



**THE NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY  
OF SOFTBALL**



**2014 ASA Men's Church  
National Championship  
August 8-10, 2014  
Freedom Ridge Park  
Ridgeland, Mississippi**





## **2014 ASA Men's Church National Championship**

Dear Managers and Coaches,

Congratulations! You have earned the right to compete for a 2014 National Championship in Ridgeland, MS. We have planned a great tournament and are looking forward to your arrival.

Enclosed within this booklet are useful sheets of information, event schedules, deadlines, phone numbers, and tournament procedures that need to be followed. Please read all of the information carefully so the tournament can run efficiently. Please check with your commissioner to assure your ASA Tournament Entry Form, Championship Roster, and Entry Fee (\$400.00 payable to Mississippi ASA) are received in our office no later than Friday, August 1, 2014. Please review the [2014 ASA Code on National Championship Play](#) to ensure that your team is aware of what will be expected of them. You may access the ASA Code online at [www.asasoftball.com](http://www.asasoftball.com).

Please return the information needed for the tournament program as soon as possible. Remember to e-mail a team picture and roster to identify players in the picture to Julie Cox at [Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org](mailto:Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org).

The City of Ridgeland Recreation & Parks Department is the official host of the tournament. Games will be played at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland, the 2007 ASA National Complex of the Year. We are excited about the opportunity to host this prestigious event and we welcome all ASA players, coaches, fans and officials to our wonderful city.

Please feel free to contact any of the coordinating representatives listed in this booklet or me should you have any questions. My office number is 601-853-2011, and my e-mail address is [Christopher.Chance@ridgelandms.org](mailto:Christopher.Chance@ridgelandms.org).

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Chance', is written in a cursive style.

Chris Chance  
Director of Recreation & Parks  
Tournament Director



## **2014 ASA Men's Church National Championship**

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET**

NAME: 2014 ASA Men's Church National Championship

LOCATION: Freedom Ridge Park  
235 W. School Street  
Ridgeland, MS 39157

DATES: August 8-10, 2014

ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 – Payable to Mississippi ASA

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, August 1, 2014

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Chris Chance  
P.O. Box 217  
Ridgeland, MS 39158  
Phone: 601-853-2011  
FAX: 601-853-2015  
E-mail: [Christopher.Chance@ridgelandms.org](mailto:Christopher.Chance@ridgelandms.org)

CO-TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: John Sidney North  
P.O. Box 217  
Ridgeland, MS 39158  
Phone: 601-853-2011  
FAX: 601-853-2015  
E-mail: [John.North@ridgelandms.org](mailto:John.North@ridgelandms.org)

TOURNAMENT HOST HOTEL: Cabot Lodge Jackson North  
120 Dyess Road  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
601-957-0757



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### DATES & DEADLINES

- FRIDAY, JULY 25                      **Pre-Tournament Booklets** available to State & Metro Commissioners and to interested teams.
- FRIDAY, JULY 25                      Team representatives may call John Sidney North at 601-853-2011 or e-mail [John.North@ridgelandms.org](mailto:John.North@ridgelandms.org) to verbally confirm their team's entry.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 1                     **Deadline** to enter information for official National Tournament Program. E-mail team picture and information to [Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org](mailto:Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org).
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 1                     **Deadline** to receive **Roster/Affidavit, Tournament Entry Form, and Entry Fee**. Please call if you will have to hand carry roster forms. If no verbal commitment, your team may be left out of the draw.
- Mail to:                                      John Sidney North  
Ridgeland Recreation & Parks  
P.O. Box 217  
Ridgeland, MS 39158
- Physical Address:                        John Sidney North  
Ridgeland Recreation & Parks  
304 Highway 51  
Ridgeland, MS 39158
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 8  
12:00 p.m.                                **Manager's Luncheon & Tournament Draw** will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center in Old Trace Park in Ridgeland, MS.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 8  
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.                    **Team Check-In and Bat Testing** will be conducted at the Softball Meeting Room at the concession stand at Freedom Ridge Park. Teams will be assigned a check-in time at the Manager's Luncheon.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 8  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.                    **Team Pictures** will be taken at Freedom Ridge Park. Teams will be assigned a picture time at the Manager's Luncheon.
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 8  
6:00 p.m.                                    **Tournament Play** begins at Freedom Ridge Park at 7:00 p.m.



