UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Marquette, April 21, 2022 8:30 a.m. EST In-Person & Virtual

Members Present

Jon Beckman, Ishpeming Mike Berutti, Iron River Jim Bobula, Ontonagon Paul Jacobson, Negaunee Sean Jacques, Calumet Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden Alex Tiseo, Marquette

Guests

Don Gustafson, St. Ignace Chris Hartman, Kingsford (virtual)

MHSAA Staff

Cody Inglis Will McKoy (virtual) Andi Osters (virtual) Tricia Wieferich (virtual)

A welcome and preview of the committee agenda started the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The committee thanked Marquette HS AD, Alex Tiseo, for his role in securing the Holiday Inn of Marquette for the meeting. The committee met in person with MHSAA staff and guests joining virtually to discuss various topics on the agenda.

A review of the February 2022 UP Athletic Committee meeting minutes and the March 2022 Representative Council minutes was completed.

TOURNAMENT HOSTS FOR 2022-23

Pending review of both the MHSAA staff and respective Site Selection Committees, the UP Committee made the following recommendations and confirmation of Spring, Fall and Winter 2022-and 2023 MHSAA UP tournament sites.

2022 Boys UP Tennis -

Div. 1 - Kingsford HS- June 1, 2022, 9 a.m. CST

Div. 2 - Ishpeming Westwood HS - June 2, 2022, 9 a.m. EST

2022 Boys and Girls UP Track and Field –

D1, D2 and D3 @ Kingsford HS - Saturday, June 4, 2022

2022 Boys and Girls UP Track Regionals – May 18, May 19, May 20 or May 21, 2022

D1 - Regional #41 - Marquette HS

D1 – Regional #42 – Ishpeming Westwood HS* (This is a change from Calumet HS because of track and snow issues.)

D2 - Regional #43 - West Iron County HS

D2 - Regional #44 - Gwinn HS

D3 - Regional #45 - Pickford HS

D3 - Regional #46 - Rapid River HS

D3 - Regional #47 - Lake Linden- Hubbell HS

D3 - Regional #48 - Felch - North Dickinson HS

2022 Boys and Girls UP Golf -

D1 - Boys - Escanaba HS - June 1 - Sage Run GC

D1 - Girls - Escanaba HS - June 1 - Sweetgrass GC

D2 - West Iron Country HS - June 1 - George Young GC

D3 - Rock-Mid Peninsula HS - June 2 - Highland GC

2022 Boys and Girls UP Cross Country -

D1, D2 and D3 hosted by Gladstone HS @ The Farmhouse XC course - Saturday, October 22, 2022

2022 Boys and Girls UP JH/MS Cross Country -

Gladstone HS @ The Farmhouse XC Course

2022 Girls UP Tennis: Sept. 28 - October 1, 2022

Div. 1 – Kingsford Div. 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

2023 Swim and Dive UP Finals

Marquette will host all divisions, on Feb.18, 2023.

2022 Volleyball

DIVISION 1

District 1 Sault Ste. Marie Non-Traditional Draw

DIVISION 2

District 33 Kingsford Non-Traditional Draw

DIVISION 3

District 65 Iron River – West Iron County Non-Traditional Draw
District 66 Manistique Non-Traditional Draw

DIVISION 4

District 97 Ontonagon Non-Traditional Draw Painesdale-Jeffers District 98 Non-Traditional Draw District 99 Felch-North Dickinson Non-Traditional Draw District 100 Carnev-Nadeau Non-Traditional Draw Rock-Mid Peninsula District 101 Non-Traditional Draw District 102 Engadine Non-Traditional Draw Cedarville District 103 Non-Traditional Draw

Regionals

Division 3 #17 NT RSF (UP-D65 vs LP-D66) Westwood – Final: Manistique or St. Ignace

Division 4 #25 NT RSF (UP-D97 vs UP-D98) Baraga

RSF (UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Norway – Final: Crystal Falls Forest Park

