

UPPER PENINSULA ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
Escanaba, September 27, 2017

Members Present

Jon Beckman, Ishpeming
Mike Berutti, Iron River
Don Gustafson, St Ignace
Sean Jacques, Calumet
Jeff Markham, Baraga
Nick Nolde, Escanaba
Rick Pepin, Rapid River
Al Unger, Kingsford

Staff Member

Nate Hampton

Guest

Jack Kumpula, Lake Linden-Hubbell

The meeting began at 8:30 a.m. with Mr. Al Unger, serving as the Chair. Mr. Unger welcomed the committee and guest, Mr. Jack Kumpula, the newly-elected member to the committee. After a review of meeting materials, the following business was conducted.

MHSAA Tournament Discussions

Competitive Cheer

Districts – Feb. 15 or 16, 2019
Regionals – Feb. 23, 2019
Finals at DeltaPlex, Grand Rapids, March 1-2, 2019

Cross Country UP Finals – Oct. 20, 2018 - Munising

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

Gymnastics UP Participating Schools – Marquette, Escanaba and Negaunee

Regionals – March 2, 2019
Finals Location TBD – March 8-9, 2019

Ice Hockey

Regionals: Feb. 25, 2019 (all Divisions)
Quarterfinals: March 5-6, 2019
Semifinals – March 7-8, 2019 – USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth
Finals: Divisions 1, 2 and 3 – March 9, 2019, USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth

Skiing

Regionals: Feb. 11-15, 2019 Sites: TBD
Finals – Feb. 26, 2019 Sites: TBD

Swimming

UP Finals - February 16, 2019, Marquette HS

Tennis

Girls UP Finals - Oct. 3-6, 2018 Sites: Div. 1 Kingsford, Div. 2 Ishpeming Westwood
Boys UP Finals - May 29-June 1, 2019 Sites: Div. 1 Kingsford, Div. 2 Ishpeming Westwood

Wrestling Alpha Weigh-In – Oct. 22, 2018 – Jan. 31, 2019

Individuals

District – Feb. 9, 2019
Regionals – Feb. 16, 2019
Finals – March 1-2, 2019 (Venue & format review)

Team

District – Div. 1 & 3 – Feb. 16, 2019
Div. 2 & 4 – Feb. 7, 2019
Regionals – Feb. 13, 2019
Finals – Feb. 22-23, 2019

Golf

Golf – UP Boys and Girls Finals – May 29, 30 or June 1 Sites: TBD in Jan.

Volleyball

District – Oct. 29-31, Nov. 1, 2 or 3, 2018

Regional – Nov. 6 & 8, 2018

Quarterfinals – Nov. 15, 2018

Semifinals – Nov. 15-16, 2018

Finals – Nov. 17, 2018

Officials Selection

- a) District managers select Officials.
- b) UP Athletic Committee selects Regional Officials and one Quarterfinal Official.
- c) UP Athletic Committee selects one Official to work at Finals.

Football

11-Player

Pre-Districts – Oct. 26 or 27

Districts – Nov. 2 or 3

Regionals – Nov. 9 or 10

Semifinals – Nov. 16 or 17

Finals – Nov. 23 & 24 Site: Ford Field, Detroit

8-Player

Regional Semifinals – Oct. 26 or 27

Regional Finals – Nov. 2 or 3

Semifinals – Nov. 10

Finals – Nov. 16 Site: NMU, Marquette

The committee recommended invitations to approved Football officials in the following levels of the 2018 MHSAA Football Postseason Tournament.

14 Crews for the first rounds of both the 8-Player and 11-Player Tournament.

7 Crews for the second and third rounds.

5 Individuals for the 8-Player Semifinals and Finals

7 Individuals for the 11-Player Semifinals and Finals

Other Discussion Items:

Member School Surveys – This fall the MHSAA will survey member schools relating to the following topics.

1. Spring Break trips and scrimmages.
2. Arbiter Game usage and Athletic training services.
3. 8-Player Football topics and possibilities for future sport offerings.
4. Possibilities for non-traditional and traditional draws in Districts – given the latest interpretation that if there was unanimous agreement of assigned teams the District will use either method.
5. Representative Council and Upper Peninsula Committee member Mr. Sean Jacques, Calumet, presented Mr. Jeff Markham a plaque thanking Jeff for his services to the committee and Upper Peninsula schools. This was Jeff's last meeting as part of the UP Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019.