

First Universalist Society in Franklin

JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION RULES

and Misc Information - JANUARY 2026

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.
- Puzzles are to remain in a sealed bag in the middle of the table until the judge indicates that it is time to start.
- Team members should not distract members of other teams.
- Onlookers are not permitted in puzzling competition area to avoid distracting teams.
- There will be no official breaks, but team members are permitted to take breaks throughout the competition as needed.
- If you complete your puzzle, ring the bell on your table and a judge will come to check your puzzle.

Winning and Awards:

- The first team to complete its puzzle (all pieces assembled correctly) will be declared the winner.
- Puzzle assembly will continue until 1st, 2nd and 3rd place has been determined as complete and correct by the judges.
- Awards will be handed out at that time. Teams will receive a new puzzle as a prize. They can select, in order of 1st, 2nd, third place teams, from available prizes.
- If desired, non-winning teams will be permitted to continue assembly of their puzzle until 7:45PM.
- 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 decisions of the judges are final.

Misc Information:

- Teams can bring their own puzzle piece sorting aids.
- Light snacks and water will be provided but Teams are welcome to bring their own.

Be sure to have fun!