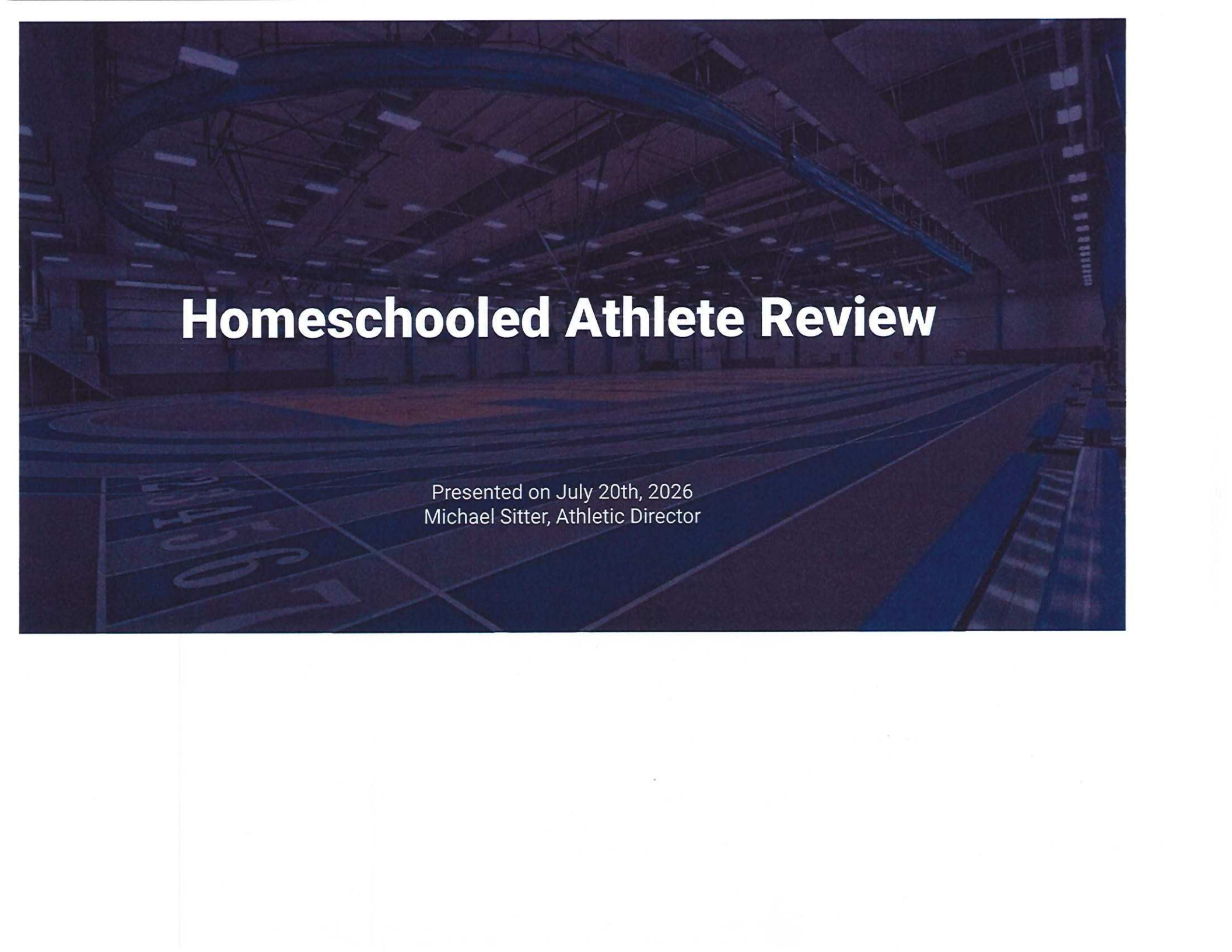


The background of the slide is a photograph of an indoor sports arena, likely a basketball court. The court floor is visible with its characteristic wood paneling and painted lines. In the foreground, the numbers '10', '9', and '8' are painted on the court. The arena's seating, or bleachers, is visible in the background, and the high ceiling with its structural beams and lighting fixtures is also shown. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, giving the image a moody appearance.

Homeschooled Athlete Review

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D301's Mission Statement

*Engage the mind
Empower the learner
Inspire excellence
Influence the world*



IHSA Homeschooled Athlete Overview

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) does not outright ban homeschooled athletes from competing, but it leaves the final decision up to the local school board. If permitted by the local school, homeschooled students can compete if they reside within the district and take/pass at least one class at the member school each semester.

