

**UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**  
**Escanaba April 22, 2016**

**Members Present**

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

**Staff Member**

Nate Hampton, Recorder

**Absent**

Sean Jacques, Calumet

Representative Council member, Mr. Al Unger, Kingsford, chaired the meeting. Following the welcome and description of meeting materials the following business was conducted.

**ENROLLMENT LISTINGS FOR UPPER PENINSULA SCHOOLS**

The committee reviewed the 2016-17 enrollment listings and Division list for all current member schools and specifically for Upper Peninsula schools. The committee made note that several UP schools changed Class/Division based on these latest enrollment figures for the 2016-17 school year.

**SELECTION OF MHSAA TOURNAMENT HOSTS FOR 2016-17**

**Cross Country**

Gladstone High School will host Finals in 2016.

**Swim and Dive**

Marquette will host Finals in 2016-17.

**Boys & Girls Tennis**

Girls

Division 1 – Negaunee  
Division 2 – Iron Mountain

Boys

Division 1 – Negaunee  
Division 2 – Iron Mountain

**Volleyball**

Class A

District 12	Pre-determined Draw	Non-Traditional Draw
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Class B

District 64	Gladstone	Non-Traditional Draw
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Class C

District 93	Manistique	Non-Traditional Draw
District 94	Gwinn	
District 95	Ishpeming-Westwood	
District 96	Hancock	Non-Traditional Draw

Class D

District 123	Cedarville	
District 124	Brimley	
District 125	Cooks-Big Bay de Noc	
District 126	Stephenson	Non-Traditional Draw
District 127	Wakefield-Marenisco	Non-Traditional Draw
District 128	Chassell	

### Regionals

Class B	16	Sault Ste Marie	Non-Traditional
Class C	24	Gladstone	
Class D	31	Rudyard	
Class D	32	Ishpeming Westwood	

### Quarterfinals

Quarterfinal 12	Manistique
Quarterfinal 16	St Ignace

### **Basketball**

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
District 12		(Non-Traditional)	
<u>Class B</u>			
District 64	Escanaba	(Non-Traditional)	Escanaba
<u>Class C</u>			
District 93	Rudyard	(Non-Traditional)	Newberry
District 94	Negaunee		Gwinn
District 95	Iron River		Iron River
District 96	Ironwood	(Non-Traditional)	L'Anse
<u>Class D</u>			
District 123	Pickford		Cedarville
District 124	Engadine		Brimley
District 125	Rock Mid-Peninsula		Eben Junction
District 126	Felch-North Dickinson	(Non-Traditional)	Stephenson
District 127	Bessemer	(Non-Traditional)	Repubic-Michigamme
District 128	Dollar Bay		Baraga
<u>Regionals</u>			
	<u>Girls</u>		<u>Boys</u>
Class B	16	Manistique (N) (Non-Traditional)	Saulte Ste Marie (N)
Class C	24	Marquette	Escanaba
Class D	31	Pellston	St Ignace
Class D	32	Kingsford	Negaunee
<u>Quarterfinals</u>			
Class C	12	Gaylord	Petoskey
Class D	16	Negaunee or Sault Ste. Marie	Escanaba or Sault Ste. Marie

Non-Traditional Draw – The committee voted to require Districts 93c, 96c, 126d and 127d to be conducted in the Non-Traditional Draw Format.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Basketball Seeding Discussion**

The committee was advised that there is currently no movement on discussions involving basketball seeding. There appears to be little interest or no consensus on method or level to seed.

#### **Golf Discussion**

The committee discussed at length the proposals and recommendations to divide all UP Golf schools into three equal divisions. There is still concern in those divisions where different sites are used for boys and girls for equitable coaching and supervision when the school has the same coach for both genders. Also, there is concern for the exasperating effort to find multiple sites for both genders and tournament competition between the largest school in a division and the smallest school in the same division.

The committee asked that more data be provided at its September meeting where more discussion will occur.

**Football Discussion**

This discussion centered on the dynamics of scheduling. Noting more teams are moving to the 8-Player format, leaving more schools to find 11-Player opponents. No recommendations.

**Softball Discussion**

The committee discussed the growing number of softball teams in Division 3 which is forcing the one UP District to be comprised of 9 teams. A nine team district requires more games and a difficult schedule for the host manager and competing teams. The committee, with understanding in the growth of softball, asks MHSAA staff to consider other tournament design that will eliminate 7 team or larger districts.