




# WISCONSIN STATE JIGSAW PUZZLE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Frequently Asked Questions

 Official Rules

### Competition Registration

#### **How long will registration be open? Is there a registration closing date?**

Registration will open on Saturday, September 20th, 2025 and close when the events are full or on November 21, 2025.

#### **Do I have to know who will be my Pair/on my Team when I register?**

No, the form will only ask for the team captain. If you do know who will be on your team, you can put that information into the more info column.

#### **Does everyone in a pair or on a team need to register?**

No, only one person from each pair/team needs to register and pay the registration fee for the pair/team event.

#### **I am still looking for a pair and/or teammates, where can I find someone?**

We recommend posting within the [Wisconsin Jigsaw Puzzle Association \(WI-JPA\) Group](#).

#### **Is there a minimum age required to participate?**

Yes. For the individual competition, the competitor must be at least 16 years old to participate. For the pair and team events, there is no age requirement as long as someone on the team is over 18.

#### **Who is eligible to participate?**

At least one individual for a pair/team must be current Wisconsin residents, individual contestants participating in solo division must be a Wisconsin resident. Participants outside of Wisconsin are able to participate but are not eligible for prizes.

### Logistics

#### **When is the Wisconsin State Jigsaw Puzzle Championships happening?**

Wisconsin State Jigsaw Puzzle Championships will be held on Saturday November 22nd 2025.



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## **Where is the Wisconsin State Jigsaw Puzzle Championships happening?**

Wisconsin State Jigsaw Puzzle Championships will be held at the Mary Beth Nienhaus Community Room in the Appleton Public Library at 200 N Appleton St, Appleton, WI 54911.

## **What is the cost?**

Solo division registration fee is \$20 per person.

Pair division registration fee is \$30 per pair.

Team division registration fee is \$40 per team.

## **What is the schedule?**

9:30AM - 10:00AM - Solo Check-in

10:00AM-12:00PM - Solo Division

12:00PM - 12:45PM - Lunch Break

12:45PM - 1:00PM - Pairs Check-in

1:00PM - 2:30PM - Pairs Division

2:30PM - 2:45PM - Afternoon Break

2:45PM - 3:00PM - Team Check-in

3:00PM - 4:30PM - Teams Division

## **What brand of puzzles will be used?**

Solo Division will use a Eurographics 500 piece puzzle provided by Eurographics.

Pairs Division will use a Ravensburger 500 piece puzzle provided by Ravensburger.

Team Division will use a Ravensburger 500 piece puzzle provided by Game Board Barrister.

## **Do I get to keep the puzzle?**

Yes, each division will get to keep their puzzle. It is up to each pair/team to decide who will get to take the puzzle home for group divisions.

## **What is the parking situation?**

Downtown Appleton has multiple parking ramps, the closest is the **YELLOW RAMP** located at 130 East Washington Street Appleton WI. The parking ramp accepts credit cards and costs \$3.00 for less than 4 hrs, and \$6.00 for more than 4 hrs. Please park in the ramp if doing multiple events as the spots reserved for the library have a 3 hr time limit and street parking has a 2 hr limit. Find more information about parking in Appleton [here](#).

## **Where can I stay overnight?**

We have arranged for a hotel block at both Hilton Appleton Paper Valley and Copper Leaf. Hilton Appleton Paper Valley is offering a rate of \$119 for a King Room and \$139



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for a Double Queen room. Copper Leaf is offering a rate of \$145 for a King Room or Double Queen Room. The above rates do not include taxes and fees. Rooms must be booked by October 21, 2025 to receive the above rate. In order to book at Hilton Appleton Paper Valley please click [here](#), for Copper Leaf please click [here](#). The code for Hilton Appleton Paper Valley is PUZZLE, if needed.

## **Is the venue accessible?**

There is accessible onsite parking, accessible bathrooms available and the competition space is accessible. If you have questions or concerns about how you can best compete, please contact [wisconsinjpa@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinjpa@gmail.com).

## **How will lunch work?**

There will be an official lunch break from 12pm-12:45pm, as this is not a very long period of time, we have arranged for pizza and some refreshments to be available for lunch. We are asking for a \$5 fee per person for provided lunch. Lunch will consist of 2 slices of pizza. Lunch must be pre-purchased in order to guarantee food.

## **Do I get a T-Shirt?**

There is an exclusive 2025 Wisconsin State Jigsaw Puzzle Championship T-Shirt. These shirts are not included in the registration cost, but can be purchased for \$20 dollars each. T-Shirts are available in sizes XS-4XL. T-Shirts must be pre-purchased in order to guarantee correct size.

## **I no longer can make it, can I get a refund?**

The registration fee is non-refundable. If you can no longer attend, we will be able to make arrangements to get you the puzzle after the event. Please email us at [wisconsinjpa@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinjpa@gmail.com) and let us know and we will work on getting you the respective puzzle after the event. If you would like to change the name on your registration to some other puzzler please email us at [wisconsinjpa@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinjpa@gmail.com) and we can arrange that, but will not be able to offer a refund.

## **Other**

### **Can I bring in outside food and drink?**

Yes, you may bring in outside food and drink. Please be respectful of the space and other puzzlers. No alcohol is allowed on the property.

### **Will there be a virtual component to this competition?**

No, it is only an in-person competition.\*



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## **I can't make it this year. Will this be a regular event?**

We hope to make this a regular event, moving around the state to help make it accessible for everyone in Wisconsin.

\* If the event has to be canceled because of weather, there **may** be a virtual component. View cancellation policy [here](#).

## **Do I need to compete in this event in order to attend the USA JPA Nationals?**

No. Registering for the USA Jigsaw Puzzle Association Nationals is a separate event and handled through the USA JPA.

## **What are the prizes for the competition winners?**

Prizes will be awarded to puzzlers finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division. There will be a variety of prizes including but not limited to puzzles, gift cards to a variety of puzzle/game stores, and gift cards to local community stores (i.e. culvers, kwiktrip).

## **Are there door prizes?**

Yes, there will be a selection of prizes set aside for random drawing. Individuals will need to enter at a separate table at the event. There will be at least one drawing per division.

## **Is it possible to substitute for other participants during the competition?**

No. Once each division starts, the puzzlers at the table are the only puzzlers eligible to work on the puzzles. If a puzzler is running late, they may join their pair/team after the competition starts, but only if there is not someone else competing for them.

## **Can anyone come and spectate at the competition?**

Yes, anyone is able to come and watch fellow puzzlers. They may be required to stay out of the official competition area and spectate from the side. WI-JPA reserves the right to deny entry to spectators if we reach capacity.

## **Is video recording and photography allowed at the competition?**

You may record yourself as long as it does not interfere with other competitors or the judges ability to monitor the event. WI-JPA will be taking pictures and video for official promotional use.

## **What happens with the results of this competition? Will it affect my JPAR?**

We will be posting the results on our website after the event. This is not a sanctioned event, so it will not affect your official JPAR score.

## **I have more questions. Who can I contact?**

Please email us at [wisconsinjpa@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinjpa@gmail.com)



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