

**UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**  
**Escanaba, January 15-16, 2012**

**Committee Members**

James Derocher, Negaunee  
Dave Duncan, Cedarville  
Matthew Houle, Gladstone  
Jeff Markham, Baraga  
Paul Polfus, Carney  
Christopher Hartman, Iron Mountain  
Al Unger, Kingsford

**Invited Guests**

Don Gustafson, St. Ignace  
Bruce Horsch, Houghton  
Tom Smith, Gladstone

**MHSAA Staff**

Nate Hampton

**COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The role of the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee is to assist in the planning for Upper Peninsula schools to participate in either the MHSAA Upper Peninsula or the State-wide post-season tournament. The committee will assist in tournament site selection, placement of schools within the tournament, and select game officials to be invited to work all levels of tournament competition.

Representative Council member James Derocher of Negaunee chaired the meeting. Mr. Derocher welcomed the invited guests: Dr. Tom Smith, Mr. Bruce Horsch and Mr. Don Gustafson. Mr. Derocher paid tribute to and presented a plaque to Mr. Don Gustafson, St. Ignace, for his service to the Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee and the member schools. Following the welcome, the following business was conducted.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The minutes of the December 2011 Representative Council were reviewed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Volleyball Regional site location
2. Officials Association request

**COMPETITIVE CHEER**

District 11 – Div. 2 hosted by Mason, Feb. 17, 2012 at 6 p.m.

District 17 – Div. 3 hosted by Houghton Lake, Feb. 18, 2012 at 11 a.m.

District 24 – Div. 4 hosted by East Jordan, Feb. 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Regionals – Feb. 25, 2012

Finals – DeltaPlex, Grand Rapids, March 2-3, 2012

**UP CROSS COUNTRY**

2012 Finals host – Munising

**UP GOLF**

UP Boys and Girls Finals – May 30-June 2, 2012

Div. 1 Host – Boys and Girls – Negaunee

Div. 2 Host – Boys and Girls – Newberry

Div. 3 Host – Boys and Girls – Boys at Rock Mid-Peninsula  
Girls at Gladstone

## **UP GYMNASTICS**

Regional – Rockford High School, March 3, 2012, 10 a.m.

Finals – Grand Rapids, Kenowa Hills High School, March 9-10, 2012

## **ICE HOCKEY**

Div. 2 Regional – Non-Traditional Draw – Top Line Host

Div. 3 Regional – Hancock

Div. 3 Regional winner will advance to Quarterfinals on March 6-7 at either Marquette or Sault Ste Marie.

Semifinals and Finals – Compuware Arena, Canton, March 8-10, 2012

Bruce Horsch will coordinate officials.

## **UP SWIMMING/DIVE**

Finals Host – Sault Ste. Marie HS

## **UPPER PENINSULA EVENTS**

UP Boys Tennis – Division 1 at Marquette, Division 2 at Iron Mountain

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

Finals – Munising

## **UP TRACK & FIELD**

Regionals – May 16-19, 2012

Finals – June 2, 2012

Div. 1 Regional 41 – Sault Ste. Marie

Div. 1 Regional 42 – Negaunee

Div. 2 Regional 43 – Iron River-West Iron County

Div. 2 Regional 44 – St. Ignace-LaSalle

Div. 3 Regional 45 – Pickford

Div. 3 Regional 46 – Munising

Div. 3 Regional 47 – Ontonagon

Div. 3 Regional 48 – Lake Linden-Hubbell

## **BASKETBALL OFFICIALS SELECTION**

One Upper Peninsula official was selected for the Final Round of the Girls and Boys Tournament.

One Upper Peninsula official was selected for the Semifinals Round of the Girls and Boys Tournament.

Five Upper Peninsula officials were selected for the Girls Quarterfinal Round.

Four Upper Peninsula officials were selected for the Boys Quarterfinal Round.

The committee selected officials for all Upper Peninsula Districts and Regionals.

Official Selection Criteria:

Officials must be registered with the MHSAA.

Officials must have the required ratings.

Officials must have current year credit for rules meeting completion.

Note: In cases of extreme need, the MHSAA staff may waive the criteria for ratings.

## **DISCUSSION**

Central Upper Peninsula Officials Association (CUPOA) – The committee discussed the newly-formed officials association in the Central Upper Peninsula. The committee discussed the role of local official associations statewide and their relationship to the MHSAA and member schools. While membership in a local officials association is a requirement for post-season tournament opportunities in the Lower Peninsula, there is no such criteria for Upper Peninsula officials.

The overall goals for local approved official associations are:

- 1) Recruiting and encouraging new officials
- 2) Administering training sessions for officials
- 3) Supervise the testing of officials

It is not the role of approved official associations to set game fees or to select officials for any level of the MHSAA tournaments.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Upper Peninsula Committee will be held Friday, April 20, 2012 in Escanaba.