

## 2021 Finals Reports

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### Upper Peninsula (John Meyer)

June 5th arrived hot and stayed hot. By the afternoon we were in the mid to upper 90s. We began at 9:00 and kept going until the UP Finals were finished.

It was a good day for the officials and the athletes. There were a few questions that had to be answered and we did. We answered them to the satisfaction of both coaches and officials. We were able to back up any decision with rules and logic.

The officials involved were/are members of ATOM. They were: Jeff Schram, Mike Leanes, Victor Gross, Dee Jay Paquette and me. All the races and field events went well. The personnel running many of the events have been here for many years for the Finals. We have a very fine group of volunteers that can be depended on. Our Dickinson County Medical team was on hand all day; a good thing because of the heat and the number of people that needed medical assistance.

I would like to mention that another official was on site; a young man by the name of Jackson Ingells, a young man still at St. Ignace H S. He came over between his races to say hello. I asked him if he was still officiating and he said yes. It was nice to see a youngster coming up through the ranks. Hopefully, we can get him and others to rejoin ATOM after the last couple of years of not knowing what was going to happen.

I was able to get our banner on the fence across from the stands and the pressbox. We were the only banner on the fence so we did get lots of publicity

Best of luck for the rest of the school year.

### Lower Peninsula Division 1 (Doug Kelly)

Saturday, June 5, 2021 brought athletes, families, friends, and fans back together after a one-year hiatus due to Covid-19 for the Division 1 Lower Peninsula Track and Field State Finals. That alone made it a wonderful day that only got better because of some tremendous performances. While there were limited clouds in the sky, the temperatures and humidity were high pleasing many of the sprinters but offering challenges for the distance races (the 3200 included a water station that the athletes could take advantage of if so chosen).

The meet was again hosted by East Kentwood who does a nice job of putting on the meet. Blaine Brumels as meet director always seems to add another level to their facility which this year included an impressive video board built into the scoreboard. A few meet day decisions were made to allow for a more beneficial competitive environment like changing the direction of the discus throw. Changes were made early and quick enough that no delays to the start of the meet occurred.

The officials for the day included: Staters Bertha Smiley, Johnny Robinson, and Keith Millisler, Clerks Gordie Richardson, Miles Cleverly, and Tom Eschman, Referees Hugh Matson, Jim