

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Marquette, February 21, 2022
8:30 a.m. EST In-Person & Virtual**

Committee Members

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
Brent Rice (Virtual)
Ryan Wieferich (Virtual)

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with a welcome and introduction of Paul Jacobson, Negaunee HS athletic director as the newest UP Athletic Committee member. Meeting materials were previewed. The committee met in person with various members and guests joining virtually for specific discussion topics and official's selection.

A review of the December 2021 Representative Council Minutes and the September 2021 UP Athletic Committee Minutes was completed.

Correspondence from member schools was shared including a letter supporting UP Track and XC involvement in MHSAA LP Track and XC tournaments. The UP Athletic Committee was reminded that should the UP Athletic Committee desire that UP schools join MHSAA statewide tournaments in any other sports, that a recommendation could be made to the MHSAA Representative Council from the UP Athletic Committee. Future discussion on this issue could include a survey of MHSAA UP member schools. The UP Committee desired to continue discussion at the Spring UP Athletic Committee on this and other sport issues involving UP and LP MHSAA tournament participation.

The committee was given an update on MHSAA UP Finals Diving competition format and the NFHS experiment granted to the MHSAA. The UP Athletic Committee has chosen to modify the diving event at the UP Swimming and Diving Championship Meet to allow for six dives. The NFHS Swim and Dive experiment with NFHS Swim and Dive rule 9.4.1 allows the MHSAA and the UP Athletic Committee to modify the UP Swim and Diving Championships to six dives instead of 11 dives.

Jon Beckman of Westwood HS will attend the MHSAA Representative Council Meeting on Friday, March 25, 2022, 8:15 a.m. at the MHSAA Office.

Discussion about various MHSAA winter sport topics including tournament dates, venues and specifics were detailed to the committee. Boys and Girls Basketball with neutral sites were also discussed and previewed.

Regional Basketball Tournament Host Divisions 3 & 4

BASKETBALL	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Boys-DIV 3	17 Escanaba or Sault	17 F Sault Ste Marie SF Gladstone/JoBurg	17 F Sault Ste Marie SF Escanaba/TCC
Boys-DIV 4	25 Negaunee	25 F Negaunee SF MTU/Westwood	25 Negaunee
Girls-DIV 3	17 Marquette or Sault	17 F Sault Ste Marie SF West Iron/St Ignace	17 F St Ignace SF Marquette/Glen Lake
Girls-DIV 4	25 Kingsford	25 F Gladstone SF Jeffers/Westwood	25 Kingsford

2022 Basketball Quarterfinals

Division 4 #13 Boys – Marquette or Sault Ste Marie
Division 4 #13 Girls – Negaunee or Sault Ste Marie

Further UP Athletic Committee discussion on future neutral sites for MHSAA Regional and Quarterfinal games will be discussed at the Spring UP Athletic Committee meeting.

Selection of **UP Girls District, Regional and Finals Basketball Tournament Officials** was conducted by MHSAA staff. On February 28, the UP Athletic Committee will select Boys Basketball Officials. (Virtually via Zoom)

Ice Hockey

A preview of the MHSAA Ice Hockey tournament was provided for 2022 with dates and venues discussed for Regionals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Final competition.

Division 2 Region 9 – Hosted by Negaunee - Non-Traditional Draw, Top line host (Kingsford, Negaunee, Escanaba, Marquette)

Advances to D2-QF 5 on March 5 at Otsego County Sportsplex, Gaylord 1:00 p.m.

Division 3 Region 17 - Hosted by Houghton (Painsdale-Jeffers, Calumet, Hancock, Houghton)

Advances to D3-QF 9 on March 5 at Lakeview Arena, Marquette

Semis & Finals Tournament will be played at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth on March 10-12

Skiing

Regionals: Feb. 14-18

Finals – Feb. 28

Finals Sites: Div. 1 – Boyne Mt., Boyne Falls Div. 2 – Schuss Mt., Bellaire

Boys and Girls Swimming

2022 UP Finals - February 19 @ Marquette HS

Track & Field 2022

Site selection for UP Track and Field Regional sites was conducted with the following schools selected to host. The MHSAA will confirm dates with selected host schools and publish Regional alignments on MHSAA.com.

UP Regionals site selection – May 19, 20 or 21

D1 – Marquette and Calumet

D2 – West Iron County, Gwinn

D3 – Pickford, Rapid River, Lake Linden-Hubbell, Felch-North Dickinson

As a reminder, host schools will select approved MHSAA officials and timing companies of their choosing.

2022 UP Track and Field Finals – June 4, 2022 Hosted by Kingsford HS

UP Track & Field Final Site Discussion – Continued discussion regarding the future hosting of UP Track Finals. The committee determined in September that in 2022, Kingsford HS will continue to serve as the UP Track Finals host school and site. In the 2023 season, the committee determined Marquette HS will be the host of the UP Track Finals. This decision was based upon Kingsford HS potentially starting some facility upgrades to their Track/Football facility. The committee asked Kingsford HS to determine the viability and timing of their facility upgrades as well as have time to connect with track coaches and others in the UP about their desires. A future survey could also be used to help the committee determine next steps. Further updates will be done at the spring and fall meetings where the committee will then determine the 2023 UP Track and Field Finals site.

Golf

D1 – Escanaba HS – Sweetgrass/Sage Run Golf courses

D2 – West Iron Country HS – George Young Golf course

D3 – Rock-Mid Peninsula HS – Escanaba/Gladstone area Golf course – Site TBD June 1-4

Tennis

The committee selected sites for the 2022-23 school year in UP Girls and Boys Tennis Finals.

UP Finals Sites for Girls Tennis: Sept. 28 – October 1, 2022

Div. 1 – Kingsford

Div. 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

UP Finals Sites for Boys Tennis: May 31 – June 3, 2023

Div. 1 – Kingsford

Div. 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

UP Soccer Discussion – The committee was updated on the process of aligning the UP Soccer seasons with the LP soccer seasons. Continued legal discussions are ongoing with hope that a firm update can be given to the committee at the Spring UP Athletic Committee.

Cross Country

Site selection for the UP Cross Country Finals was made for 2022-23 and 2023-2024.

2022 UP Finals – Oct. 22, 2022 hosted by Gladstone HS

2023 UP Finals – Oct. 21, 2023 hosted by Gladstone HS

2022 JH/MS Cross Country Regionals – UP – will be determined at the Spring UP Athletic Committee meeting.

Volleyball

Site selection will be determined at the Spring UP Athletic Committee meeting.

Upcoming UP Athletic Committee Meeting Dates –

UP Athletic Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. EST– Holiday Inn Marquette

AD Spring Meeting and AD In-Service –Friday, April 22, 9:30 a.m. EST – Holiday Inn Marquette

Alex Tiseo, Marquette HS AD will help the MHSAA coordinate these meetings to be held at the Holiday Inn Marquette.