

Recently the TENNESSEE SHOOTING STARS, a women's basketball team, traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to compete in the 2013 National Senior Games. These games are held every two years and normally have 11-12,000 competitors in various sports. The basketball competition in the Shooting Stars age group (70-74) consisted of 12 teams (most of them state champions).

The Shooting Stars, were the defending National Champions, having won the 2011 championship in Houston, Texas. The Stars continued to represent Tennessee in an outstanding manner, defeating teams from Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Michigan, and yes, Connecticut by an average of 20 points to advance to the Championship Game.

In the Championship Game, the Shooting Stars faced Michigan, who had come back through the loser's bracket to face the Stars for the National Championship. Michigan came out strong and built a 14-1 lead, early in the first half. After trailing at the half 18-9, the Shooting Stars mounted a furious 17-2 rally to take the lead and go on to victory, to bring the National Title back to their beloved Tennessee. The crowd was stunned and thrilled by the Tennessee teams come-back and rushed the floor to congratulate this team, who displayed the heart of champions to come back in defense of their title. The Tennessee Shooting Stars team was the only women's team to repeat as National Champions. This team has dominated their age division for the last several years and the Championship Game marked their 36th consecutive win in their age division.

The Stars, inspired by Tennessee Lady Vols Women's Basketball, believe Tennessee belongs at the top of women's basketball at all age levels. Their great passion for the game of basketball is matched only by their joy in representing the state they love - **TENNESSEE.**

These ladies are mothers, grandmothers, grand-aunts, some of them great-grandmothers! They are church-goers, active with their families and their communities. They revel in the opportunity, wherever they go, to extol the virtues of Tennessee. The Tennessee ladies gain popularity wherever they appear and are remarkable ambassadors for Senior Fitness and for their state.