Home Schooled Athletes’ Participation in IHSAA Recognized Athletics

Section 1. General. It is the policy of the East Allen County Schools 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:

1. 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.

2. 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:

   A. 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,

   B. The student has been enrolled in the non-public, non-accredited school for the previous three years in succession,

   C. The student completes any state-wide examinations authorized by the Indiana Department of Education,

   D. 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,

   E. The student must be enrolled in and attending a minimum of one (1) full credit subject offered within the member school building. Additional information
related to this requirement is set out in Section 7 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 2013-14 school year.

Section 3. Enrollment. A home schooled student desiring to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics at the East Allen County high school serving the student’s residence will be required to be actively enrolled in East Allen County 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 East Allen County high school serving the student’s residence must enroll in East Allen County 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 East Allen County Schools for 365 days following the student’s withdrawal from East Allen County 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 East Allen County 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. The home schooled student athlete must comply with the following requirements prior to participation in athletics for East Allen County Schools and maintain them throughout their participation.

1. Provide home school curriculum being studied,
2. Provide name and ISBN number of textbook being used,
3. Provide athletic director with grade updates as per school’s grading rotation including midterm.

Section 7. Student Athlete Required Courses. As discussed above, home schooled students desiring to participate in IHSAA recognized athletics at the East Allen County High School serving the student’s residence are required to enroll in and attend a minimum of one (1) full credit subject at the IHSAA member high school. In addition, the following guidelines will govern the course (or courses) in which the student enrolls.
1. All course work will be from the Core Curriculum as outlined by each building principal,

2. All students will be required to take the End of Course Assessment (ECA).

3. A student who has not yet passed the required ECA must pass the course prior to moving on to the next course in the sequence.

4. The student may take another core class outside the requirements as set by East Allen County Schools once they have completed the course sequence set out below and the ECA successfully.

5. Course Sequence:

   Course 1: Algebra I and ECA
   Course 2: English 10 and ECA
   Course 3: Biology I and ECA
   Course 4: Core Elective

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 East Allen County Schools Handbook. Excess absences will result in the student’s loss of athletic eligibility.