

2025 MHSAA UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – held in Marquette and via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Berutti, Iron River
Jim Bobula, Ontonagon (Advisory)
Vince Gross, Whitefish Township
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace (Advisory)
Chris Hartman, Kingsford
Dale Hongisto, Gladstone (Advisory)
Paul Jacobson, Negaunee

Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden
Sam Larson, Menominee

MHSAA STAFF

Cody Inglis
Andrea Osters
Tricia Wieferich

At 8:30 a.m., a welcome and preview of the committee agenda started the meeting. The committee met in person, with MHSAA staff joining virtually to discuss various topics on the agenda. 2023-24 UP Athletic Committee meeting minutes, as well as Representative Council minutes, were reviewed.

Tournament Hosts for 2025-26

Pending review of the MHSAA staff and respective Site Selection Committees, the committee made the following recommendations and confirmed spring, fall, and winter 2025, and 2026 MHSAA UP tournament sites. Sites are tentative and can be moved for a variety of factors, including matchups, geography, and site availability. The committee discussed the scheduling of MHSAA tournaments, neutral site games, and game changes. The philosophy of the committee is that travel between schools should be strongly considered when scheduling and moving games. MHSAA staff will work to identify asap the potential changes and matchups that could occur and strongly communicate with hosts and the schools involved.

2024-25 Boys and Girls UP Track & Field Finals

Kingsford HS – 5/30/25

2024-25 Boys and Girls UP Track & Field Regionals

Division 1:

Regional #41 – Escanaba HS – 5/16/25

Regional #42 – Houghton HS – 5/15/25

Division 2:

Regional #43 – West Iron County HS – 5/14/25

Regional #44 – Pickford HS – 5/16/25

Division 3:

Regional #45 – St. Ignace HS – 5/14/25

Regional #46 – Rapid River HS – 5/14/25

Regional #47 – Lake Linden-Hubbell HS – 5/14/25

Regional #48 – Baraga HS – 5/15/25

2024-25 Boys and Girls UP JH/MS Track & Field Regionals

Teams will be assigned to each of the three Regionals by geography and information shared by each host athletic director with the competing schools.

Houghton HS – May 28, 2025

St. Ignace HS – May 28, 2025

Gwinn HS – May 28, 2025

2024-25 Boys UP Tennis Finals

Division 1 Escanaba HS – 5/28/25

Division 2 Iron Mountain HS – 5/28/25

2025-26 Boys and Girls UP Tennis Finals – TBD

Division 1 Girls – Ishpeming Westwood HS
Division 2 Girls – Iron Mountain HS @ Kingsford
Division 1 Boys – Ishpeming Westwood HS
Division 2 Boys – Iron Mountain HS @ Kingsford

2024-25 Boys and Girls UP Golf Finals

Division 1 Boys – Escanaba HS, Sage Run Golf Club, Bark River – 5/28/25
Division 1 Girls – Escanaba HS, Sweetgrass Golf Club, Harris – 5/28/25
Division 2 Norway HS, Oak Crest Golf Club – 5/30/25
Division 3 Powers-North Central HS, Escanaba Country Club – 5/28/25

2025-26 Boys and Girls UP Cross Country Finals

All Divisions – Munising HS, Pictured Rocks Golf Course – 10/18/25

2025-26 Boys and Girls UP JH/MS Cross Country Regionals

Munising HS, Pictured Rocks Golf Course – 10/17/25
Calumet HS, TBD
St. Ignace HS, Doc Holle's Ski – 10/15/25

2025-26 Boys and Girls Swim/Dive UP Finals

All Divisions – Marquette HS – 2/21/26

2025-26 UP GIRLS Volleyball, Non-Traditional (unless all teams agree to traditional)**DISTRICTS** (11/3-4, 11/6, 7 or 8, 2025)

DIVISION 1: District 1 Petoskey HS

DIVISION 2: District 33 Houghton HS
District 34 Cheboygan HS

DIVISION 3: District 65 Ironwood HS
District 66 Gwinn HS

DIVISION 4: District 97 Crystal Falls – Forest Park HS
District 98 Hancock HS
District 99 Norway HS
District 100 Eben Junction – Superior Central HS
District 101 Rudyard HS
District 102 Cedarville HS