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **ROSTERS / TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORMS** – We must receive the following before your team is considered a legitimate entry into the tournament:
  - ASA Championship Roster signed by the Association Commissioner
  - ASA “Official Tournament Entry Form” signed by the Association Commissioner
  - ASA “Church/Industrial Verification Form” signed by Church Representative and Notarized
  - Tournament Entry Fee (\$400.00 payable to Mississippi ASA)
- **WEBSITE** – The official tournament website is [www.ridgelandms.org](http://www.ridgelandms.org); then click on the National Championship link. You may also follow Ridgeland Recreation & Parks on Facebook for updates.
- **FORMAT** – The ASA Official Double-Elimination Bracket will be used in National Championships.
- **UNIFORMS** – All players must compete in accordance with Rule 3, Section 6 of the 2014 ASA Official Rules of Softball.
- **LINE-UP FORMS** – Tournament officials will provide line-up forms for each team. An official line-up form must be submitted to the tournament director or his representative at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled game time.
- **GAME TIMES** – Please follow the times listed on the official tournament schedule and bracket. Game time is forfeit time. Teams should be prepared to start a game immediately after the preceding game is completed.
- **INFIELD PRACTICE** – No infield practice will be permitted. Warm-up is allowed in designated areas only. Teams may warm up in the outfield grass if time permits. Teams wishing to schedule a practice time may call John Sidney North at 601-853-2011.
- **DUGOUTS** – Players, coaches, and a bat person are the only individuals allowed in the dugout. Home team and visiting team will be determined by a coin toss when line-ups are turned in to the tournament director. The team in the top bracket location will occupy the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout; the team in the lower bracket position will occupy the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout.
- **RUN AHEAD RULE** – Refer to Rule 5, THE GAME, Section 9, Run Ahead Rule of the 2014 ASA Official Rules of Softball.
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER** – In the event of inclement weather, the game must be resumed at the exact point where it was suspended. It is the manager's responsibility to report to the fields for rain-out information.
- **CONDUCT** – Managers and coaches are asked to have complete control of their players both on and off the field. Any report of damages by hotel management will be dealt with by the tournament committee in accordance with the ASA Code, Article 206, Rules of Championship Play, Section K, Team Conduct.
- **PLAYING RULES** – All playing rules and regulations for the tournament will be in accordance with the 2014 ASA Official Rules of Softball and the 2014 ASA Code.
- **PLAYER PASSES** – Player passes will be distributed to rostered players and up to four managers and coaches.
- **SOUVENIRS** – Souvenirs will be available throughout the weekend at Freedom Ridge Park.
- **ADMISSION** – Admission will be charged throughout the tournament for all spectators over the age of five.
  - Adult Daily Passes - \$5.00
  - Child Daily Passes - \$4.00
  - Children 4 and Under FREE
- **MISSISSIPPI HEAT** – We want everyone to enjoy Mississippi's warm hospitality. However, for people who are not accustomed to the humidity in the South, it can be very dangerous. Please encourage all players to prepare for the heat by drinking plenty of fluids before making the trip and while they are here. This can be a very serious situation and proper planning will help avoid any emergencies.



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### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**WHERE AND WHEN MUST I MAIL MY ASA CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM?** Your championship roster and tournament entry form, along with the \$400 entry fee payable to Mississippi ASA, must be mailed to Chris Chance, P.O. Box 217, Ridgeland, MS 39158 and received no later than Friday, August 1. If you are mailing your roster close to the deadline, we suggest using an overnight courier.

