

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Marquette, April 18, 2024 8:30 a.m. EST In-Person & Virtual

Committee Members:

Jim Bobula, Ontonagon (advisory)
Vince Gross, Whitefish Twp.
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace (advisory)
Chris Hartman, Kingsford (advisory)
Dale Hongisto, Gladstone (advisory)
Paul Jacobson, Negaunee
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden

Sam Larson, Menominee
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

MHSAA Staff

Cody Inglis
Will McKoy (Zoom)
Andrea Osters (Zoom)
Tricia Wieferich (Zoom)

Welcome and preview of the committee agenda started the meeting at 8:30 a.m. The committee met in person, with MHSAA staff and guests joining virtually to discuss various topics on the agenda. Past UP Athletic Committee meeting minutes as well as Representative Council minutes were reviewed.

2024-25 TOURNAMENT HOST

Pending review of the MHSAA staff and respective Site Selection Committees, the UPAC made the following recommendations and confirmed Spring, Fall, and Winter 2024 and 2025 MHSAA UP tournament sites. Sites are tentative and can be moved for a variety of factors including matchups, geography, and site availability. The UPAC discussed the scheduling of MHSAA tournaments, neutral site games, and game changes. The philosophy of the UPAC is that travel between schools is strongly considered when scheduling and moving games. MHSAA staff will work to identify the potential changes and matchups that could occur and quickly communicate with hosts and the schools involved.

2024 Boys and Girls UP Track and Field Finals

Kingsford HS - Saturday, June 1, 2024

Boys and Girls UP Track Regionals

Div. 1 - Regional #41 - Gladstone HS - 5/15/24
Div. 1 - Regional #42 - Negaunee HS - 5/15/24
Div. 2 - Regional #43 - Ishpeming HS - 5/16/24
Div. 2 - Regional #44 - Munising HS - 5/18/24
Div. 3 - Regional #45 - St. Ignace HS - 5/17/24
Div. 3 - Regional #46 - Rapid River HS - 5/15/24
Div. 3 - Regional #47 - Lake Linden-Hubbell HS - 5/16/24
Div. 3 - Regional #48 - Felch-North Dickinson HS - 5/17/24

2024 Boys and Girls UP JH/MS Track Regionals

The MHSAA JH/MS Track Regional pilot program now in its' second year was confirmed at three UP sites. Teams will be assigned to each of the three Regionals by geography with information shared by each host athletic director to the competing schools.

Calumet - May 29, 2024

St. Ignace - May 29, 2024

Ishpeming Westwood - May 29, 2024

2024-25 Boys UP Tennis Finals - May 28 - 31, 2025

D1 - Escanaba - 1st yr.

D2 - Iron Mountain - 2nd yr.

2024-25 Girls UP Tennis Finals - October 2 - 5, 2024

Div. 1 - Escanaba - 1st yr.

Div. 2 - Iron Mountain - 2nd yr.

2023-24 Boys and Girls UP Golf Finals

D1 - Marquette HS – Boys, Marquette Country Club - Girls, Northern Michigan Univ. Golf Course - 5/29/24

D2 - Iron River - West Iron County HS - George Young Recreational Complex - Wednesday, 5/29/24

D3 - Powers - North Central - Highland Golf Course - Thursday, 5/30/24

2024-25 Boys and Girls UP Cross Country - Saturday, October 19, 2024

Munising HS @ Pictured Rocks Golf Course

The UPAC selected Munising HS to serve as host of the 2024 MHSAA UP Cross Country Finals host for one school year with more discussion on future sites continuing at next year’s UPAC Fall meeting.

2024-25 Boys and Girls UP JH/MS Cross Country

Munising - Pictured Rocks Golf Course - Friday, October 18, 2024

Houghton - Michigan Tech XC Course - week of HS UP XC Finals

St. Ignace - Doc Holle’s Ski - week of HS UP XC Finals

2024-25 UP Boys and Girls Swim/Dive Finals

Marquette HS - Feb.15, 2025

2024-25 Volleyball Site Recommendations

DIVISION 1 - Non-Traditional

District 1 Marquette

DIVISION 2 - Non-Traditional

District 33 Gladstone

DIVISION 3 - Non-Traditional

District 65 Calumet

District 66 Iron Mountain

DIVISION 4 - Non-Traditional

District 97 Watersmeet

District 98 Lake Linden - Hubbell

District 99 Powers-North Central

District 100 Munising

District 101 Brimley

District 102 St. Ignace

Regionals - Non-Traditional

Division 2 #9 RSF (UP-D33 vs D34) Manistique

Division 3 #17 RSF (UP-D65 vs LP-D66) Gwinn

Final - St. Ignace

Division 4 #25 RSF (UP-D97 vs UP-D98) Houghton

RSF (UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Escanaba

Final - Negaunee

Division 4 #26 RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Sault Area

Quarterfinal

Division 4 #13 (UP-R25 vs UP-R26) Manistique

2024-25 Basketball Site Recommendations

GIRLS

BOYS

DIVISION 1 - Non-Traditional

District 1 Gaylord

Marquette

DIVISION 2 - Non-Traditional

District 33 Escanaba

Gladstone

DIVISION 3 - Non-Traditional

District 65 Ishpeming Westwood

District 66 Menominee

Ironwood

Bark River-Harris

DIVISION 4 - Non-Traditional

District 97 Wakefield-Marenisco

District 98 Chassell

District 99 Crystal Falls Forest Park

District 100 Munising

District 101 Brimley

District 102 Cedarville

Ontonagon

Baraga

Big Bay de Noc

Crystal Falls Forest Park

Brimley

Mackinaw City

REGIONALS **GIRLS**

Division 2 #9 RSF (UP-D33 vs LP-D34) Munising

Final - Petoskey or Houghton Lake

Division 3 #17 RSF (UP-65 vs UP-D66) Escanaba

Final - St Ignace

Division 4 #25 RSF (UP-97 vs UP-D98) Houghton

(UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Kingsford

Final - Marquette

Division 4 #26 RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Brimley

Final - Indian River Inland Lakes

REGIONALS **BOYS**

Division 2 #9 RSF (UP-D33 vs LP-D34) Manistique

F - Gaylord

Division 3 #17 RSF (UP-65 vs UP-D66) Marquette

Final - Sault Ste Marie

Division 4 #25 RSF (UP-97 vs UP-D98) Houghton

(UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Kingsford

Final - Negaunee

Division 4 #26 RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Sault Ste Marie

Final - Cheboygan

QUARTERFINAL DIVISION 4 #13 (UP R25 vs UP R26)

Girls - Gladstone

Boys - Gladstone

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COACHES ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

CAP classes in the UP were discussed and host schools will be confirmed by UPAC members in the Eastern UP and Western UP for late summer and early fall of 2024.

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

UPAC composition and UPAC future were discussed by the committee, including the fall elections, what positions will be filled, and what advisory positions will be needed for the Fall. The UPAC determined that the current advisory members would be asked to again serve for the 2024-25 school year on the UPAC. All in attendance accepted their selection. Geographic and division coverage of the UP is critical to a successful UPAC, with site and official selection being two of the primary duties of the UPAC.

UP-LP SPORTS

The committee reviewed correspondence on several topics, such as UP involvement in LP MHSAA tournaments, five divisions in some sports, and the 100-student enrollment limit.

UPAC MEETING SCHEDULE

A preview of the next day's UP AD In-service and the event's timing was discussed.

The next UPAC meeting will be held on September 25, 2024, in Marquette at the Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m. EST. Future UPAC meeting dates will be February 17, 2025, February 24, 2025(Virtual), and April 24, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.