



PUZZLE PALOOZA OFFICIAL 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 supervisor 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 their sealed box in the middle of the table until the judge indicates that it is time to start.
- No non team members are allowed to be at the table.

Teams

- Teams are to consist of no more than four people.
- Prior to the start of the competition someone may take the place of a previously registered team member. After the start of the competition, no substitutions will be allowed.

Breaks

- There will be no official breaks, however team members are permitted to take breaks as needed.
- Team members should not distract members of other teams while on break.
- In the event of an emergency, the time clock will be paused and work on the puzzles will cease until the supervisor declares it is safe to continue.

Winning and Awards

- The first team to complete their puzzle (all pieces assembled correctly) wins!
- Puzzle assembly may continue until 8:00pm after the winner is declared if desired.
- 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.
- All decisions of the supervisor are final.