**WILL TEAM COOLERS BE ALLOWED IN THE PARK?** Team coolers will be allowed only in dugouts. We will provide water in dugouts for each team. Each team will be limited to one team cooler, and will be given one tag to designate a team cooler. Please visit our concession stand for any other food, drinks and snacks during the tournament. This rule will be strictly enforced.

**CAN WE SCHEDULE PRACTICE TIMES ON THE GAME FIELDS?** No. We have additional fields and batting cages offsite (approximately 2 mi.) for teams to use in practice. We do not have enough time to allow each team equal practice time on the tournament game fields. If you would like to schedule a practice time, please contact John Sidney North at 601-853-2011.



## 2014 ASA Men's Church National Championship

### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

<b><u>Title</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Contact Information</u></b>
Tournament Director	Chris Chance	Office 601-853-2011 Cell 601-573-0604 FAX 601-853-2015 <a href="mailto:Christopher.Chance@ridgelandms.org">Christopher.Chance@ridgelandms.org</a>
Co-Tournament Director	John Sidney North	Office 601-853-2011 Cell 601-573-0614 FAX 601-853-2015 <a href="mailto:John.North@ridgelandms.org">John.North@ridgelandms.org</a>
Special Events/Umpire Coordinator	Wendy Bourdin	Office 601-853-2011 Cell 601-573-0559 FAX 601-853-2015 <a href="mailto:Wendy.Bourdin@ridgelandms.org">Wendy.Bourdin@ridgelandms.org</a>
Facility Maintenance	Steve Tillman	Cell 601-573-0549 <a href="mailto:Steve.Tillman@ridgelandms.org">Steve.Tillman@ridgelandms.org</a>
Media Relations	Julie Cox	Office 601-853-2011 Cell 601-502-5621 FAX 601-853-2015 <a href="mailto:Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org">Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org</a>
Hospitality Chair	Mina Thorgeson	Office 601-605-5252 <a href="mailto:Mina@visitridgeland.org">Mina@visitridgeland.org</a>



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ID: RidgelandRec





## **2014 ASA Men's Church National Championship**

### **RIDGELAND HOTELS AND SPECIAL RATES**

All Ridgeland hotels and contact information are listed on the following pages, as well as special rates for the 2014 ASA National Championships, where applicable. All hotels listed below are within five miles of Freedom Ridge Park.



## Ridgeland Tourism Commission

### HOTEL INFORMATION

ASA Men's Church  
August 8-10, 2014

Hotel	Rate	Block	Comp	Release Date	Pool	Laundry	Restaurant	Fitness Center	Business Center	Cocktail Reception	Kitchen
<b>Cabot Lodge</b> 120 Dyess Road Ridgeland, MS 39157 601-957-0757 / 800-342-2268 <a href="http://www.cabotlodgejacksonnorth.com">www.cabotlodgejacksonnorth.com</a>	<b>\$94.00</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 per 20</b>	<b>2 weeks</b>	X			X	X	X	

<b>EconoLodge</b> 839 Ridgewood Road Ridgeland, MS 39157 601-956-7740 / 800-228-5150 <a href="http://www.choicehotels.com">www.choicehotels.com</a>	<b>\$48.00</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>#####</b>	X	X			X		
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<http://www.econolodge.com/hotel-ridgeland-mississippi-MS149#listpost1>

#### Choice Hotels

<b>Homewood Suites</b> 853 Centre Street Ridgeland, MS 39157 601-899-8611 / 800-CALL-HOME <a href="http://www.homewood-suites.com">www.homewood-suites.com</a>					X	X		X	X		X
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#### Hilton Honors

<b>Staybridge Suites</b> 801 Ridgewood Road Ridgeland, MS 39157					X	X		X	X		X
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601-206-9190 / 800-238-8000

[www.staybridge.com/jackson](http://www.staybridge.com/jackson)

