

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Marquette, September 25, 2024
8:30 a.m. EST In-Person & Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Berutti, Iron River
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

MHSAA STAFF

Cody Inglis
Andi Osters (Virtual)
Will McKoy (Virtual)
Ryan Wieferich (Virtual)

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. Meeting materials were previewed, and committee members previewed the agenda and previous meeting minutes. The committee met in person, with MHSAA staff joining via Zoom for specific discussion topics, including officials' selection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

General topics included reviewing correspondence received, updates on the UP Athletic Committee elections, UP soccer updates, MHSAA tournament updates on GoFan usage as well as NFHS Network Pixellot discussion. Additional general topics included the MHSAA Sportsmanship Summit on November 4th in Marquette and a preview of Mark Uyl's MHSAA Update meeting presentation on October 18.

Discussions about various sports topics, including dates, venues, and specifics were detailed to the committee.

Winter Sports:

Bowling - 2025

- A. Regionals: Feb. 19-22
- B. Finals: Feb. 28 – March 1
 - D1 – Thunderbowl, Allen Park
 - D2 - Century Bowl, Waterford
 - D3 – Jax 60, Jackson
 - D4 – Northway Lanes, Muskegon

Competitive Cheer - 2025

- A. Districts: Feb. 14-15
- B. Regionals: Feb. 22
- C. Finals: Feb. 28-March 1 - Central Michigan University

Ice Hockey - 2025

- A. Regionals: Feb. 17–26 – Div. 3 Houghton and Sault Ste. Marie
- B. Quarterfinals: March 1 – Div. 3 Marquette HS @ Lakeview Arena
- C. Semifinals: March 6-7 - USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth
- D. Finals: March 8 - USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

Wrestling – 2025

Individuals:

- A. Districts: Feb. 8
- B. Regionals: Boys: Feb. 15 Girls: Feb. 16
- C. Finals: Feb. 28–March 1 - Ford Field, Detroit

Team:

- A. District: Div. 2 & 4 – Feb. 5

- Div. 1 & 3 – Feb. 6
- B. Regionals: Feb. 12
- C. Finals: Feb. 21-22 - Wings Event Center, Kalamazoo
- Alpha Weigh-In: Oct. 21-Jan. 31

Gymnastics – 2025

- A. Regionals: March 1
- B. Finals: March 7-8 - Kenowa Hills HS, Grand Rapids

Skiing - 2025

- A. Regionals: Feb. 10-14
- B. Finals: Feb. 24
 - Div. 1 – Nubs Nob, Harbor Springs
 - Div. 2 – Boyne Highlands, Harbor Springs

UP Boys and Girls Swimming - 2025 - Finals: Feb. 15 - Marquette HS

Spring Sports:

Track & Field - 2025

- A. Regionals: May 15, 16 or 17
- B. Finals: May 31 - Kingsford HS

Golf – 2025 Finals: May 28, 29, 30, 31 –

Sites to be confirmed by the winter UPAC meeting, tentative sites, and hosts:

D1 – Sweetgrass/Sage Run – hosted by Escanaba HS

D2 - Oak Crest Golf Club – hosted by Norway HS

D3 – Highland or Escanaba Country Club – hosted by Powers North Central HS

UP Golf discussion of why the sport is a Spring sport and not a Fall sport – mainly because of the sports season lawsuit but also relates to participation by UP schools in Golf and other Fall sports.

Spring & Fall Sport:

Girls Tennis - 2024 Finals: Oct. 2-5, 2024

Div. 1 - Escanaba - 1st yr.

Div. 2 - Kingsford - 2nd yr.

A spring UPAC decision to determine host schools for the 2025 season in D1.

Boys Tennis - 2025 Finals: May 28-31, 2025

Div. 1 - Escanaba - 1st yr.

Div. 2 - Kingsford - 2nd yr.

Boys Soccer - 2024

- A. Districts: Oct. 9-19
- B. Regionals: Oct. 22-26
- C. Semifinals: October 30
- D. Finals: Nov. 2 - Grand Ledge HS

Soccer districts involving UP teams will be a non-traditional draw where the top line hosts all games.

Girls Soccer - 2025

- A. Districts: May 21-23, 27-31
- B. Regionals: June 3-7
- C. Semifinals: June 10-11
- D. Finals: June 13-14 – MSU

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Track & Field - 2024

- A. Regionals: May 14,15, 16, 17 or 18
- B. Finals: June 1 - Kingsford HS

There was a discussion about using Wednesday because of the shortage of FAT timers in the UP. The discussion centered on a rotation of D1, D2, and D3 schools so that there was not a rush to confirm timing companies. Cody will discuss this with Superior Timing, the main FAT timer in the UP.

Fall Sports:

Cross Country – 2024 Finals: October 19, 2024

Site: Munising HS @ Pictured Rocks Golf Course, Munising

Boys and Girls JH/MS Cross Country Regionals – 2024

Sites:

- Houghton HS – Oct. 15
- St. Ignace HS – Oct. 16
- Munising HS at Pictured Rocks Golf Course – Oct. 18

Volleyball – 2024

- A. Districts: Nov. 4-9
- B. Regionals: Nov. 12 & 14
- C. Quarterfinals: Nov. 19
- D. Semifinals: Nov. 21-22 - Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek
- E. Finals: Nov. 23 - Kellogg Arena, Battle Creek

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Football - 2024

11-Player – Finals: Ford Field, Detroit

- A. Districts: Nov. 1-9
- B. Regionals: Nov. 15 or 16
- C. Semifinals: Nov. 23
- D. Finals: Friday, Nov. 29 or Saturday, Nov. 30

8-Player – Finals: NMU, Marquette

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- B. Semifinals: Nov. 16
- C. Finals: Saturday, Nov. 23

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Next meeting dates:

- Winter UPAC Meeting – February 17, 2025 - Marquette
- BBB Officials Selection Zoom Meeting – February 17, 2025 - Marquette
- GBB Officials Selection Zoom Only Meeting – February 24, 2025
- Spring UPAC Meeting – April 24, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MHSAA STAFF

UP Athletic Committee Site selection involvement for Baseball and Softball Districts hosts and assignments.