



The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame or College Basketball Hall of Fame is located in Kansas City because of the city's deep and abiding history with the sport. From James Naismith (the inventor and first men's coach at the University of Kansas) who is buried 45-minutes west of downtown Kansas City; to Phog Allen (the father of professional basketball coaching and second men's coach at the University of Kansas); to the NAIA Tournament that established Kansas City as a college basketball town; to the 11-NCAA Men's Basketball Championships (Final Four's) played in historic Municipal Auditorium and Kemper Arena; to the Big 6, Big 8 and now Big 12 Tournament having its home in Kansas City for decades along with the NCAA's 50-year history in Kansas City prior to relocating to Indianapolis; to the National Association of Basketball Coaches organization relocating to Kansas City in 1992; to the historic NCAA Division I programs of the University of Kansas, University of Missouri, Kansas State University and now UMKC who continue to write college basketball history in the Kansas City region.