

# 2026 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Please read the guidelines carefully as some things have changed from previous years. If you have any questions, please contact [mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us](mailto:mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us)

## PRE-TOURNAMENT

- Email the All "A" Classic with the following information by no later than Sunday, January 18th:
  1. Head Coach cell phone number and e-mail
  2. Athletic Director cell phone number and e-mail
  3. Principal cell phone number and e-mail
  4. Cheer coach cell phone number and e-mail
  5. Game day onsite administrator cell phone and e-mail
- Schools are required to participate in a ZOOM meeting on Monday, January 19 beginning @ 9 a.m. CST. The meeting link will be emailed to the athletic director. The principal and/or athletic director and/or coach should be in attendance for this meeting. Additional details of the tournament will be provided.
- Schools should update rosters on the KHSAA website to include player number, grade level, position played, and height by Monday, January 5.
- Fan admission price for each session is \$11 including GoFan fees. Children ages 3 and under shall be admitted free.  
***All tickets must be purchased through GoFan and will be available beginning on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.*** No re-entry is permitted.
- Each team will be provided with five complimentary passes to be used for Principals, Athletic Directors, and Superintendents. No cards will be honored except for media credentials. These complimentary passes will be available through GOFAN and the link will be emailed to the Athletic Director following the ZOOM meeting on January 19th.
- The Kentucky All "A" Classic will enter all tournament scores into Arbiter for the KHSAA scoreboard. Each school should enter their stats following their game.

- Give cheerleading information to Cheerleading Coach. Cheer coaches must notify the All "A" Classic via email by no later than Sunday, January 18th if they wish to participate in the in-game competition.
- Give band information to appropriate school personnel. Bands must provide advance notice via email of their attendance at each game to assist tournament officials with seating arrangements and gate number for entry.
- Uniforms—top team on bracket will be home team and wear white. Visiting team shall wear dark colored uniforms.
- **Practice basketballs** will be provided by the All "A" Classic.
- Owensboro Health will provide an athletic trainer for this year's tournament.
- Teams should **bring their own towels**.
- Water will be provided for participating teams.
- The following are banned Items in the Owensboro Sportscenter:
  - Artificial noise makers of any kind
  - Signs and banners
  - Balloons
  - Electric band instruments and amplifiers
  - Face/body paint
  - Glitter
  - Baby powder
  - Buckets
  - Silly string/confetti
  - Outside food and drink
  - Weapons of any kind

## **HOTEL ASSIGNMENT PROCESS**

### **2026 STATEWIDE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

1. Hotel assignments will be made on a first come first serve basis which means the earliest received rooming lists will have a better opportunity to receive the preferred hotel choice. Teams may request a maximum of 10 rooms. Any request above this amount can't be guaranteed.
2. Upon completion of the regional championship game the school must email [mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us](mailto:mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us) with a rooming list for requested hotel rooms. This rooming list must contain the first and last name of all individuals in each room including coaches. If the name of the bus driver is not known that one room can be listed as "Bus Driver". Rooms are blocks of 10 rooms, any request for additional rooms isn't guaranteed but must be made with this email and will be filled if possible.
3. Upon receipt of the rooming list email, a notification will be sent to the school asking them to choose the hotel for which they are requesting assignment. A list of available hotels for the number of rooms requested will be contained in the email. Each school will be asked to designate preferred hotel and two alternate hotels. Choosing a hotel doesn't constitute an official assignment.
4. A hotel assignment confirmation email will be sent to the school after the hotel has approved the rooming list. This assignment will contain contact information at the hotel along with room cost.
5. Schools are expected to contact the hotel to arrange payment utilizing either a check or credit card for payment.
6. Schools may request reimbursement for a maximum of six rooms per night for up to four nights at a maximum rate of \$100 per room per night. This request should be submitted following completion of the tournament. A detailed hotel receipt is required to receive reimbursement for the tournament hotel. The reimbursement request is due by no later than February 6, 2026. This receipt should not be a summary receipt but must show each room used along with the room number on the hotel receipt. These should be sent to [mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us](mailto:mike.reeves@clinton.kyschools.us)

Questions should be directed via email.

