

**MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Marquette, February 20, 2023
8:30 a.m. EST In-Person & Virtual**

Committee Members

Mike Berutti, Iron River (absent)
David Florenski, Powers
Paul Jacobson, Negaunee

Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

Advisory

Jim Bobola, Ontonagon
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace
Chris Hartman, Kingsford
Dale Hongisto, Gladstone

MHSAA Staff

Cody Inglis
Will McKoy (virtual)
Ryan Wieferich (virtual)

The meeting began with a welcome and introduction of Dave Florenski, North Central HS principal as the newest Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee member. The committee met in person with various members and guests joining virtually for specific discussion topics and official's selection with meeting materials provided.

A review of the December 2022 Representative Council minutes and the September 2022 UPAC minutes was completed.

The UPAC was updated on changes to the committee including several advisory members to fill geographic gaps in UP representation on the UPAC. The UPAC was also updated on the process to fill the open slot on the committee for one Class C representative and how and when this could be filled by vote. MHSAA Handbook policy was reviewed as to the procedures and process of the UPAC.

Correspondence was shared including an email from UP official, Rob Fay, who worked to identify UP officials' nominations from different geographic areas of the UP for officiating in the MHSAA basketball tournaments. This was shared and used by the UPAC in their selection of officials.

Houghton HS shared information about an adaptive and wheelchair track & field training clinic in Houghton on April 29th. Information will also be shared with all UP schools about this opportunity to grow adaptive track & field opportunities.

Discussion and an update on 8 player football scheduling challenges took place, especially in the Eastern UP. Updates will be given at the Spring UPAC meeting.

The committee was given an update on the MHSAA UP Finals Diving competition format and the NFHS experiment granted to the MHSAA. The UPAC has chosen to modify the diving event at the UP Swimming and Diving Final meet to allow for six dives and is now in its first year of the experiment.

MHSAA.tv and the NFHS Network was discussed, and information shared as the MHSAA desires to get as many schools to be a part of the Network as possible.

The UP soccer update was shared with the committee as the MHSAA continues to work to allow UP soccer schools to play in the statewide tournament. More updates will come at the spring UPAC meeting.

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	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
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Boys-DIV 3	17 F Sault Ste Marie SF Gladstone/JoBurg	17 F Sault Ste Marie SF Escanaba/TCC	17 F- Sault Ste Marie SF – Marquette/Gaylord
Boys-DIV 4	25 F Negaunee SF MTU/Westwood	25 Negaunee	25 F – Negaunee SF – Houghton/Kingsford 26 F – St Ignace SF – Manistique/Pellston
Girls-DIV 3	17 F Sault Ste Marie SF West Iron/St Ignace	17 F St Ignace SF Marquette/Glen Lake	17 F – Sault Ste Marie SF – Escanaba/Gaylord
Girls-DIV 4	25 F Gladstone SF Jeffers/Westwood	25 Kingsford	25 F – Marquette SF – Houghton/Kingsford

2023 Basketball Quarterfinals

Division 4 #13 Boys – Escanaba
Division 4 #13 Girls – Munising

Selection of **UP Girls District, Regional and Finals Basketball Tournament Officials** was conducted by MHSAA staff. On February 27, the UP Athletic Committee will select Boys Basketball Officials. (Virtually via Zoom)

Ice Hockey

Division 2, Region 9: Hosted by Alpena (Marquette)
Advances to D2-QF 5 on March 4 at Otsego County Sportsplex, Gaylord - 1:00 p.m.

Division 3 Region 17: Hosted by Calumet (Painsdale-Jeffers, Calumet, Hancock, Houghton)
Advances to D3-QF 9 on March 4 at Negaunee Arena, hosted by Negaunee

Division 3 Region 18: Hosted by Escanaba (Escanaba, Kingsford, Manistique, Negaunee, Sault Ste. Marie)
Advances to D3 – QF 9 on March 4 at Negaunee Arena, hosted by Negaunee

Semis & Finals Tournament will be played at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth on March 9-11

Skiing

Ski Finals: Monday, February 27, 2023
D1 – Schuss Mt., Bellaire hosted by Forest Hills Northern HS
D2 – Boyne Mt., Harbor Springs hosted by BH Marian HS

Boys and Girls Swimming

A review of the 2023 UP Finals - February 17-18 @ Marquette HS was provided by Alex Tiseo, Marquette HS AD and host.

Track & Field 2023

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

UP Regionals site selection – May 18, 19 or 20, 2023

D1 – Marquette and Calumet
D2 – Ishpeming and Manistique
D3 – Munising, Rapid River, Wakefield -Marenisco, Stephenson

Host schools will select approved MHSAA officials and timing companies of their choosing.

2023 UP Track and Field Finals – June 3, 2023 Hosted by Kingsford HS

2023 UP JH/MS Track and Field Regional sites – Discussion about JH/MS Regional sites in the UP – one will be held in the Copper Country while one will go to St. Ignace. MHSAA staff will confirm and post online at MHSAA.com.

Golf

2023 UP Finals to be held on any one date between May 31 and June 3, 2023. Sites and school hosts were confirmed by the UPAC, and dates will be confirmed by MHSAA.

D1 – Escanaba HS – Sweetgrass/Sage Run Golf courses
D2 – Norway HS – Oak Crest Golf Club
D3 – Rock-Mid Peninsula HS – Highland Golf course

Tennis

The committee selected sites for the 2023-24 school year in UP Girls Tennis. Discussion on a one year rotation occurred with more schools having courts capable of hosting the Finals.

UP Finals Sites for Girls Tennis: October 4-7, 2023
Div. 1 – Marquette Div. 2 – Iron Mountain

UP Finals sites for Boys Tennis will be determined at the Spring UPAC meeting.

UP Finals Sites for Boys Tennis: May 29 – June 1, 2024
Div. 1 – TBD Div. 2 – TBD

Cross Country

Site selection for the UP Cross Country Finals was made for the 2023-24 school year.

2023 UP Finals – Oct. 21, 2023 hosted by Gladstone HS @ The Farmhouse XC course

2023 JH/MS Cross Country Regionals, Friday – Oct. 20, 2023, hosted by Gladstone @ The Farmhouse XC course

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 20, 8:30 a.m. EST– Holiday Inn Marquette

UP Athletic Director In-Service – Friday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. EST – Holiday Inn Marquette

UP Administrative Asst. In-Service – Friday, April 21, 1:00 p.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.