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**SPORTS COMMITTEE LANDS MAJOR BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL EVENTS  
FOR 2013 AND BEYOND**

**CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (Jan. 4, 2011)** –The Greater Chattanooga Sports and Events Committee is proud to announce the successful bids for the 2014 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball National Championships as well as the 2013 & 2015 United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) Black American Softball World Championships.

On October 28, 2010, Sports Committee President Scott Smith and Interim Department Head for the Health and Human Performance Department at UT-Chattanooga Dr. Leroy Fanning, made a presentation before the AAU bid committee at their convention in Puerto Rico. A total of 16 cities bid for three age groups over three years. Chattanooga bid on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade age group and was awarded the tournament for 2014.

Over 100 teams are expected with an estimated economic impact of over \$1.6 million. The tournament will be held July 13-18, 2014. The great partners who have offered the Sports Committee use of their facilities for this event are UT-Chattanooga (McKenzie Arena, Maclellan Gymnasium, and the Aquatic Recreation Center); Chattanooga State Community College; The Baylor School; Girls Preparatory School; and Tennessee Temple University. Over the past five years, basketball events held in Hamilton County have resulted in an estimated economic impact of over \$5.6 million.

Working in conjunction with the City of Chattanooga Parks and Recreation Department, the Sports Committee has also won the bid to host the 2013 and 2015 USSSA Black American World Tournament. These tournaments will be staged at the Summit of Softball, Camp Jordan and Jack Mattox Fields. Approximately 200 teams are expected for each event. The total estimated economic impact for the two events combined is \$3 million. The tournaments will be held August 23-25, 2013 and August 28-30, 2015. Over the past five years, softball events held in Hamilton County have resulted in an estimated economic impact of over \$18.2 million.

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*The mission of the Greater Chattanooga Sports & Events Committee is to promote economic development in the greater Chattanooga area by identifying, pursuing, and facilitating athletic events and meetings.*