Missoula 2021 Risk Management Plan:

Return to Competitions:

1. Montana does not currently have any restrictions pertaining to events being held. There are instead suggested guidelines for events, which can be found here. The City of Missoula has information here.
2. The University of Montana hosting the competition has a mask mandate indoor.
3. The University of Montana has informed us that given the current situations we can have 164 people, so we will limit spectators to one spectator per competitor for 70 competitors (140 people maximum).

Holding of Competitions:

1. General
    1.1. All attendees will be encouraged to keep a distance of 3 feet (or 1 meter) for the duration of the event. We will also encourage competitors who are eligible for vaccination to receive a vaccination.
    1.2. We will purchase a box of disposable masks for competitors to take if they need one as well as encourage competitors to wear masks throughout the duration of the competition regardless if they are vaccinated, competing, or staffing. We will still also encourage competitors who are eligible for vaccination to receive a vaccination.
    1.3. We will supply plenty of hand sanitizer for competitors to sanitize their hands at the entrance of the competition venue. We will encourage competitors to use it throughout the competition. We will also supply hand sanitizer specifically for staff. This hand sanitizer will be located at the scrambling table. Hand sanitizer will additionally be offered to all competitors and judges currently competing by request. This will be announced at the competition.
    1.4. Our site will mention that any competitors with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the competition. Additionally, an email will be sent out prior to the competition to all competitors additionally advising that any competitors with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the competition. Any competitors attending the competition with symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to leave the venue.
    1.5. Registration will be entirely online.
2. Competitors
    2.1. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be present and available for competitors to disinfect their puzzles at their station in between groups. For the duration of their attempts, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available by request. We will encourage the disinfecting of their cubes throughout the day. The typical “cube drop off table” will be each individual station, where competitors will wait.
    2.2. Competitors should refrain from touching the competition surface when they are not in the process of an official attempt.
    2.3. We will inform the competitors during the competitor tutorial at the beginning of the day that it is the competitor’s responsibility to return the puzzle to the cover after the completion of the attempt.
    2.4. In addition to informing competitors that they may bring their own cover (such as a clear plastic) to place over the competition supplied mat or timer provided the function

of the equipment is not affected, a plastic wrap will be available for competitors upon request by the organization team.

2.7. Competitors should supply their own pens; however, the organization team will still supply pens as required.

Competitors will be informed to read the competition safety policy, especially focusing on the "Competitors" section. This will be done on our website, in an email to competitors prior to the competition, as well as during the competitor tutorial.

3. Officials
   - 3.1. For judges, we will ensure:
     - 3.1.1. Each competitor will have the same judge for all of their solves in a particular round.
       - 3.1.1.1. Exceptions: If a judge must leave, they will be replaced, or if an incident requires it.
     - 3.1.2. Judges will be asked to maintain a distance of at least 3 feet (1 meter) from a competitor when they are not required to be closer.
     - 3.1.3. We will suggest to all competitors to bring their own pens, but we will still supply pens as required.
     - 3.1.4. We will encourage our judges that they use cubing.net/inspection on their personal phones to time inspection but will still provide stopwatches as required.
   - 3.2. For scramblers, we will ensure:
     - 3.2.1. Scramblers are no closer than 3 feet (1 meter)
     - 3.2.2. Hand sanitizer will be available at the scrambling station
     - 3.2.3. As in 3.1.3, all competitors will be asked to bring their own pens, but we will still supply pens as required.

     In addition, scrambles will be maintained on a laptop with an external mouse. Scramblers will be asked to only interact with the laptop with the mouse. The mouse will be sanitized when scramblers are swapped out.
   - 3.3. For Runners, we will ensure:
     - 3.3.1. Runners should maintain 3 feet (1 meter) from others except when necessary.
     - 3.3.2. Runners will not come into contact with the puzzle unless necessary
     - 3.3.3. Runners will have access to hand sanitizer through the sanitizer at the scrambling station.
4. Spectators
   - 4.1. Competitors can bring one unique guest each.
   - 4.2. Spectators who are not associated with a registered competitor will not be allowed in the venue.
   - 4.3. To validate both above points, one staff member will be at the front at all times. Guests of competitors will have their wrist stamped to show their approval.
5. Venue Layout
   - 5.1. The venue has great ventilation.
   - 5.2. In regarding to competition stations:
     - 5.2.1. There will only be one solving station per table.
     - 5.2.2. Tables will not be within 6 feet (2 meters) of any other table.

5.2.3. There will not be a competitor waiting area. Groups will be the same size as the number of stations we are running.
5.2.4. Judging seats will be kept 3 feet (1 meter) from the competitor's seat.
5.2.5. Stations and equipment will be disinfected between each group.

5.3. Sanitization areas will be available throughout the venue including the entrances, scrambling area, and throughout the venue. Sanitization will be accessible from the solving stations as well.

6. Schedule

6.1. Considerations made:

6.1.1. An increase in consideration of time between groups.
6.1.2. Fewer events in the schedule than usual.
6.1.3. Estimated time (for the expected time calculator being used) is increased to take into account that stations will not always be filled due to the 'stationary' nature of this competition.