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Section 1. **General.** It is the policy of Huntington County Community School Corporation that home schooled athletes be permitted the opportunity to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics provided certain criteria, including but not limited to the criteria set out in these guidelines, are met.

This Administrative Guideline will be governed by IHSAA Rule 12, Section 5.

Enrollment in a Non-Public, Non-Accredited School Team Practices:

- A. A student is eligible to participate in an athletic program involving IHSAA recognized sports only at the member school in which the student is enrolled and attends.
- B. The foregoing notwithstanding, if a student is enrolled in and attends, full- time, a nonpublic, non-accredited school the student may have eligibility to participate in the athletic program at the Indiana public school serving the student's residence, provided that:
 - 1. The student in conjunction with the non-public, non-accredited school and the public school serving the student's residence, provides proof to the IHSAA that the spirit of the eligibility rules will not be compromised.

2. The student has been enrolled in the non-public, non-accredited school for the previous three (3) years in succession.
3. The student completes any state-wide examinations authorized by the Indiana Department of Education.
4. The non-public, non-accredited school agent provides proof of meeting the provisions of Rule 18-1 of the IHSAA by-laws during the time period between the end of the member school's designated grading period and the corresponding certification date.
5. The student must be enrolled in, attending, and passing a minimum of three (3) full credit subjects offered within the member school building; and at least one (1) of the three (3) full credit subjects the student is enrolled in, attending, and passing must be on campus and any remaining full credit subjects may be virtual through Huntington County Community School Corporation

Additional information relating to this requirement is set out below.

The Superintendent is authorized to establish the appropriate procedures and policies governing the practice within the Corporation.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** The effective beginning date for this policy is the 2024-25 school year.

Section 3. **Enrollment.** A home schooled student desiring to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics at the Huntington County Community School Corporation serving the student's residence will be required to be actively enrolled in Huntington County Community Schools throughout the entire school year and not just during an athletic season. Failure to comply with this requirement will cause the student athlete to forfeit his or her right to participate in athletics for the duration of the eligibility period.

Section 4. **Eligibility.** A home schooled student desiring to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics at the Huntington County Community School Corporation serving the student's residence must enroll in Huntington County Community Schools for the entire school year and may not withdraw at any point during the school year or said athlete will be declared ineligible to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics through Huntington County Community Schools for 365 days following the student's withdrawal from Huntington County Community Schools.

Section 5. **Student Athlete Code of Conduct and Other Rules and Eligibility Criteria.** Home schooled student athletes will be subject to meeting and following all policies of the Huntington County Community Schools, including the Student Handbook, the Student Athlete Code of Conduct, and any rules or other eligibility criteria established by the individual coach(es).

Section 6. **Student Athlete Academic Requirements.**

- A. Provide athletic director with grade updates as per school's grading rotation including midterm and semester.
- B. Students will not be eligible for academic sports recognition.

Section 7. **Student Athlete Required Courses.** As discussed above, home schooled students desiring to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics at the Huntington County Community Schools serving the student's residence are required to enroll in, attend, and pass a minimum of three (3) full credit subjects at the IHSAA member high school or middle school, as grade level appropriate.

In addition, the following guidelines will govern the courses in which the student enrolls.

- A. A minimum of one course must be taken in-person in the member school building.
- B. The student may choose to take any course from the middle school or high school Program of Study provided they have met all prerequisites.
- C. Priority for enrollment in classes will be given to full-time students at Crestview Middle School, Riverview Middle School or Huntington North High School.
- D. Up to 2 courses may be taken through the member school's virtual education program if the student chooses.
- E. If the student chooses to take virtual education classes through the member school, space will be provided in the member school for the student to complete course work if they so choose.

Section 8. **Student Attendance Requirements.** The home school student athlete will be required to sign in everyday with the attendance office. The student will be expected to maintain exceptional attendance within the guidelines of the Huntington County Community Schools Handbook. Excess absences will result in the student's loss of athletic eligibility.

Section 9. **Other.** Students are expected to provide their own transportation to school and practices.

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