

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba, January 12, 2017

Committee Members

Mike Berutti, Iron River
Gary Brayak, Rock-Mid Peninsula
Christopher Hartman, Iron Mountain
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Bruce Horsch, Houghton

Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jeff Markham, Baraga
Al Unger, Kingsford

Staff

Nate Hampton

Committee Responsibilities

The role of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee is to assist in the planning for Upper Peninsula schools to participate in either the MHSAA Upper Peninsula or the state-wide post-season tournament. The committee will assist in tournament site selection, placement of schools within the tournament and select game officials to be invited to work all levels of tournament competition.

Mr. Sean Jacques, Calumet, chaired the meeting. Following the welcome of new committee member, Bruce Horsch, Houghton, the committee reviewed the meeting materials and the following business was conducted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The minutes of the December 2016 Representative Council were reviewed.
The minutes of the January 2016 and September 2016 UP Athletic Committee were reviewed.
Regional Basketball Trophy Presenters – Host Managers

COMPETITIVE CHEER

District 11 – Div. 2 hosted by St Johns HS, Feb. 17, 2017 @ 6 pm
District 17 – Div. 3 hosted by Freeland HS, Feb. 18, 2017 @ 4 pm
District 24 – Div. 4 hosted by East Jordan HS, Feb. 17, 2017 @ 6 pm
Regionals – Feb. 28, 2017
Finals – DeltaPlex – Grand Rapids, March 3-4, 2017

UP CROSS COUNTRY

2017 Host Munising HS - Oct. 21, 2017

UP GOLF

UP Finals – May 31- June 3, 2017
Div. 1 – Marquette HS
Div. 2 – West Iron County HS
Div. 3 – Rock Mid-Peninsula HS

GYMNASTICS

Regionals – Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills HS, March 4, 2017 @ 10 am
Finals – Plymouth Canton HS, March 10-11, 2017

ICE HOCKEY

Div. 2 Pre-Regional 17 – Non-Traditional Draw – Top Line Host, Marquette Feb. 28 & March 2, 2017
Div. 3 Regional – Calumet @ Michigan Tech Feb. 27-March 2, 2017
Div. 3 Quarterfinals on March 8, 2017 @ Marquette or Sault Ste Marie
Semifinals & Finals – March 9-10, 2017 – USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth

Regional official's selection made by host managers.

UP SWIMMING AND DIVE

Finals – Feb 18, 2017 – Marquette HS

UP TENNIS

Boys Tennis – May 31, June 1, 2 or 3, 2017

Div. 1 –Negaunee HS

Div. 2 –Iron Mountain HS

Girls Tennis – Sept. 27-30, 2017

Div. 1 – Negaunee HS

Div. 2 – Iron Mountain HS

UP TRACK & FIELD SITE SELECTION

Regionals – May 31 or June 1 or 2 or 3, 2017

Div. 1 – Regional 41 Escanaba HS

Div. 1 – Regional 42 Ishpeming Westwood HS

Div. 2 – Regional 43 Ishpeming HS

Div. 2 – Regional 44 St Ignace HS

Div. 3 – Regional 45 Pickford HS

Div. 3 – Regional 46 Rapid River HS

Div. 3 – Regional 47 Wakefield HS

Div. 3 – Regional 48 Felch North Dickinson HS

Finals – June 3, 2017 – KingsfordHS

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8 Player Football – The committee discussed at length the growth of 8-Player Football and the effect on 11-Player teams scheduling. It was reported that there are only two UP Class D teams using the 11-Player format, while 15 other Class D schools and one Class C school participate in the 8-Player format.

The discussion also presented the possibility of dividing the more than 60 8-Player participating schools into two divisions by enrollment, maintaining a four-week tournament format and consider a maximum enrollment number that may include some smaller Class C schools.

Other concerns included the length of 8-Player contest and the notification of some officials that they will no longer work 8-Player games as some are lasting over three hours.

Given the concern for 8-Player game length, some thought that we might consider the following:

1. Play on a regulation field which may eliminate clock stoppage on out of bounds plays
2. Mandate a :40 second clock. This would add more consistency to official's game management.

Athletic Director Assistants In-service – Mr. Sean Jacques has asked the MHSAA staff to consider presenting and Athletic Assistants In-service in conjunction with the annual Athletic Directors In-service. The assistant's in-service will be held on April 27, 2017 and will include elements of ArbiterGame initiative. The Athletic Director In-service is scheduled for April 28 in Gladstone.

Basketball Officials Selection - One Upper Peninsula official was selected for the Final Round of both the Girls and Boys Tournament.

One Upper Peninsula official was selected for the Semifinal Round of both the Girls and Boys Tournament.

Five Upper Peninsula officials were selected for both the Girls and Boys Quarterfinal Round.

The committee selected officials for all Upper Peninsula Regionals and Districts.

Selection Criteria:

Officials must be MHSAA registered for the current year.

Officials must have current credit for MHSAA Basketball Rules Meeting.

Officials must have the required ratings.

Note 1: In cases of extreme need MHSAA staff may waive the criteria for ratings.

Note 2: Selected officials for Quarterfinals through Finals must also have completed the required exam with a minimum score of 80%.

Next Meeting April 21, 2017, Escanaba