## **GAMEDAY SPECIFICS**

- Designated school administrator should be onsite and accessible to All "A" Classic officials at least one hour before the scheduled starting time for their team's game.
- The Owensboro Sportscenter Admission Gate Hours:

Wednesday, January 21	7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Thursday, January 22	7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday, January 23	7:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday, January 24	10:00 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday, January 25	10:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Upon arrival at Owensboro Sportscenter participants should enter through the Gate 1 (pass gate) located on the Hickman Avenue side which is the east side the arena. Twenty-six participants per team will be permitted to sign-in for admission to the arena. This list is for players, coaches, and team personnel. Use of the sign-in sheet is at the discretion of each schools' administration. Coaches' cards, administrator cards, etc., will not be honored and no exceptions will be made to the above limit. Participant seating is available in Section 213 of the arena. Busses should unload participants on the Hickman Avenue side which is the east side of the Sportscenter and participants will enter at the Gate 1 (pass gate) on the east side of the arena.
- Cheerleaders, maximum of 16, one team mascot, and two cheer coaches will be provided free entry to the session in which their team is participating. No dressing room or changing area will be available so cheerleaders and team mascot must be in uniform and enter through the pass gate of the Sportscenter. Busses should unload cheerleaders on the Hickman Avenue side which is the east side of the Sportscenter and participants will enter at the Gate 1 (pass gate) on the east side of the arena. During sessions when their teams are not participating, cheerleaders are required to have a ticket and must enter through the regular admission ticket gate. This limit is observed whether or not the squad is competing in the in-game cheerleading competition. Non-uniformed cheerleaders and other adults traveling with the squad are required to have a ticket for that session and will be allowed to enter at the pass gate.

- All band members including directors and chaperones are required to have tickets for entry into the Owensboro Sportscenter. Schools must notify the All "A" Classic in advance that their band is attending. This will allow the arena to properly prepare the band seating area which is located on the upper level nearest their fan section. Busses should unload in the designated area which will be assigned upon confirmation of band attendance. The band members, director, and chaperones will enter the assigned gate at the Owensboro Sportscenter. Electrical musical instruments and amplifiers are not permitted to be used in the Owensboro Sportscenter. No exceptions will be made.
- Locker rooms will be designated for each game. Teams are responsible for the condition of the room. A key will be given to the head coach or designee upon arrival at the Owensboro Sportscenter and should be returned immediately following the conclusion of your game. Please do not leave valuables in the locker room.
- Each team may dress a maximum of fifteen (15) players per contest. The total number of bench personnel (including head coach, assistant coaches, managers, trainer, non-dressing members) shall not exceed the maximum of 20. The team bench will consist of twenty (20) chairs only and none will be added. The home team will be seated to the left of the official scorer while the visiting team will be seated to the right of the official scorer. Line-up cards should be returned to your team coordinator as soon as possible. Do not return line-up cards to the official scorer.
- The warm-up time for each game will be twenty (20) minutes. Teams will be escorted to the game floor by their team coordinator. Teams must warm up for pregame at the opposite end of the floor from their team bench. No dunking is permitted during warm-ups. Any violation will result in a technical foul.
- Each halftime will be ten (10) minutes in length. Teams will be notified to return from their locker rooms three minutes before the end of halftime.
- Audio and video recorders are allowed in designated areas. Consult your team coordinator for these locations. No electrical outlets will be available so individuals videotaping should bring batteries. Fans with video recorders must not obstruct the view of any fan or participant. **No live video streaming is permitted since PrepSpin has exclusive video rights for the tournament.**

- The Kentucky All "A" Classic will provide an official scorer for all contests in the tournament. The Owensboro Sportscenter will be providing a stats crew for each game of the 2026 tournament. One seat will be available for each team in a designated area near the team bench for either stats or scorebook. Due to limited space no exceptions will be made.
- Media requests should be made via e-mail to: [chad.rudd@wolfe.kyschools.us](mailto:chad.rudd@wolfe.kyschools.us). Floor access for media will be available. Exact guidelines will be provided upon approved media request.
- Each school may request one media pass for their school newspaper or yearbook for the session in which their team is participating. This request must be completed in advance by e-mail to [chad.rudd@wolfe.kyschools.us](mailto:chad.rudd@wolfe.kyschools.us). Floor access will be available.
- PrepSpin has exclusive rights for the 2026 Kentucky All "A" Classic Statewide Basketball Tournament. No live video broadcasts of any game or portion thereof are permitted without the approval of both PrepSpin and the All "A" Classic.
- The Kentucky All "A" Classic will provide a tournament radio network. Due to the large number of games scheduled during the five-day period, a team of veteran sports announcers have been assembled to provide play-by-play. Radio stations throughout the state may arrange to carry the network broadcast. The feed will also be available on the website at: [www.allaclassic.org](http://www.allaclassic.org)
- Radio stations are permitted to provide audio broadcast of games during the 2026 tournament at a cost of \$150 per game for broadcast rights fees. Payment must be made before broadcast begins. Land lines will not be available so stations must prepare to provide coverage using a cell phone. No live video coverage of the event is permitted since PrepSpin has exclusive video broadcast rights for the entire tournament. For more information, please contact the All "A" Classic via e-mail at [chad.rudd@wolfe.kyschools.us](mailto:chad.rudd@wolfe.kyschools.us)