

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba April 21, 2017

Members Present

Mike Berutti, Iron River
Gary Brayak, Rock-Mid Peninsula
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Chris Hartman, Iron Mountain
Bruce Horsch, Houghton
Jeff Markham, Baraga
Al Unger, Kingsford

Staff Member

Nate Hampton, Recorder

Absent

Sean Jacques, Calumet

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 2017-18 school year.

SELECTION OF MHSAA TOURNAMENT HOSTS FOR 2017-18

Cross Country

Munising High School will host Finals in 2017.

Swim and Dive

Marquette will host Finals in 2017-18.

Boys & Girls Tennis

Girls

Division 1 – Kingsford
Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

Boys

Division 1 – Kingsford
Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

Volleyball

Class A

District 12	Pre-determined Draw	Non-Traditional Draw
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Class B

District 64	Kingsford	Non-Traditional Draw
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Class C

District 93	Harbor Springs	Non-Traditional Draw
District 94	Iron River-West Iron Co.	
District 95	Negaunee	
District 96	L'Anse	Non-Traditional Draw

Class D

District 123	Cedarville	
District 124	Engadine	
District 125	Rapid River	
District 126	Felch-North Dickinson	Non-Traditional Draw
District 127	Crystal Falls-Forest Park	Non-Traditional Draw

District 128 Dollar Bay

Regionals

Class B 16 Non-Traditional
Class C 24 Gladstone
Class D 31 Brimley
Class D 32 Ishpeming Westwood

Quarterfinals

Quarterfinal 12 Munising
Quarterfinal 16 Manistique

Basketball

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
District 12		(Non-Traditional)	
<u>Class B</u>			
District 64	Kingsford	(Non-Traditional)	Kingsford
<u>Class C</u>			
District 93	Newberry	(Non-Traditional)	Harbor Springs
District 94	Norway		Iron Mountain
District 95	Ishpeming		Negaunee
District 96	L'Anse	(Non-Traditional)	Calumet
<u>Class D</u>			
District 123	Cedarville		Detour
District 124	Engadine		Engadine
District 125	Cooks-Big Bay de Noc		Munising
District 126	Powers-North Central (Non-Traditional)		Carney-Nadeau
District 127	Crystal Falls-Forest Park (Non-Traditional)		Wakefield-Marenisco
District 128	Painesdale-Jeffers		Dollar Bay
<u>Regionals</u>			
	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
Class B 16		(Non-Traditional)	
Class C 24	Escanaba		Marquette
Class D 31	St Ignace		Pellston
Class D 32	Kingsford		Negaunee
<u>Quarterfinals</u>			
Class C 12	Petoskey		Gaylord
Class D 16	Negaunee or Sault Ste. Marie		Escanaba or Sault Ste. Marie

Non-Traditional Draw – The committee voted to require Districts 93c, 96c, 126d and 127d to be conducted in the Non-Traditional Draw Format.

8-Player Football Discussion

The committee discussed at length the new and developing protocols for two divisions of 8-Player football. The committee reviewed five points that will be discussed by the Representative Council at its May meeting. While not every point achieved unanimous thought, there was however, general consensus on the following points.

1. How should teams qualify? It is thought that the selection method used currently should be maintained. The top 16 teams in each division with the highest play off average should qualify for tournament participation.

2. When should divisions be determined? Several committee members suggested that the divisions should be determined on "Football Sunday", like the 11-player format; while others suggested that the divisions should be determined in March.
3. Where should the championship games be played? Given that there is loyalty to NMU and an indoor facility, the general consensus is for flexible schedule/format that would accommodate finals nearest the competing teams on either Friday or Saturday while possibly combining an 11-Player Semifinal with an 8-Player Final.
4. Should the maximum enrollment for the 8-Player tournament be a fixed number or a moving target? There was no consensus for a moving target enrollment. But, support for a static number representing the Class D enrollment maximum.
5. Should there be a grace period? The committee was united in that there should be a grace period for those schools that have met the enrollment standard but go beyond that standard in a subsequent year. The committee suggested at most, the grace period should not exceed two consecutive years.

Presentations

Mr. Gustafson and Mr. Unger presented committee appreciation plaques to outgoing committee members Mr. Gary Brayak, Rock-Mid Pen and Mr. Chris Hartman, Iron Mountain.

Mr. Brayak has been instrumental in arranging for and hosting the Division three Upper Peninsula Golf Finals. His service to the Upper Peninsula schools and committee will be missed.

Mr. Hartman, has been a valued committee member and servant to the Upper Peninsula schools as host manager to many tournaments and sharing his expertise as a basketball official as well as assisting the committee and the MHSAA with official assignments and replacements. He too will be missed.