

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Escanaba, September 25, 2019

Members Present

Jon Beckman, Ishpeming
Mike Berutti, Iron River
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden
Rick Pepin, Rapid River
Al Unger, Kingsford

Staff Member

Nate Hampton

Guest

Alex Tiseo, Marquette
Chris Hartman, Kingsford
John Sacchetti, Iron Mountain

Absent

Sean Jacques, Calumet
Nick Nolde, Escanaba

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with Don Gustafson serving as the Chair. Mr. Gustafson welcomed the committee and guests, which included Mr. Alex Tiseo, who was newly elected to the committee. Mr. Chris Hartman and Mr. John Sacchetti were present for a committee discussion, only. After a review of meeting materials, the following business was conducted.

Officials Recruitment/Retention

Mr. John Sacchetti, an official from Iron Mountain, made a presentation to the committee on recruiting and retention of football officials. The basic concern is the decreasing numbers of officials in the UP and schools having to potentially play contest on Thursdays and Saturdays in some areas of the UP because of this. The committee shared in his concerns and valued the continued efforts of the MHSAA, local schools and UP officials in recruiting and training new officials.

MHSAA Tournament Discussions

Competitive Cheer 2020

Districts: Feb. 21 or 22

Regionals: Feb. 29

Finals at DeltaPlex, Grand Rapids, March 6-7

Cross Country 2019

UP Finals: Oct. 19 - Marquette

Order of Competition: Girls Division 1, Girls Division 2, Girls Division 3
Boys Division 1, Boys Division 2, Boys Division 3

Golf 2020

UP Boys and Girls Finals: May 27, 28-29 or 30

NOTE: Opt-Out date May 15

Site: TBD in January

Gymnastics 2020

Regionals: March 7

Finals Site: TBD – March 13-14

Ice Hockey 2020

Regionals: Feb. 24 – March 4 (all Divisions)

Quarterfinals: March 7-8

Semifinals: March 12-13 – USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

Finals: All Divisions – March 14 - USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

Skiing 2020

Regionals: Feb. 10-14

Finals: Feb. 24

Sites: Both Divisions TBD

Swimming 2020

UP Finals: February 15 - Marquette

Tennis 2019-20

Girls UP Finals: Oct. 2-5 Sites: Div. 1 Negaunee Div. 2 Iron Mountain

Boys UP Finals: May 27-30 Sites: Div. 1 Negaunee Div. 2 Iron Mountain

Track & Field 2020

Regionals: May 14, 15 or 16 – Site: TBD Jan.

Finals: May 30 – Kingsford

Wrestling 2020

Individuals

Districts: Feb. 15

Regionals: Feb. 22

Finals: March 6-7

Team

Districts: Div. 1 & 3 – Feb. 12

Div. 2 & 4 – Feb. 13

Regionals: Feb. 19

Finals: Feb. 28-29

Volleyball 2019

Districts: Nov. 4-9

Regionals: Nov. 12 & 14

Quarterfinals: Nov. 19

Semifinals: Nov. 21-22

Finals: Nov. 23

The committee made selections of UP officials that are to receive MHSAA invitations in the 2019 MHSAA Volleyball tournament. The committee made selections for 9 Regional sites, 1 Quarterfinal site and 1 Semifinal assignment.

Football

11-Player

Pre-Districts: Nov. 1 or 2

Districts: Nov. 8 or 9

Regionals: Nov. 15 or 16

Semifinals: Nov. 22 or 23

Finals: Nov. 29 & 30 Site: Ford Field, Detroit

8-Player

Regional Semifinals: Nov. 1 or 2

Regional Finals: Nov. 8 or 9

Semifinals: Nov. 15 or 16

Finals: Nov. 22 or 23 Site: NMU, Marquette

8-Player – The committee discussed the potential growth in the 8-Player format with the possibility of more schools moving from 11-Player.

11-Player – The committee discussed potential league/conference alignment issues due to the closed game assignments projected in Wisconsin and the decrease in teams.

Tournament Officials – The committee made selections of UP officials that are to receive MHSAA invitations in the 2019 Football tournament.

Pre-District: 12 Crews, 60 Officials

Districts: 5 Crews, 25 Officials

Regionals: 3 Crews, 15 Officials

Semi Finals-Finals: 14 Officials

Basketball

The committee discussed the upcoming Basketball seeded tournament that will require all schools to post accurate game schedules and scores as well as the tournament official's selection process.

The committee will meet via teleconference on Feb. 17 for Girls Officials selections and Feb. 24 for Boys Officials selections. The MHSAA office will coordinate the final details.

Recognitions

The committee presented appreciation plaques to Mr. Al Unger and Mr. Rick Pepin for their years of service and dedication to UP schools and the UP Athletic Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020 via teleconference.