

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Escanaba, September 16, 2009

Members Present:

Jim Derocher, Negaunee
David Duncan, Cedarville
Dan Flynn, Escanaba
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Paul Polfus, Carney
Joe Reddinger, Felch
Tom Smith, Escanaba

Staff Member:

Nate Hampton (Recorder)

The meeting started promptly at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Derocher as chairperson. The committee acknowledged the work of member Thomas Smith from Escanaba for his contributions made to the committee and substantial efforts as a football and basketball official. Mr. Smith has retired from his position as superintendent of Escanaba Public Schools. The committee wishes Mr. Smith well in retirement and will miss his tireless work and dedication.

The committee also congratulated Dan Flynn, Escanaba, on his re-election to the MHSAA Representative Council, Dave Duncan, Cedarville and Don Gustafson, St. Ignace, on their re-election to the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and Matt Houle, Gladstone, on his election to the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee.

SOCCER

The committee reviewed several concerns received by those in the Upper Peninsula soccer community to transition back to the traditional soccer sport seasons that the region enjoyed before the findings and resolutions that resulted in the CFE Litigation. The committee discussed the concerns, but made no recommendations for change.

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Districts – Feb. 19 or 20, 2010
Regionals – Feb. 27, 2010
Finals at Grand Rapids, DeltaPlex – March 6, 2010

CROSS COUNTRY

Upper Peninsula Finals – Oct. 24, 2009
Escanaba, Ludington Park
Girls Divisions – 1, 2, 3 Boys Divisions – 1, 2, 3
Order of Competition – Girls Division 3, Boys Division 3, Girls Division 2,
Boys Division 2, Girls Division 1, Boys Division 1.

GOLF

Upper Peninsula Boys and Girls Finals – June 2-5, 2010.
Note: The committee was reminded that the Golf Finals dates may be adjusted to lessen conflicts with other MHSAA competitions, primarily baseball and track and field.

Finals Sites – Division 1 – Boys and Girls – Kingsford
Division 2 – Boys and Girls – Munising
Division 3 – Boys – Cedarville
Girls - Pickford

GYMNASTICS

Regionals – March 6, 2010

Finals – March 12-13, 2010

HOCKEY

Regionals – March 1-6, 2010 (all Divisions)

Quarterfinals – March 9 and 10, 2010

Semifinals – March 11 and 12, 2010 – Compuware Arena, Canton

Finals – Divisions 1, 2 and 3 – March 13, 2010 – Compuware Arena, Canton

Division 2 – Regional Round UP host – Negaunee

Division 3 – Regional Round UP host – Calumet and Sault Ste. Marie

If Sault Ste. Marie is the winner of the Sault Ste. Marie Regional game, Marquette will host Regional Finals. If the winner at the Sault Ste. Marie Regional is a Lower Peninsula team, Sault Ste. Marie will host Regional Finals.

SKIING

Regionals – Feb. 11 or 12, 2010.

Finals – Feb. 22, 2010

Division 1 – Nub's Nob

Division 2 – Boyne Mountain

SWIMMING

UP Finals – Feb. 20, 2010 at Marquette

TENNIS

UP Girls Finals – Sept. 30 – Oct. 3, 2009

Division 1 – Marquette Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

TRACK and FIELD

UP Regionals – May 20-22, 2010

UP Finals – June 5, 2010 – Kingsford

WRESTLING

Individual

District - Feb. 13, 2010

Regional – Feb. 20, 2010

Finals – March 4-6, 2010

Team

District – Div. 1 and 3 – Feb. 10, 2010

Div. 2 and 4 – Feb. 11, 2010

Regionals – Feb. 17, 2010

Finals – Feb. 26-27, 2010

Alpha weigh-in – Oct. 19, 2009 – Jan. 31, 2010

VOLLEYBALL

District – Nov. 2-4, 5, 6 or 7, 2009

Regional – Nov. 10 and 12, 2009

Quarterfinal – Nov. 17, 2009

Semifinal – Nov. 19-20, 2009 – Battle Creek
Finals – Nov. 21, 2009 – Battle Creek

Note: The Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee has determined that all Upper Peninsula Districts will use the Non-Traditional Draw.

Upper Peninsula Volleyball Official Selection
District Managers will select District officials.
Regionals – The committee recommended the names of 9 officials to fill positions.
Quarterfinal 12 C – Lisa Harry, Kingsford
Quarterfinal 16D – Jo Jean Miller, Rapid River and Stacy McNamara, St. Ignace
Semifinal – Lisa Harry, Kingsford

FOOTBALL OFFICIAL SELECTION

Twelve of the fifteen available crews were selected for the First Round of the 2009 MHSAA Football Tournament. Five crews were selected for District assignments and three crews were selected for Regional assignments. One full crew (Semifinals only) and a Head Linesman, Line Judge and Back Judge for a Zone 7 combined crew were selected that will also serve as Final officials.

Semifinal Crew
Referee – Adam Bergman, Ishpeming
Umpire – Gary Peterson, Ontonagon
Back Judge – Gary Lofholm, Iron Mountain
Line Judge – Gary McDonald, St. Ignace
Head Linesman – George Pond, Jr., Marquette

Final Positions
Head linesman – Nicholas Gayan, Kingsford
Line Judge – Adam Hamari, Marquette
Back Judge – Brian Bower, Bark River

8-PLAYER FOOTBALL DISCUSSION

The committee reviewed the growing interest and discussions by Upper Peninsula schools in the 8-Player Football format. The committee discussed and recommended to the MHSAA staff that the following conditions are applied when teams plan for a blended schedule of 11-Player and 8-Player games.

Blended Schedules – Teams that play 11-player and 8-player games

How will the MHSAA Tournament calculations be affected by schools playing both 8-player and the traditional 11-player blended schedule?

All 11-player games will count toward tournament points even against opponents that have opted for the 8-player tournament.
All 8-player games will count toward tournament points even against opponents that have opted for the 11-player tournament.
An 8-player game will not count toward the 11-player tournament.
An 11-player game will not count toward the 8-player tournament.

Rather:

All 8-player games will count toward the 8-player tournament for those teams that opt for the 8-player tournament.

All 11-player games will count toward the 11-player tournament for those teams that opt for the 11-player tournament.

Rationale: In order to grow 8-player football, give participating schools options for maintaining some traditional 11-player games and to afford those 11-player teams to experience the 8-player format.

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee will be held Jan. 10 and 11, 2010 in Escanaba.