

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba, September 21, 2012

Members Present

James Derocher, Negaunee
David Duncan, Cedarville
Chris Hartman, Iron Mountain
Matthew Houle, Gladstone
Jeff Markham, Baraga
Al Unger, Kingsford

Member Absent

Paul Polfus

Staff Member

Nate Hampton

The meeting began at 9:45 a.m. with Mr. Al Unger as Chair. After the welcome and review of meeting materials the following business was conducted.

Competitive Cheer

Districts – Feb. 15 or 16, 2013
Regionals – Feb. 23, 2013
Finals – DeltaPlex, Grand Rapids, March 1-2, 2013

Cross Country

UP Finals – Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012
Boys Divisions 1, 2, 3
Girls Divisions 1, 2, 3
Order of competition: Boys Division 3, Girls Division 3, Boys Division 2, Girls Division 2.
Boys Division 1, Girls Division 1

Golf

UP Boys and Girls Finals – May 29-June 1, 2013
Division 1 Boys/Girls - Houghton
Division 2 Boys/Girls – Iron Mountain
Division 3 Boys/Girls – TBA

Note: Division 3 Committee members: Matt Houle, David Duncan and Jeff Markham will confer and make a suitable recommendation for the Finals site.

Gymnastics

Regionals – Rockford, Mason, Canton-Plymouth, Troy – March 2, 2013
Finals – Canton Plymouth – March 8-9, 2013

Hockey

Regionals - Selection – Houghton – Division 3
Regional Dates – Feb. 25-March 2, 2013 (all Divisions)
Quarterfinals – March 5-6, 2013
Semifinals – March 7-8, 2013 – Compuware Arena, Canton
Finals – March 9, 2013 – Compuware Arena, Canton (all Divisions)

Skiing

Regionals – Feb. 11-15, 2013 Selected by Ski Committee (LP)
Finals – Feb., 25, 2013
Division 1 – Boyne Mountain
Division 2 – Marquette (tentative)

Swimming

UP Boys and Girls Finals – Feb. 16, 2013 – Marquette

Tennis

UP Finals – Girls – Oct. 3, 2012
Division 1 – Marquette
Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

UP Finals – Boys – June 1, 2013
Division 1 – Marquette
Division 2 – Ishpeming Westwood

Track and Field

UP Regionals – May 16, 17 or 18, 2013
UP Finals – June 1, 2013 – Kingsford

Wrestling

Individual Wrestling
Districts – Feb. 9, 2013
Regionals – Feb. 16, 2013
Finals – Feb. 28-March 2, 2013 – Palace of Auburn Hills

Team Wrestling
Districts
Divisions 1 and 3 – Feb. 6, 2013
Divisions 2 and 4 – Feb. 7, 2013
Regionals – Feb. 13, 2013
Finals – Feb. 22-23, 2013 – Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

Volleyball

Districts – Oct. 29-31 and Nov. 1, 2 or 3, 2012
Regionals – Nov. 6 and 8, 2012
Quarterfinals – Nov. 13, 2012
Semifinals – Nov. 15-16, 2012
Finals – Nov. 17, 2012 – Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

The committee recommended invitations to be extended to officials for the following positions.

Regional 24C	Norway	3 invitations
Regional 31D	St. Ignace	2 invitations
Regional 32D	Kingsford	3 invitations
Quarterfinal 12C	Traverse City West	1 invitation
Quarterfinal 16D	Petoskey	1 invitation
Semifinal/Finals	Battle Creek	1 invitation

Football

The committee recommended invitations to approved football officials in the following levels of the 2012 MHSAA Football Postseason Tournament.

- Ten crews for the First Round of the 11-Player Tournament.
- Four crews for the First Round of the 8-Player Tournament.
- Five 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.
- Seven individuals for the Semifinal Round of the 11-Player Tournament.

Two individuals (Referee and Umpire) for the Finals of the 8-Player Tournament.

Two individuals (Referee and Umpire) for the Finals of the 11-Player Tournament.

Discussion Items

1. MHSAA and the Arbiter Systems – Efforts are continuing through in-service programs and athletic director discussions for the use of the Arbiter systems.
2. Possible boys basketball Final day format change – Discussions are ongoing that may change the Boys Basketball Finals to two; two game sessions (like the girls Finals) as opposed to the current three sessions.
3. North Central High School – The committee discussed at length the communication received by the MHSAA relating to an incident during a basketball tournament game. North Central High School requested the MHSAA change and/or request a National Federation of High Schools rules change that would affect an official's jurisdiction during a contest.

The committee suggested that we might consider a communication with our member schools on spectator behavior and administration supervision of the contest. The suggestion would include reinforcing the duties of administrators during intense contest situations.

4. Committee member Al Unger discussed the potential for changing the 3200m run in the UP Track Finals. Following discussion, the Committee asked Mr. Unger to research and prepare more data before discussion continues.

Future Meeting

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee is scheduled for Sunday evening, January 13, and Monday, January 14, 2013.

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