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BATTLE OF THE SOUTH CLASSIC AAU TOURNAMENT

(January 19, 2012) – What has become the premier event to kick off the AAU basketball season in the southeast region returns **March 30-April 1, 2012** as the **18th Annual Battle of the South Classic** is set to rock Jackson, Mississippi. With over 300 games to be played in three (3) days, it is unarguably the largest and most talented AAU boys' basketball tournament ever held in the state of Mississippi.

By bringing the most talented traveling teams from around the south into a premier tournament setting this basketball event will allow for the celebration of diverse competition and excitement that AAU basketball has to offer. The athletes will experience top-notch competition, which will challenge them to be the best. This tournament will be limited to the first one-hundred and seventy-five (175) teams that register. This year's tournament is again expected to consist of one of the most elite fields in terms of quality and talent ever assembled in the southeastern region as teams from **Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas** will be competing for the championship trophy.

The event will include ten (10) elite boys grade divisions: **2nd grade (8-under) through 11th grade (17-under)**. Once again, the state-of-the-art Mississippi Basketball & Athletics Complex (MBA) will serve as the main venue for the Battle of the South Classic but games will also be played at various schools in Jackson.

We're anticipating a huge turnout including many of the top players in the country. It is with much esteem and delight that we invite you to partner in the lives of these future "All Americans" and NBA players. We are excited about you being a part of this great event and we encourage you to come out and enjoy a fun filled weekend of basketball. Mississippi Boys' Hoops, Inc. was developed to encourage the lives of young men and women by providing a positive environment for academics and the game of basketball.

The *Battle of the South Classic* has earned a national reputation for being one of the nation's best-organized event, with strong national competition, unbeatable facilities and outstanding community hospitality. If you play in the Battle of the South Classic, I have no doubt you will come back many times in the future!!

For more information about the event, please contact LeMond Roy, Tournament Director at (601) 906-4546 – msboyshoops@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.msboyshoops.com