

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba April 19, 2018

Members Present

Mike Berutti, Iron River
Jon Beckman, Ishpeming
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Chris Hartman, Iron Mountain
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jeff Markham, Baraga
Nick Nolde, Escanaba
Rick Pepin, Rapid River
Al Unger, Kingsford

Staff Member

Nate Hampton, Recorder

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 statewide postseason tournament.

Mr. Don Gustafson, chaired the meeting. Following the welcome and review of meeting materials, the following business was conducted.

ENROLLMENT LISTINGS FOR UPPER PENINSULA SCHOOLS

The committee made note that several UP schools changed Class/Division based on these latest enrollment figures for the 2018-19 school year. Of specific note was the determination that Boys/Girls basketball and Volleyball are now classified as divisions 1, 2, 3 or 4 rather than by Class A, B, C or D.

RECOMMENDED TOURNAMENT HOSTS FOR 2018-19

Pending review of both the MHSAA staff and respective Site Selection Committees

Cross Country

Munising High School will host Finals on Oct. 20, 2018.

Swim and Dive

Marquette will host Finals in 2018-19.

Boys & Girls Tennis

Girls Oct. 3-6, 2018
Division 1 – Kingsford
Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

Boys June 1-2, 2019
Division 1 – Kingsford
Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

Volleyball

<u>DIVISION 1</u>		
District 1	Pre-determined Draw	Non-Traditional Draw

<u>DIVISION 2</u>		
District 33	Gladstone	Non-Traditional Draw

<u>DIVISION 3</u>		
District 65	Norway	
District 66	Bark River-Harris	Non-Traditional Draw

<u>DIVISION 4</u>		
District 97	Watersmeet	
District 98	Baraga	

District 99 Carney-Nadeau
 District 100 Rock-Mid Peninsula
 District 101 Rudyard
 District 102 Pickford

Regionals

Division 2 #9 Non-Traditional Manistique/Petoskey, Finals Gaylord
 Division 3 #17 Non-Traditional Marquette/Gaylord, Finals Manistique
 Division 4 #25 Ishpeming Westwood Brimley
 Division 4 #26 Brimley

Quarterfinals

Division 4 #13 Manistique or Sault Ste Marie

Basketball

<u>DIVISION 1</u>	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
District 1	TBA	(Non-Traditional)	TBA
<u>DIVISION 2</u>			
District 33	Gladstone	(Non-Traditional)	Gladstone
<u>DIVISION 3</u>			
District 65	Calumet		Ironwood
District 66	Gwinn	(Non-Traditional)	Manistique
<u>DIVISION 4</u>			
District 97	Bessemer AD Johnston		Ewen-Trout Creek
District 98	Chassell		Chassell
District 99	Felch-North Dickinson		Crystal Falls-Forest Park
District 100	Rapid River		Rock-Mid Peninsula
District 101	Engadine		Rudyard
District 102	St Ignace		Pickford

Regionals

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Division 2 #9	Manistique/Petoskey, F-Gaylord (NT)	Manistique/Gaylord, F-Petoskey
Division 3 #17	Escanaba/Gaylord, F-Sault Ste Marie	Marquette/Petoskey, F-Sault Ste Marie
Division 4 #25	Kingsford	Negaunee
Division 4 #26	Pellston	St Ignace

Quarterfinals

Division 4 #13 Marquette or Sault Ste. Marie Escanaba or Sault Ste. Marie

Non-Traditional Draw – The committee reviewed materials that the Representative Council will discuss relating to Non-Traditional Draws:
 Council will discuss – (1) if Non-Traditional draws in MHSAA Tournaments will be determined a specific directive of the MHSAA Council and/or Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee or (2) unilateral decision of each MHSAA designated host school or (3) a decision made by mutual agreement of all schools assigned to the tournament. Or (4) allowed when, following the draw and during tournament competition, any two teams agree and have approval of both the MHSAA and the MHSAA designated host manager, and when travel distance is the concern.

8-Player Football Discussion

The Representative Council at its May meeting will discuss survey results relating to 8-Player Football scheduling. The survey was sent to all current Class D schools that participate in 11-Player Football as well as all schools that sponsor 8-Player Football.

The MHSAA staff developed two plans, and if either is strongly supported by schools which sponsor 8-Player programs, it could be implemented beginning with the 2019 and 2022 seasons.

Plan A proposes classification and geography

- Class D schools to be placed in one of two divisions based on enrollment prior to the start of the season.
- Schools in each division to be placed in one of four “scheduling sections” based on geography. Regular season schedules to be established. Each school will be required to schedule the other schools in their “scheduling section”.
- A two year commitment will be required
- If schedule openings occur, these dates can be filled by cross scheduling with other sections.

Plan B is very much like Plan A except that scheduling sections would be based on geography only. Travel may be less, but ranges of enrollment would be greater.

Additional Discussion Items

1. Weather Related Concerns – The committee discussed the number of competition cancellations experienced this spring due to extreme weather conditions. The committee was reminded of a 2014 discussion and request to the Executive Committee requesting relief from the required four contest against MHSAA member schools. Sports with concerns are golf, tennis and track and field.

The committee request waiver to the MHSAA tournament requirement of four contest for all spring sports. 8-0 in Favor

2. Seeding Basketball District Tournament – The committee discussed the proposed seeding of the top two teams in each basketball district. There was no consensus as to the positive or negative merits of the proposal.

Recommendation to the MHSAA Executive Committee

The committee request waiver of the MHSAA tournament requirement of four contest for all spring sports due to extreme weather conditions.

Recommendation to the MHSAA Representative Council

The committee recommends an alternative to the discussion of non-traditional district draws for volleyball and basketball. Considering geography and the desires of member schools that make up UP districts, ALL Upper Peninsula districts will utilize the established non-traditional format unless ALL schools within a specific district agree to the traditional format.

This would apply to districts currently numbered as 1, 33, 65, 66, 97, 98, 99,100,101 and 102.
8-0 in Favor

The next Upper Peninsula Committee Meeting will be held on September 26, 2018 in Escanaba.