

HISTORY OF THE ALL "A" CLASSIC

Through the efforts of coaches such as Stan Steidel of Dayton, Bill Frey of Covington Holy Cross, Father Ed Heile of Covington Latin, and others, the inception of a small school basketball tournament began in January of 1980. The first Class "A" Tournament was held at Holy Cross High School in Latonia with nine teams. In 1981, the tournament moved to Bellevue with ten teams, all from northern Kentucky.

From 1982 to 1988, the Classic went statewide by inviting six and eventually eight Class "A" schools from around the state to compete with the ten northern Kentucky schools.

In 1990, the All "A" Classic experienced a dream come true! A statewide championship tournament occurred with 16 boys' regional tournament winners competing in Lexington in February. In 1991, the All "A" Classic expanded to include the field of 16 boys' regional winners and four girls' sectional winners competing in the statewide finals. In 1992, the statewide tournament again expanded to include 8 girls' teams and in 1993 included the full complement of 16 boys and 16 girls teams.

All "A" Tournament Finals

BOYS

Year	Winner	Coach	Score	Runner-up	Coach
1980	Cov Holy Cross	Bill Frey	70-50	Dayton	Stan Steidel
1981	Bellevue	Mike Swauger	60-59	Dayton	Stan Steidel
1982	Carlisle County	Craynor Slone	48-47	Bellevue	Mike Swauger
1983	Walton-Verona	Bob Eades	53-40	Bardstown Bethlehem	Bev Hart
1984	Oneida Baptist	Larry Gritten	63-55	Ludlow	Ray Thompson
1985	Muhlenberg Central	Dale Todd	57-56	Walton-Verona	Bob Eades
1985	Harlan	Billy Hicks	71-62	Walton-Verona	Bob Eades
1986	Cov Holy Cross	Pat Ryan	60-56	Paris	Bob Eades
1987	Bardstown	Tim McDougle	76-55	Saint Henry	Ron Dawn
1988	Central City	Tony Hopper	76-62	Cov Holy Cross	Jeff Trame
1990	University Heights	Roy Wollum	75-59	Owsley County	Larry Sparks
1991	University Heights	Pat Fields	61-53	Kentucky Country Day	Mark Peeler
1992	Lexington Catholic	Danny Haney	100-82	Hancock County	John Tinsley
1993	Dilce Combs	Charles Minks	68-67 OT	Fulton County	Sam Miller
1994	Harlan	Charles Jones	67-55	University Heights	Jeff Jackson
1995	Harlan	Charles Jones	61-60	Lexington Catholic	Danny Haney
1996	University Heights	Jeff Jackson	61-36	Caverna	Tim Riley
1997	Lexington Catholic	Danny Haney	80-63	Paintsville	Bill Runyon
1998	University Heights	Jeff Jackson	59-42	Saint Henry	Dave Faust
1999	University Heights	Jeff Jackson	54-46	Gallatin County	Jon Jones
2000	Newport Cent Cath	Ron Dawn	52-33	Highview Baptist	Mike Doig
2001	Glasgow	Bart Flener	60-52	Somerset	Shawn Thacker
2002	University Heights	Jeff Jackson	58-46	Somerset	Shawn Thacker
2003	Saint Henry	Dave Faust	81-62	Rose Hill Christian	Jeff Hall
2004	Hazard	Kevin Spurlock	43-38	Bishop Brossart	Willie Schlarman
2005	University Heights	Marty Cline	61-52	Somerset	Shawn Thacker
2006	Bardstown	Gary Goode	53-50	Owensboro Catholic	Mike Orr
2007	Bishop Brossart	Mike Code	56-48	Bardstown	Gary Goode

GIRLS

Year	Winner	Coach	Score	Runner-up	Coach
1991	Cumberland	John Bond	47-44	West Hopkins	Nancy Oldham
1992	Cumberland	John Bond	55-38	Lexington Catholic	Terry Quigley
1993	Nicholas County	Barbara Kenney	56-38	Webster County	Phil Gibson
1994	Lou Holy Cross	Rick Powell	38-35	Nicholas County	Barbara Kenney
1995	Monroe County	Tony Harlan	52-51	Lexington Catholic	Bob Tripure
1996	Lou Holy Cross	Rick Powell	56-47	Saint Henry	Amy Suter
1997	Hazard	William Fannin	53-45	Lexington Catholic	Bob Tripure
1998	Hazard	William Fannin	58-57	Bishop Brossart	Ray Kues
1999	Bishop Brossart	Ray Kues	61-43	Somerset	Judie Mason
2000	Somerset	Judie Mason	58-54	Bishop Brossart	Ray Kues
2001	Jackson County	Greg Parrett	64-39	Newport Cent Cath	Christie McDonald
2002	Jackson County	Greg Parrett	64-41	West Carter	John "Hop" Brown
2003	Clinton County	Gary Abbott	49-30	Jackson County	Greg Parrett
2004	Clinton County	Ronnie Guffey	58-56	Whitesburg	Dickie Adams
2005	Christian Acad-Lou.	Don Rice	34-32	Clinton County	Ronnie Guffey
2006	Monroe County	Wayne Murray	64-60	Saint Mary	Staci Averill
2007	Lexington Christian	Jason Seamonds	83.57	Newport Cent Cath	Christie McDonald