Regionals: Non-Traditional (11/11 & /13, 2025)

DIVISION 2: RSF #9 (UP-D33 vs LP D34) Newberry HS
RF #9 Grayling HS

DIVISION 3: RSF #17 (UP-D65 vs LP-D66) Gwinn HS
RF #17 Newberry HS

DIVISION 4: RSF #25 (UP-D97 vs UP-D98) L'Anse HS
RSF #25 (UP-D99 vs UP-D100) North Dickinson HS
RF #25 L'Anse HS
RSF #26 (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) St. Ignace HS
RF #26 Pellston HS

Quarterfinal: (11/18/25)

DIVISION 4: #13 (UP-R25 vs UP-R26) Manistique HS

2025-26 Boys and Girls UP Basketball, Non-Traditional (unless all teams agree to traditional)

DISTRICTS

BOYS (2/23, 2/25, 2/27, 2025)

GIRLS (3/2, 3/4, 3/6, 2025)

DIVISION 1:	District 1	Petoskey HS	Gaylord HS
DIVISION 2:	District 33	Escanaba HS	Negaunee HS
DIVISION 3:	District 65	Ishpeming Westwood HS	Calumet HS
	District 66	Ishpeming HS	Bark River-Harris HS
DIVISION 4:	District 97	Wakefield-Marenisco HS	Ontonagon HS
	District 98	Lake Linden-Hubbell HS	Dollar Bay HS
	District 99	Powers-North Central HS	Norway HS
	District 100	Felch-North Dickinson HS	Ishpeming HS
	District 101	Engadine HS	Newberry HS
	District 102	St. Ignace HS	Pickford HS

REGIONALS: Non-Traditional

BOYS (3/3 & 3/5, 2026)

Division 1 #1	RSF (UP-D1 vs LP D2) Gaylord HS
	RF LP-Cadillac HS
Division 2 #9	RSF (UP-D33 vs LP-D34) Manistique HS
	RF LP-Gaylord HS
Division 3 #17	RSF (UP-65 vs UP-D66) Kingsford HS
	RF Newberry HS
Division 4 #25	RSF (UP-97 vs UP-D98) Houghton HS
	RSF (UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Kingsford HS
	RF Negaunee HS
Division 4 #26	RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Sault Ste Marie HS
	RF LP-Cheboygan HS

GIRLS (3/9 & 3/11, 2026)

Division 1 #1	RSF (UP-D1 vs LP D2) Houghton Lake HS
	RF LP-Cadillac HS
Division 2 #9	RSF (UP-D33 vs LP-D34) Manistique HS
	RF LP-Gaylord HS
Division 3 #17	RSF (UP-65 vs UP-D66) Negaunee HS
	RF Newberry HS
Division 4 #25	RSF (UP-97 vs UP-D98) Houghton HS
	RSF (UP-D99 vs UP-D100) Kingsford HS
	RF Ishpeming Westwood HS
Division 4 #26	RSF (UP-D101 vs UP-D102) Sault Ste Marie HS
	RF LP-Cheboygan HS

QUARTERFINALS

Division 4: #13 Boys – (UP-R25 vs UP-R26) Gladstone HS – 3/10/26

Division 4: #13 Girls– (UP-R25 vs UP-R26) Gladstone HS – 3/17/26

Discussion Items:

1. 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 2025.
2. The committee discussed the UP Athletic Committee's composition and future, 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 serve again for the fall meeting, when the results of the fall elections will be known. 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.
3. The committee reviewed correspondence on several topics, such as UP's involvement in LP MHSAA tournaments, Track & Field Regional alignment, five divisions, the Ice Hockey Quarterfinal site for 2025-26, and UP Tennis scoring solutions.
4. A preview of the next day's UP AD In-service and the event's timing was discussed.
5. The next Upper Peninsula Committee Meeting will be held on September 24, 2025, in Marquette at the Holiday Inn at 8:30 a.m. EST. Future UP Athletic Committee meeting dates will be February 16, 2026, February 23, 2026 (Virtual), and April 23, 2026.

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

