

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba, January 11, 2018

Committee Members

Jon Beckman, Ishpeming
Mike Berutti, Iron River
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jeff Markham, Baraga

Nick Nolde, Escanaba
Rick Pepin, Rapid River
Al Unger, Kingsford

Absent: Bruce Horsch, Houghton
MHSAA 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 the committee reviewed the meeting materials and the following business was conducted.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The minutes of the December 2017 Representative Council were reviewed.
The minutes of the January 2017 and September 2017 UP Athletic Committee were reviewed.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

District 11 – Div. 2 hosted by Mt. Pleasant HS, Feb. 17, 2018
District 17 – Div. 3 hosted by Shepherd HS, Feb. 17, 2018
District 24 – Div. 4 hosted by Houghton Lake HS, Feb. 16, 2018
Regionals – Feb. 24, 2018
Finals – DeltaPlex – Grand Rapids, March 2-3, 2018

UP CROSS COUNTRY

2018 Host Munising HS - Oct. 20, 2018

UP GOLF

UP Finals – May 29- June 1, 2018
Div. 1 – Escanaba HS
Div. 2 – Norway HS
Div. 3 – Rock Mid-Peninsula HS

GYMNASTICS

Regionals – Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills HS, March 3, 2018
Finals – Plymouth Canton HS, March 9-10, 2018

ICE HOCKEY

Div. 2 Pre-Regional 17 – Non-Traditional Draw , Escanaba – Feb. 27 & March 1, 2018
Div. 3 Regional – Hancock - Feb. 27, 2018
Div. 3 Quarterfinals on March 7, 2018 @ Marquette or Sault Ste Marie
Semifinals & Finals – March 8-10, 2018 – USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth

Regional official's selection made by host managers.

UP SWIMMING AND DIVE

Finals – Feb 16, 2018 – Marquette HS

UP TENNIS

Boys Tennis – May 30- June 2, 2018

Div. 1 –Kingsford HS

Div. 2 –Ishpeming Westwood HS

Girls Tennis – Oct. 3-6, 2018

Div. 1 –Kingsford HS

Div. 2 –Ishpeming Westwood HS

UP TRACK & FIELD SITE SELECTION

Regionals – May 17-19, 2018

Div. 1 – Regional 41 Marquette HS

Div. 1 – Regional 42 Negaunee HS

Div. 2 – Regional 43 Iron Mountain HS

Div. 2 – Regional 44 Manistique HS

Div. 3 – Regional 45 Pickford HS

Div. 3 – Regional 46 Munising HS

Div. 3 – Regional 47 Lake Linden-Hubbel HS

Div. 3 – Regional 48 Felch North Dickinson HS

Finals – June 2, 2018 – Kingsford HS

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

8 Player Football – The committee continued the discussion on the growth of 8-Player Football. Associated with the growth is the MHSAA's plan to conduct a paper project that would place all schools in four regions for each of the two divisions. The project will then be presented to all 8-Player schools via a survey with possible council action in 2018 for the 2019 and 2020 seasons that will be based on the 2019 enrollment numbers. (This would then be followed by meetings where those schools would schedule 7, 8 or 9 of their regular season games.)

The committee reviewed a mock representation of how the discussed 8-Player Tournament Protocols may look.

1. Pre-season – Two division break out of tournament eligible teams.
2. Complete list of 8-Player participating teams that are tournament eligible or not.
3. Establish four geographical regions for each division. Administrators for teams in each region will meet for scheduling 6, 7, 8 or 9 contest within the regions or division or even across divisions.

The committee also discussed the most recent two division finals hosted by NMU. It was noted that the finals attendance was above expectations, over 1800 and that there is agreement that the 2018 two division finals will again be presented at NMU.

Girls and Boys Basketball District 127 – The committee discussed at length the concerns from some of the school administrators representing schools assigned to district 127. The concerns centered on the decision of the UP Athletic Committee at its April 2017 meeting to require the district to conduct tournament contest in the Non-Traditional Format.

Following discussion, the committee will review the tournament format and school assignment when it meets next in April 2018 to assign tournament hosts and make school assignments following the establishment of 2018 division classifications.

6th Grade basketball Seasons – The committee was asked to review current competition seasons and practice schemes since the allowance of 6th grade participation on Junior High teams.

The consensus of the committee was that 6th grade participation followed the traditional one season format and that only schools with low middle school participation numbers allowed combined sixth, seventh and possibly eighth grade participation.

Basketball Officials Selection - One Upper Peninsula official was selected for the Semi Final and 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 19, 2018, Escanaba