

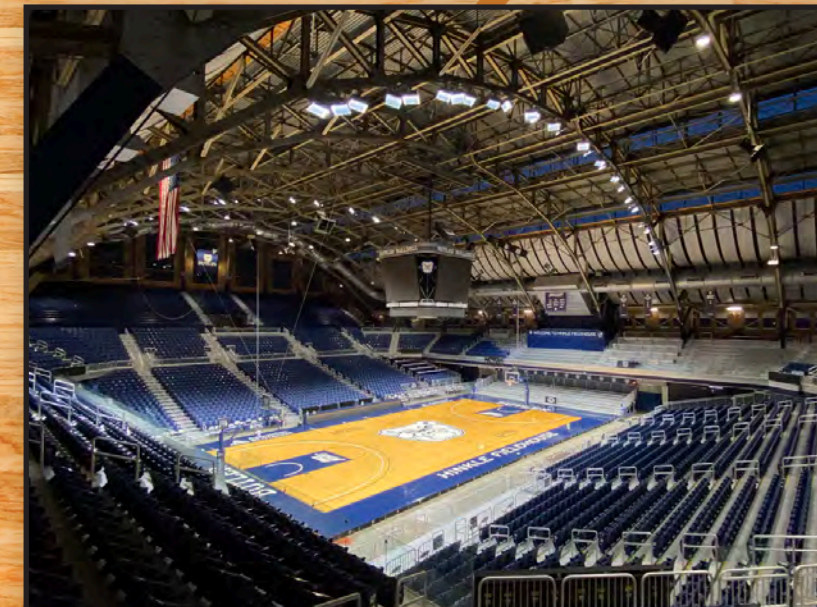
# INDIANA'S SCHOLASTIC GYMNASIUMS



**Case Arena**  
Frankfort



**Glenn M. Curtis Memorial Gymnasium**  
Martinsville



**Hinkle Fieldhouse**  
Indianapolis



**Mackey Arena**  
West Lafayette



**Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall**  
Bloomington



**Tyson Auditorium**  
Versailles



**Josiah White's Manual Labor Institute**  
Wabash



**Jasper High School Gymnasium**  
Jasper



**Ribeyre Gymnasium**  
New Harmony



**New Castle Fieldhouse**  
New Castle

Indiana's fascination with basketball goes back almost to its invention in 1892. In 1903, the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) formed to regulate and administer athletic competitions. Between 1911 and 1937, the IHSAA boys' basketball tournament grew from 12 teams to more than 800, showing the rise in popularity of the sport, or "Hoosier Hysteria." As a result, large gyms were needed for crowds and tournament games. These facilities were built in both urban and rural school districts, leading to the belief that even the smallest of high schools could win with home court advantage.

Today, Indiana is home to some of the largest high school basketball gyms in the country, demonstrating our state's enthusiasm for and dedication to the sport.

Basketball's popularity in Indiana also extends into the collegiate arena. Most people think of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I tournament held in March. The men's tournament began in 1939, and the women's tournament began in 1982. In 2021, the entire Division I men's tournament was held at sites within central Indiana because of logistical considerations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Across the state, numerous historic gymnasiums remain standing as a physical representation of Indiana's beloved sport. For more information about Indiana's historic gymnasiums, follow the Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology Facebook page, [facebook.com/INDhpa](https://www.facebook.com/INDhpa), in May 2024 for our Building of the Day posts to celebrate Indiana Historic Preservation Month.