**Holiday Inn Priority Points**

Hotel	Rate	Block	Comp	Release Date	Pool	Laundry	Restaurant	Fitness Center	Business Center	Cocktail Reception	Kitchen
<b>Embassy Suites</b>					X	X	X	X	X	X	

200 Township Place

Ridgeland, MS 39157

601-607-7112 / 800-EMBASSY

[www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com)

**Hilton Honors**

**Holiday Inn Express**

6485 I-55 North Frontage Road

Ridgeland, MS 39157

601-977-6111 / 877-863-4780

[holidayinnexpress.com](http://holidayinnexpress.com)

**Priority Points**

**Hyatt Place**

1016 Highland Colony Parkway

Ridgeland, MS 39157

601-898-8815

[www.hyattplace.com](http://www.hyattplace.com)

**Days Inn & Suites**

150 Centre Street

Ridgeland, MS 39157

601-956-9726 / 800-329-7466

[www.thedaysinn.com](http://www.thedaysinn.com)

**Wyndam Rewards**

**Residence Inn**

855-Centre Street

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Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-206-7755 / 800-331-3131  
[www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**Marriott Rewards**

<b>Extended Stay America</b>													X									X
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800 Ridgewood Road  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-956-0884 / 800-646-8000  
[www.extendedstay.com](http://www.extendedstay.com)

Hotel	Rate	Block	Comp	Release Date	Pool	Laundry	Restaurant	Fitness Center	Business Center	Cocktail Reception	Kitchen
<b>Quality Inn</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>#####</b>	X	X			X		

839 Ridgewood Rd  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
<http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel-ridgeland-mississippi-MS149listpos1>  
 601-956-6203 / 800-228-5150  
[www.chiocehotels.com](http://www.chiocehotels.com)

**Choice Hotel**

<b>Drury Inn</b>								X			X		X											X
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I-55 and County Line  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-956-6100 / 800-DRURYINN

<b>TownPlace Suites</b>	<b>\$104.00</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#####</b>		X			X		X		X											X
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310 Southlake Avenue  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-898-9880  
[www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jants](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jants)

**Marriott Rewards**

<b>Springhill Suites</b>	<b>\$99.00</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>#####</b>	X	X			X		X		X											X
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121 South Towne Avenue  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-898-3747

[www.springhillsuites.com/JANSH](http://www.springhillsuites.com/JANSH)

**Marriott Rewards**

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**Home2 Suites**  
 526 Evergreen Street  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-898-2222

[www.jacksonridgeland.home2suites.com](http://www.jacksonridgeland.home2suites.com)

**Hilton Honors**

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**Red Roof Inn**  
 810 Adcock Drive  
 Ridgeland, MS 39157  
 601-956-7707 / 800-REDROOF  
[www.redroof.com](http://www.redroof.com)



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### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Ridgeland Police Department	Emergency 911	Non-Emergency 601-856-2121
Ridgeland Fire Department	Emergency 911	Non-Emergency 601-856-7004
Emergency		911
University of Mississippi Medical Center		601-984-1000
St. Dominic Hospital		601-200-2000
Baptist Medical Center		601-968-1000

### TOURNAMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

If your team is to be included in the official tournament program, PLEASE E-MAIL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- TEAM NAME
- CITY
- STATE
- 2014 RECORD
- COACHES' NAMES
- TEAM ROSTER, INCLUDING PLAYER #, FIRST & LAST NAME, AND POSITION(S)
- Any other pertinent program information

Please e-mail to [Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org](mailto:Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org) not later than Friday, August 1, 2014 to insure that your team's information appears in the tournament program.



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**RAIN-OUT INFORMATION**

Should rain or threats of rain occur, we will make every effort to contact you. In some cases, we may use the City of Ridgeland's BlackBoard Connect program to leave messages concerning inclement weather, schedule changes, etc. We will also rely on the Ridgeland Recreation & Parks website, Facebook page, and Twitter account to provide timely updates as necessary. There may be times when we are unable to reach you; it will be your responsibility to know your playing times.

