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## All 'A' Classic



Although Kentucky High School Athletic Association members voted in 1976 to keep the one-state-tournament format Kentucky had had since 1916, some small schools still felt they did not stand a chance of reaching the Sweet Sixteen® when facing much larger schools .



In 1980, several schools in northern Kentucky started an invitational tournament to give the state's smallest high schools a chance for tournament play. The tournament continued, picking up schools from across the state, and in 1991, changed its format from invitational to one where regional games decide the 16 teams that will advance to the tournament.

The girls' All "A" Classic started in 1991 with four regional winners advancing to the state tournament. In 1993, its field also increased to 16 teams.

All "A" Classic teams are KHSAA members.