

## JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION RULES General Rules:

- There are to be no aids used or assistance from non-team members.
- Any questions about the rules or issues regarding enforcement of the rules should be brought to the attention of the competition judges so that an official ruling can be made.
- Each team will have an identical puzzle.
- Tables have been pre-assigned.
- Puzzles are to remain in a sealed bag in the middle of the table until the judge indicates that it is time to start.
- No members of the public are allowed in the viewing area or on the competition floor.

### Teams:

- There are 2 team categories: 2 person and 4 person. Breaks:
  - There will be no official breaks but team members are permitted to take breaks throughout the competition as needed.
  - Teams are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to the tournament. • Team members should not distract members of other teams.
  - In the event of emergency, the time clock will be paused and work on the puzzles will cease until the judge declares that it is safe to resume.
- ### Winning and Awards:
- The first 2 or 4 person team to complete its puzzle (all pieces assembled correctly) will be declared the winner in their division.
  - Puzzle assembly will continue until the 1st and 2nd runner up positions have been determined. Awards will be handed out at that time.
  - If desired, non-winning teams will be permitted to continue assembly of their puzzle until 11 PM.
  - If time runs out before a team completes their puzzle, the team with the fewest “loose” pieces will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, a 5 minute sudden death round will be conducted and loose pieces will be counted again.
  - The decision of the judges are final.