

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Marquette, September 29, 2021  
8:30 a.m. EST In-Person & Virtual**

**AGENDA**

**Committee Members**

Jon Beckman, Ishpeming  
Mike Berutti, Iron River  
Andrew Brunette, Negaunee (Virtual)  
Jim Bobula, Ontonagon

Don Gustafson, St Ignace  
Sean Jacques, Calumet  
Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden  
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

**Guest:** Chris Hartman, Kingsford (Virtual)

**MHSAA Staff:**

Cody Inglis  
Andi Osters (Virtual)  
Brent Rice (Virtual)  
Ryan Wieferich (Virtual)

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with an introduction of Cody Inglis as the new MHSAA staff member coordinating the work of the UP Athletic Committee. Meeting materials were previewed. Committee members were thanked for the welcome and help in setting the agenda. The committee met in person with various members and guests joining via Zoom for specific discussion topics.

Discussion about various sport topics including dates, venues and specifics were detailed to the committee.

**Bowling - 2022**

Regionals – Feb. 25-26  
Finals – March 4-5 Sites TBD

**Competitive Cheer - 2022**

Districts – Feb. 18 or 19  
Regionals – Feb. 26  
Finals March 4-5 Site TBD

**Wrestling - 2022**

- A. Wrestling – Individuals
  - District – Feb. 12
  - Regionals – Feb. 19
  - Finals – March 4-5 Ford Field, Detroit
- B. Wrestling – Team
  - District – Div. 1 & 3 – Feb. 9
  - Div. 2 & 4 – Feb. 10
  - Regionals – Feb. 16
  - Finals – Feb. 26-26 Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo
- C. Alpha Weigh-In – Oct. 25-Jan. 31

**Gymnastics – 2022**

Regionals – March 5  
Finals - March 11-12 White Lake Lakeland

**Ice Hockey - 2022**

- A. Regionals: Feb. 21 – March 2 (all Divisions)
- B. Quarterfinals: March 5
- C. Semifinals – March 10-11 USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth
- D. Finals: (all Divisions) – March 12 USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

#### Skiing - 2022

- A. Regionals: Feb. 14-18
- B. Finals – Feb. 28
- Sites: Div. 1 – TBD      Div. 2 – TBD

#### Boys and Girls Swimming 2022 UP Finals - February 19 Marquette HS

#### Track & Field 2022

- A. UP Regionals – May 19, 20 or 21
- B. UP Finals – June 4 - Kingsford HS
- C. UP Final Site Discussion – Discussion regarding Marquette High School’s desire to host the UP Track Finals. Previously Marquette’s track facilities were not able to host the UP Track Finals, in the last two years, Marquette has invested significant resources that now make their facility suitable to host the UP Finals. Kingsford HS has been the long-time host of the UP Track Finals and also desires to continue in that role. The committee determined that in 2022, Kingsford HS will continue to serve as the UP Track Finals host school and site. In the 2023 season, Marquette HS will be the host of the UP Track Finals. This break will also allow Kingsford HS to potentially complete some facility upgrades to their Track/Football facility. The committee will discuss future UP Track Finals hosts in subsequent UP Athletic Committee meetings.

D. Letter – UP Track – Correspondence from a student-athlete was received about UP participation in historically LP only MHSAA 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.

#### Golf – 2022 UP Boys and Girls Finals sites were selected.

- 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 2021-22 – Chris Hartmann updated the committee while hosted the UP D1 Finals in Girls Tennis

- A. UP Finals Sites for Girls: Sept. 29-Oct. 2
  - Div. 1 – Kingsford              Div. 2 – Ishpeming Westwood
- B. UP Finals Sites for Boys: June 1-4
  - 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.

Cross Country – Details were shared for both the UP XC Finals and the Zone 8 JH/MS Cross Country Regional. Both races will be hosted by Marquette HS in October.  
 2021 UP Finals – Oct. 23 Gentz Homestead Golf Course, Marquette  
 2021 JH/MS Cross Country Regionals – UP – 10/22 Gentz Homestead Golf Course, Marquette

## Volleyball – 2021

Officials Selection Assignments – Andi Osters, MHSAA Volleyball Director joined the committee via Zoom to help with the VB officials selection. The committee selected postseason eligible MHSAA registered officials to officiate MHSAA tournament dates in Volleyball.

District – Nov. 1-6

Regional – Nov. 9 & 11

Quarterfinals – Nov. 16

Semifinals – Nov. 18-19 Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

Finals – Nov. 20 Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

## Football – 2021

Association MIGS – Brent Rice joined the committee via Zoom to update the committee on UP Officials joining other officials association to meet the requirement of Member in Good Standing of an Officials Association to receive continuing officials education.

Officials Selection Assignments – Brent Rice and Ryan Wierich of the MHSAA staff joined the committee via Zoom to help select UP registered and postseason eligible officials for upcoming MHSAA tournament games

### 11-Player – Finals Site Ford Field, Detroit

District 1<sup>st</sup> Rd – Oct. 29 or 30

District Finals – Nov. 5 or 6

Regionals – Nov. 12 or 13

Semifinals – Nov. 20

Finals – Nov. 26 or 27

### 8-Player – Finals Site NMU, Marquette -

Regionals – Oct. 29 or 30

Regional Finals – Nov. 5 or 6

Semifinals – Nov. 13

Finals – Friday, Nov. 19 or 20

8-Player Trophy Presenters - Don Gustafson of St. Ignace and Alex Tiseo of Marquette will present the 8-player trophies on Saturday. Sean Jacques offered help to administer the 8 player Finals if needed. The MHSAA continues to work with NMU on hosting requirements and responsibilities.

Other Business - The committee thanked Don Gustafson for this service and dedication to the UP Athletic Committee as this meeting served as his last official UP Athletic Committee based upon his retirement from St. Ignace Schools as Superintendent. Don was asked to stay on as an advisor to the UP Athletic Committee to continue to provide voice to the Eastern UP geographic area. This is especially important in the MHSAA UP Officials selection process. In addition, Andrew Brunette, Negaunee HS Principal was thanked via Zoom for his service and support to the UP Athletic Committee as his term expires in December. Paul Jacobson, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director at Negaunee HS will join the UP Athletic Committee in February.

## Upcoming UP Athletic Committee Meeting Dates –

**UP Athletic Committee and GBB Officials Selection In-person and Virtual Meeting –**  
Mon., Feb. 21 – 8:30 a.m. – Country Inn and Suites, Marquette

**BBB Officials Selection Virtual Meeting –** Mon., Feb. 28 – 8:30 a.m.