Team Name	
Hotel Name	
Manager's Name	
Manager's Hotel Room #	
Manager's Cell Phone #	

Please assist us by providing information on where all members of your team are staying and the number of nights you have reserved rooms for this tournament.

Hotel	Number of Rooms	Number of Nights





**Amateur Softball Association of America**  
**Official Tournament Entry Form**  
www.asasoftball.com



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**Instructions:**

This form must be filled out by the ASA Commissioner (or his/her designee) before the team listed below is allowed to compete in any of the following tournaments (circle type of event):

Regional                      National/Territory/HOF                      National Championship Finals

**Please fill out completely and accurately**

YOUTH					
Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fast	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gold	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boys	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow	<input type="checkbox"/>	"A"	<input type="checkbox"/>
				"B"	<input type="checkbox"/>
ACE Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>			12-U	<input type="checkbox"/>
ASA Insurance Team	<input type="checkbox"/>			10-U	<input type="checkbox"/>
or Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>				
				18-U	<input type="checkbox"/>
				16-U	<input type="checkbox"/>
				14-U	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADULT					
Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Major	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fast	<input type="checkbox"/>	"A"	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mod. 9'	<input type="checkbox"/>	"B"	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Mod. 10'	<input type="checkbox"/>	"C"	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Ind.	<input type="checkbox"/>	"D"	<input type="checkbox"/>
		16'	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Team Information (Print or Type)**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    )                      Work Phone: (    )                      Cell Phone: (    )

Fax Number: (    )                      Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The team listed above is currently registered and in good standing with its local ASA Association. This team has qualified to compete in the division and classification of play listed above:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Association Team is Registered with    Association Commissioner & Contact Phone Number                      Date**

This portion of the form shall only be used when the team listed above has qualified for a National Tournament or the National Championship Finals. This form is to be completed by either the tournament director of the qualifying tournament, or the local ASA Commissioner if the team has qualified via one of the following:

- 1) Registration Berth                      2) Returning Team                      3) Host Team

**The above team has qualified for a national Tournament or the National Championship Finals from: (Please check one)**

State/Metro     Regional     National/Territory/HOF Qlfr.     Registration Berth     Returning     Host Team

**The above team has qualified to compete in the:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
National Tournament or Championship Finals                      Signature of Qualifying Tournament Director or                      Date  
Local ASA Commissioner

Forward a copy of this form and the official ASA Championship Roster and affidavits to the National Tournament or National Championship Finals Tournament Director.





# CHURCH AND INDUSTRIAL AFFIDAVIT



### REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR CHURCH DIVISIONS

CHURCH DIVISION – After being first duly sworn, I do depose and say that I am familiar with the membership records of the church which this team represents and that all of the players on this roster are actively involved in the religious endeavors of the said church and to the best of knowledge, each of the players and the team are eligible to participate in the Church Division of the ASA championship play.

NOTE: The ASA Code provides that to be eligible for church championship play, "all players must be church members by March 1." The Code also defines a church member "is one who regularly attends the religious services of the sponsoring church congregation."

### REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR INDUSTRIAL DIVISIONS

INDUSTRIAL DIVISION – After being first duly sworn, I do depose and say that I am familiar with the personnel records of the company which this team represents and that all of the players on this roster have been continuously employed on a full-time basis by this company since March 1 of the current year and to the best of my knowledge, each of the players and the team are eligible to participate in the Industrial Division of the ASA championship play.

NOTE: Our company DOES \_\_\_\_\_ DOES NOT \_\_\_\_\_ provide insurance which covers the players while participating and representing our company.

**ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS ROSTER IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative & Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Company / Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone

### NOTARY PUBLIC STATEMENT

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public (Affix Seal)

### TEAM INFORMATION (PRINT OR TYPE)

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The team listed above is currently registered and in good standing with its local ASA Association. This team has qualified to compete in the division and classification of play listed above:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Association Team is Registered with \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Association Commissioner & Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

