ND PLACE team To Be Announced
- 3RD PLACE team To Be Announced

General Conditions

- [Registration](#)
- Registration begins on 7/01/2026 at 12:00 AM EST and closes 9/04/2026 at 12:01 AM EST or once the participant quota is filled.
- Individuals **aged 14 or older** may register as a member of a team. Minors 14 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult member of the team (see Parental Permission form).
- Registration is considered final, with a reserved table, when confirmed by email to the participants.
- The organization may reassign participants who fail to take their place or are absent 10 minutes before the competition begins, with no compensation or refund granted to the participant.
- In the event of cancellation or postponement of the competition due to circumstances beyond the organization's control, the organization will not be responsible for indirect expenses incurred by participants, apart from reimbursing paid registration fees.
- If a participant cancels their registration, a refund will only be granted for cancellations made up to 15 days before the competition begins.
- The organization reserves the right to deny registration, participation, and entry to the venue to individuals who may disrupt the event or have demonstrated behavior contrary to the organization's principles.

- [Competition Area](#)

- Access to the competition area is restricted to participants, judges, and authorized personnel with proper accreditation.
- All tables will be numbered and display the names and city of origin of the participants.
- Participants must report to the competition area 15 minutes before the start of the competition.
- The use of boosters or any objects that alter the height or layout of the tables is not allowed.
- For shared tables, participants may not encroach on the space of adjacent competitors or hinder their puzzle assembly. Severe interference may result in disqualification.
- The organization may reserve tables for non-competitive guest use.
- Bringing food into the competition area is prohibited while the competition is in progress. Drinks are permitted as long as they have a method of closure that prevents spillage when not in use. No open cans or glasses containing liquids are permitted.
- During the round, participants may leave the competition area for restroom breaks or to rest, but no player substitutions are allowed, and the time will continue to count as if the participant were actively competing.

- [Start of the competition](#)

- Participants may not remove the puzzle from the bag, unseal, or open the box until the presenter or head judge signals the start of the competition and the timer begins.
- If sealed puzzles (with shrink wrap or side adhesives) are provided, the organization will supply a tool for opening the boxes. Under no circumstances may participants use scissors, box cutters, knives, or any sharp or pointed objects that could cause injuries or pose a risk to their safety of themselves or others.

- [Permitted Accessories](#)

- Participants are not allowed to use extra lighting or any mechanical or digital devices that assist in puzzle assembly.
- The use of printed templates with a 1:1 scale image of the puzzle, templates showing the manufacturer's cutting pattern, or any printed document that provides information about the morphology of the pieces in each position - even if included with the product - is prohibited.
- **Digital devices (smartphones, tablets, etc.) cannot be used to view or magnify the puzzle image.**
- For puzzles with 500 pieces, participants may use up to 2 trays made of cardboard, foam, or other materials, with a maximum size of A3(11.7 x 16.5 inches per tray).
- Supports for the puzzle box lid to hold it in a comfortable position are permitted.
- Any assistance during the competition from individuals not registered as participants may result in disqualification.
- The use of magnifying glasses and prescription glasses with magnification is allowed.
- Headphones are permitted as long as they do not disturb other participants.

- [During the competition](#)

- Singing or shouting is prohibited. The organization may disqualify participants who are repeatedly warned for improper conduct.
- Pets are not allowed in the competition area.

- The organization will release the Team assignments 10-15 days before the competition begins and notify each participant via email of their assigned group Team members and table number.
- [Data Protection](#)
- The applicant agrees that their name, city, and age may appear on the participant list for the competition, and in any other digital or printed publications related to the competition. Additionally, the applicant authorizes the organization to use their image in photographs, videos, or any other recorded media during the event for the promotion of any future competitions.
- All published images and videos are the intellectual property of the organization.
- When possible, the organization recommends that team members wear the same shirt design or color.
- The organization is not responsible for lost items during the competition.
- Participation in the competition implies full acceptance of these rules. Any issues not covered in the rules will be resolved by the organization.

FAQ

Is possible to participate online?

No, it is an on-site competition.

Is there a minimum level of expertise required to participate?

No, any person older than 14 years old can participate in the competition as a member of a team. Minors must be accompanied by the adult participant of the team named on the Parental Permission form.

Is anything covered by organizers from travel & accommodation costs or food during competition?

The registration fee only covers the right to participate and the box lunch provided before the competition.

Does the organization provide cardboards or trays to help classify pieces during the competition?

No, each participant should bring their own, taking into account the maximum authorized size and number, or use the puzzle boxes.

Can I change team partners?

You can make team changes you wish up to 15 Days before the competition. You can do it by notifying the competition Host organization via the telephone number(s) provided.

Can I have a refund if I cancel my Registration?

Only paid registrations up to 15 days before the start of the competition may have a right of refund of the registration fee.

Can I listen to music with headphones during the competition?

Yes, if your team members agree, although we recommend not using them at the beginning or end of the competition to be attentive to the organization's notices.