



## **Owensboro to Host the 2025 Kentucky All “A” Classic Basketball Championships**

OWENSBORO, KY – Visit Owensboro and the Kentucky All “A” Classic announced that Owensboro will host the 2025 Kentucky All “A” Classic Basketball Championships for both boys and girls. This prestigious tournament will take place January 22-26, 2025, at the historic Owensboro Sportscenter, bringing 32 of the state’s top small school teams to compete for the championship title.

The tournament will kick off on Wednesday, January 22, with the girls’ first-round games, beginning at 8:30 AM and continuing throughout the day. On Thursday, January 23, the boys’ tournament will commence with another full day of first-round matchups starting at 8:30 AM. The competition will continue into the weekend, with the quarterfinals being held on Friday, semifinals on Saturday, and both championship games taking place on Sunday, January 26.

Mike Reeves, Secretary/Treasurer for the Kentucky All “A” Classic said, “We are excited to be a member of the partnership between the Kentucky All “A” Classic and Visit Owensboro. Owensboro is a great community and look forward to being there in January 2025.”

“The Kentucky All ‘A’ has been an incredible group to work with. They are a well-oiled machine with very committed members. The All ‘A’ Classic represents the smaller schools in Kentucky, and we are going to create a true championship atmosphere,” said Mark Calitri, President of Visit Owensboro.

Calitri added, “This is an incredible opportunity to introduce Owensboro’s vibrant community to athletes, fans, and school administrators from across the state of Kentucky.”

The tournament is expected to bring over 32,000 fans to Owensboro and generate an economic impact of more than \$1.9 million for the local community.

Owensboro Mayor Tom Watson said, “We are excited to showcase all the amazing buzz and excitement happening Owensboro. With our exceptional riverfront and fantastic local attractions, restaurants, and shops, we’re eager to welcome visitors and ensure a memorable experience for everyone.”

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Kentucky All “A” Classic Website: [www.allaclassic.org](http://www.allaclassic.org)

About Kentucky All “A” Classic:

The 2025 Statewide Basketball Tournament will be the 36<sup>th</sup> annual basketball event. Kentucky high schools with an enrollment of 575 or less in grades 9 – 12 are eligible to join the organization. At the present time there are 122 member schools participating in the Kentucky All “A” Classic athletic and scholarship programs.

The Kentucky All “A” Classic is an annual statewide basketball tournament that features the best teams from Kentucky’s smallest high schools, celebrating the spirit of competition and the success of smaller schools.

About Visit Owensboro:

Visit Owensboro is the official tourism agency for Owensboro, Kentucky, committed to promoting the city as a top destination for meetings, events, and tourism. With a vibrant riverfront, renowned event venues, and a welcoming community, Owensboro continues to attract visitors from around the country.