Key Requirements for Homeschool Athletes

To participate under IHSA By-law 3.011, the student must meet all of the following conditions:

- **Local School Approval:** The member high school's administration and school board must officially allow homeschooled students to participate in their athletic programs.
- **Residency:** The student must reside within the legal boundaries of that specific high school district.
- **Course Enrollment:** The student must be enrolled in and successfully pass at least one credit-bearing course at the member high school each semester.
- **Academic Standards:** The student must comply with all other IHSA rules, include age, transfer, and academic eligibility requirements determined by both the IHSA and the local school.



Current Central 301 Homeschooled Policy

7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and HomeSchooled Students

Part-Time Attendance

The District accepts nonpublic school students, including parochial and home-schooled students, who live within the District for part-time attendance in the District's regular education program on a space-available basis. Requests for part-time attendance must be submitted to the Building Principal of the school in the school attendance area where the student resides. All requests for attendance in the following school year must be submitted before May 1.

A student accepted for partial enrollment must comply with all discipline and attendance requirements established by the school. He or she may participate in any co-curricular activity associated with a District class in which he or she is enrolled. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student accepted for partial enrollment must pay all fees, pro-rated on the basis of a percentage of full-time fees. Transportation to and/or from school is provided on regular bus routes to or from a point on the route nearest or most easily accessible to the nonpublic school or student's home. This transportation shall be on the same basis as the District provides transportation for its full-time students. Transportation on other than established bus routes is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).



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Students with a Disability

The District accepts for part-time attendance those children for whom it has been determined that special education services are needed, are enrolled in nonpublic schools, and otherwise qualify for enrollment in the District. Requests must be submitted by the student's parent/guardian. Special educational services shall be provided to such students as soon as possible after identification, evaluation, and placement procedures provided by State law, but no later than the beginning of the next school semester following the completion of such procedures. Transportation for such students shall be provided only if required in the child's Individualized Educational Program on the basis of the child's disabling condition or as the special education program location may require.

Extracurricular Activities, Including Interscholastic Competition

A nonpublic school student is eligible to participate in: (1) interscholastic competition, provided his or her participation adheres to the regulations established by any association in which the District maintains a membership, and (2) non-athletic extracurricular activities, 1 of 2 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students **provided the student attends a District school for at least one-half of the regular school day, excluding lunch.** A nonpublic student who participates in an extracurricular activity is subject to all policies, regulations, and rules that are applicable to other participants in the activity.



Local District Homeschooled Athlete Review

Allows	Does Not Allow
• D300* ◦ Dundee-Crown ◦ Hampshire ◦ Jacobs • Huntley* • Geneva • St. Charles - 2 schools • U-46 - 5 schools <i>*Fox Valley Conference</i>	• McHenry* • D155* ◦ Cary-Grove ◦ Crystal Lake Central ◦ Crystal Lake South ◦ Prairie Ridge <i>*Fox Valley Conference</i>



Local District Homeschooled Athlete Review - *Local District Allows With Exception, Example*

Example: Batavia Policy

Homeschooled students may participate in Batavia Public School District 101 athletics if space remains after full-time enrolled students are accommodated and they meet Illinois High School Association (IHSA) eligibility rules. This requires taking and passing a minimum of one in-person course at the Batavia member school each semester.

Here are the key conditions for participation:

- **Capacity & Approval:** Enrolled Batavia High School and Rotolo Middle School students have the first option to participate. If space is available, non-public or homeschooled students must submit a written participation request to the Building Principal.
- **IHSA Requirements:** Homeschooled athletes must comply with all IHSA Athletic Eligibility By-Laws, which includes enrollment in a minimum number of credit hours and taking at least one class on campus.



CHS Homeschooled Athlete Process

If D301 were to move forward with allowing homeschooled athlete participation, below is the process proposal:

1. Parents and/or guardians register their child at Central High School with the school registrar. The student is subject to any fees that are required of other students.
2. Upon approval, the parents and/or guardians will meet with the counselor to select a minimum of one course of enrollment while the student is participating in the sport.
3. The registrar or parent will forward the remaining homeschool curriculum to the District Director of Athletics.
4. Approval letters will be sent via e-mail from the Athletic Director to registrar, counselor and parents/guardians.
5. The parent and/or guardian registers their student for athletics through the athletic website.
6. The student completes all necessary athletic forms and fees to be eligible to participate in athletics.
7. Once the student starts to participate, the parents and/or guardians need to work with the athletic department in complying with athletic rules, like weekly eligibility.



Questions?

