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On July 16, 2020 the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) redefined language and definitions regarding virtual learning and how it corresponds with IHSAA rule 18.7.

From the IHSAA release:

Virtual options and athletic participation in the fall:

Scenario 1: If a school is offering virtual, distance learning, e-learning or online courses taught by member school personnel, a student athlete can attend 100% of the day virtually and still participate in education-based athletics. However, local control decision making permit a school to set a requirement above the standard set forth by the IHSAA. For instance, a school may still require in building attendance for athletic participation.

Scenario 2: If a 3rd party is delivering instruction to your students (teachers not employed by your school/corporation) and the percentage of courses being taught by the 3rd party is over 30% of the total number of courses offered in a semester, a waiver is required from the IHSAA.

Scenario 3: If a student athlete is attending a non-member virtual school full time in the fall, IHSAA By-Law 12-6 is still applicable.

In scenario 1, member school would be considered Madison Consolidated Schools and its staff. It is the position of Madison Consolidated Schools that any student at MJHS or MCHS who selects Madison schools virtual option (SELECT Program) will be eligible for participation in fall athletics.

*** If you had previously selected face-to-face instruction for your student and given this new information would now like to change to virtual learning, please contact your building principal to make the change.*

Scenario 2 refers to virtual instruction such as our PLATO online option that is student directed with no MCS personnel involved and students would not be eligible for athletic participation unless the appropriate percentage is met and a waiver is approved from the IHSAA.

Scenario 3 applies to homeschool students and the original rule of the IHSAA remains intact.

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