

CITY OF MCALLEN
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GOLDEN AGE OLYMPICS
CROSSWORD PUZZLE SERIES

1. Participants will be given 90 minutes to complete the crossword puzzle. Time updates will be given at the 45 minute mark, 30 minute mark, and every five minutes thereafter. When time is called, all uncompleted work must be stopped and turned into for scoring.
2. Participants may not bring in any outside aides such as a dictionary, thesaurus, or any other electronic devices (palm pilots; etc) that could provide answers and thus aid the user. All answers must be provided by the participant own cerebral abilities Anyone found to be using such aides will be disqualified.
3. Scores will be determined by deducting any incorrect blocks from the total workable blocks in each crossword. Speed of completion will be recognized by adding bonus points to the individual scores based on the following timetable. Completion under sixty minutes + 10 points; under seventy minutes +5 points; under seventy-five minutes +3 points; under eighty minutes +2 points. No bonus points will be awarded for finishing the puzzle within the last ten minutes of the allotted time. The individual with the fewest total incorrect blocks combined with any bonus points earned over the course of the four puzzle series will be the overall winner. The following is an example of what a combined score from a participant may look like:

Puzzle One:	Bonus + 2; Incorrect Blocks -4; Net -2
Puzzle Two:	Bonus + 3; Incorrect Blocks -7; Net -4
Puzzle Three:	Bonus + 0; Incorrect Blocks -12; Net -12
Puzzle Four:	Bonus + 5; Incorrect Blocks -2; Net +3
	OVERALL SCORE: -13
4. Participants are urged to write legibly. If the judges cannot definitively make out your letter in a specific block, the block will be marked as incorrect and a deduction made. Parks and Recreation staff overseeing the event will be the sole judge(s) as to the whether a deduction for legible handwriting is necessary.
5. Puzzles and newsprint will be enlarged from normal newsprint size to make reading the clues easier, if you need additional enlargement, please request a larger copy from Parks and Recreation staff.