Division 4 #26 NT RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Newberry

RSF (UP-D103 vs UP-D104) St. Ignace - Final: Mackinaw City

Quarterfinals

Division 3 LP (Grayling or Gaylord)
Division 4 #13 Negaunee (UP-R25 vs UP-R26)

2023 Basketball

DIVISION 1 Girls Boys

District 1 Marquette (Non-Traditional) Sault Ste. Marie

DIVISION 2

District 33 Kingsford (Non-Traditional) Negaunee

DIVISION 3

District 65 Gwinn (Non-Traditional) Hancock
District 66 Iron River-W. Iron (Non-Traditional) Manistique

DIVISION 4

District 97 Bessemer (Non-Traditional) Ironwood – Luther L. Wright
District 98 Painesdale-Jeffers (Non-Traditional) Dollar Bay
District 99 Felch-North Dickinson(Non-Traditional) Watersmeet

District 100 Rapid River (Non-Traditional) Rock-Mid Peninsula
District 101 Engadine (Non-Traditional) Cooks- Big Bay de Noc

District 102 St. Ignace (Non-Traditional) Rudyard

Regionals Girls

Division 2 #9 NT RSF (UP-D33 vs LP-D34) Manistique, F- Petoskey

Division 3 #17 NT RSF (UP-65 vs UP-D66) Escanaba, F-Sault Ste Marie

Division 4 #25 NT RSF (UP-97 vs UP-D98) Houghton

(UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Kingsford, F- Marquette

Division 4 #26 NT RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Sault Ste. Marie, F – Pellston

Boys

Division 2 #9 NT RSF (UP-D33 vs LP-D34) Sault Ste. Marie, F-Cheboygan/Grayling/Gaylord

Division 3 #17 NT RSF (UP-65 vs UP-D66) Marquette, F-Petoskey

Division 4 #25 NT RSF (UP-97 vs UP-D98) Houghton

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Division 4 #26 NT RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Manistique, F- St. Ignace

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Division 4 #13 - Munising (UP-R25 vs UP-R26) Escanaba

Discussion Items

UP Track and Field Finals future site selection discussion which was tabled from the February UP Athletic Committee meeting was continued. Based upon Kingsford's long-standing position as the school host of the UP Track Finals and the large amount of built-in volunteers that Kingsford has maintained to coordinate the Finals, the committee determined that keeping the UP Track and Field Finals in Kingsford was the appropriate decision at this time. If Kingsford cannot host because of site construction or other reasons, Marquette High School will be given the first chance to host the UP Track and Field Finals in the future. Kingsford HS and Chris Hartman will continue to update the UP Athletic Committee on future construction planning and challenges should they become a reality.

The committee was given an update on the legal status of UP Soccer.

The committee had a lengthy discussion on requiring UP Officials to be a part of a registered association for training and tournament assignments. Feedback will be given to MHSAA staff as part of statewide feedback on this issue. Video rules training was strongly supported by the committee.

A potential UP- only MHSAA related survey on topics such as UP involvement in LP MHSAA tournaments was discussed. Other topics of interest to the committee include five divisions in some sports and whether or not the 100 student enrollment limit on using 8th graders would benefit smaller UP schools. Ensuring that superintendents, principals and athletic directors would receive this survey was key to getting appropriate feedback. The request to do this survey in August would allow feedback for the UP Athletic Committee to be received in time for the fall meeting. MHSAA staff will discuss the timing, questions and organization of such a survey.

An athletic assistant. in-service was requested for the UP administrative assistants on an every-other-year basis. The timing of the UP AD In-service was discussed and the fact that 42 of the 49 UP Athletic Director's attended the 4/21/22 In-service suggests that the timing is good for the UP.

The next Upper Peninsula Committee Meeting will be held on September 28, 2022 in Marquette at the Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m. EST. Future UP Athletic Committee meeting dates beyond this will be set at the Fall meeting.