

# BGK Solo & Team Puzzle Challenge — Official Rules

## SOLO TIMED PUZZLE CHALLENGE

### 1. Format

- Solo challengers may attempt the puzzle anytime between 2–6 PM.
- Each player receives a puzzle sized 50–100 pieces.
- Timer starts when the puzzle box is opened.
- Players work alone; no help allowed.

### 2. Puzzle Sizes

- Standard: 50–100 pieces
- Hard Mode (select weeks): 100–150 pieces

### 3. Time Limits

- 50–100 pieces: 20-minute cap
- 100–150 pieces: 30-minute cap

If finished early, the completion time is the score.

If not finished, scoring follows incomplete puzzle rules.

### 4. Scoring

If finished:

- Completion time is the score.

If not finished:

- Score is based on number of correctly placed pieces.
- Only fully connected, correctly positioned pieces count.
- Loose or “almost” pieces do not count.

Tie-breaker:

- If two players have the same number of pieces placed, they share that week’s ranking position.

### 5. Restrictions

- No phones, reference images, or outside help.
- Hands must stay within your puzzle area.
- You may rotate the board, but you may not stand or move around the table.

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## TEAM PUZZLE RACE

### 1. Format

- Teams of 1–4 players may attempt the challenge anytime between 2–6 PM.
- Each team receives a puzzle sized 100–150 pieces.
- Timer starts when the puzzle box is opened.
- Talking and strategizing are allowed.

### 2. Puzzle Sizes

- Standard: 100–150 pieces
- Hard Mode (special weeks): 200 pieces

### 3. Time Limits

- 100–150 pieces: 25-minute cap
- 200 pieces: 35-minute cap

If finished early, the completion time is the score.

If not finished, scoring follows incomplete puzzle rules.

### 4. Scoring

If finished:

- Completion time is the score.

If not finished:

- Score is based on number of correctly placed pieces.
- Only fully connected, correctly positioned pieces count.

Tie-breaker:

- If two teams have the same number of pieces placed, they share that week's ranking position.

### 5. Team Rules

- All hands must stay within the team's puzzle area.
- No swapping pieces with other teams.
- No outside help or reference images.
- Teams may not split the puzzle across multiple tables.

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## SHARED RULES (SOLO + TEAM)

### Leaderboard Points

- 1st place — 5 points
- 2nd place — 3 points
- 3rd place — 2 points
- Participation — 1 point

### Championship Week (May 26) — Double Points

- 1st = 10
- 2nd = 6
- 3rd = 4
- Participation = 2

### Season Length

- 7-week season
- April 14 – May 26
- Leaderboard updates every Tuesday at closing.

### Fair Play

- No phones or outside references.
- No touching other players' puzzles.
- Staff rulings are final.
- Friendly competition only — BGK is a community space.