

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba, September 27, 2016

Members Present

Mike Berutti, Iron River
Gary Brayak, Rock-Mid Peninsula
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Chris Hartman, Iron Mountain
Matthew Houle, Gladstone
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jeff Markham, Baraga
Al Unger, Kingsford

Staff Member

Nate Hampton

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Al Unger, Kingsford as Chair. After the welcome and review of meeting materials, the following business was conducted.

MHSAA Tournament Discussions

1. Competitive Cheer

Districts – Feb. 17 or 18, 2017
Regionals – Feb. 25, 2017
Finals at DeltaPlex, Grand Rapids, March 3-4, 2017

2. Cross Country

UP Finals – Oct. 22, 2016 - Gladstone
Order of Competition: Boys Division 1, Boys Division 2, Boys Division 3
Girls Division 1, Girls Division 2, Girls Division 3

3. Gymnastics - UP Participating Schools – Marquette, Escanaba and Negaunee

Regionals – March 4, 2017
Finals at Plymouth HS, Canton – March 10-11, 2017

4. Hockey

Regionals: Feb. 27, 2017 (all Divisions)
Quarterfinals: March 7-8, 2017
Semifinals – March 9-10, 2017 – USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth
Finals: Divisions 1, 2 and 3 – March 11, 2017, USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

5. Skiing

Regionals: Feb. 13-17, 2017
Finals – Feb. 27, 2017 Sites: TBD

6. Swimming

Boys and Girls UP Finals - February 18, 2017, Marquette HS

7. Tennis

Girls UP Finals - Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2016 – Sites: Div. 1 Negaunee, Div. 2 Iron Mountain
Boys UP Finals - May 31, June 1-3, 2017 – Site: Ishpeming Westwood

8. Track and Field

UP Regionals – May 18, 19 or 20, 2017
UP Finals – June 3, 2017

9. Wrestling

Wrestling – Individuals
District – Feb. 11, 2017
Regionals – Feb. 18, 2017
Finals – March 2-4, 2017
Wrestling – Team
District – Div. 1 & 3 – Feb. 18, 2017
Div. 2 & 4 – Feb. 9, 2017

Regionals – Feb. 15, 2017
Finals – Feb. 24-25, 2017
Alpha Weigh-In – Oct. 24, 2016 – Jan. 31, 2017

10. Volleyball

District – Oct. 31- Nov. 2, Nov. 3, 4 or 5, 2016
Regional – Nov. 8 & 10, 2016
Quarterfinals – Nov. 15, 2016
Semifinals & Finals– Nov. 17-19, 2016 – Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

The committee recommended invitations to be extended to 11 approved officials for the assignment to the MHSAA Post Season Tournament including one official that will be assigned to the Semifinal and Finals.

11. Golf

UP Boys and Girls Finals – May 31-June 3
Division 1 Marquette or Manistique
Division 2 West Iron County
Division 3 Rock Mid Peninsula

The committee reviewed and discussed the concerns of Boys and Girls Division 3 Golf. Previously presented proposals included:

- A. Four Equal Divisions
- B. Divide UP Class D schools into 2 Divisions
- C. Divide All Classes into 3 Equal Divisions

Following the discussion, the committee voted to make a recommendation to the Representative Council.

12. Football

The committee recommended invitations to approved Football officials in the following levels of the 2016 MHSAA Football Postseason Tournament.

Nine crews for the First Round of the 11-Player Tournament.
Four crews for the First Round of the 8-Player Tournament.
Six crews for the Second Round of the 11-Player Tournament.
Two crews for the Second Round of the 8-Player Tournament.
Three crews for the Third Round of the 11-Player Tournament.
Seven individuals for the Semifinal Round of the 8-Player Tournament.
Tent individuals for the Semifinal Round of the 11-Player Tournament.
Two individuals for the 8-Player Finals.
Seven individuals for the 11-Player Finals.

11-Player

Pre-Districts – Oct. 28 or 29
Districts – Nov. 4 or 5
Regionals – Nov. 11 or 12
Semifinals – Nov. 19
Finals – Nov. 25 & 26 - Ford Field, Detroit

8-Player

Regional Semifinals – Oct. 28 or 29
Regional Finals – Nov. 4 or 5
Semifinals – Nov. 12
Finals – Nov. 18 – Greenville HS

Recommendations to the Representative Council

Establish three equal divisions in Boys and Girls UP Golf by the 2017 tournament, if possible. This procedure will lessen the over-loaded number of teams that comprise the current Division 3.

Appreciation

Committee members Sean Jacques and Don Gustafson presented retiring member Matthew Houle with a certificate of appreciation and a plaque thanking him for his service of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and to MHSAA Member schools. Mr. Houle served on the committee from 2010-2016.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, Escanaba.