



# St. Albert Cardinals Rain Maker Rodeo Tournament – 2015 Rules and Regulations



**Note: It is absolutely critical to the schedule that games start and finish on time given there is very little slack in most schedules. Teams will be expected to go as soon as the game in progress ends. Teams should be warming their players up in the off field areas as teams may not have the luxury of a full warm up/infield prior to the start of the game.**

1. The normal rules of NCABL play will apply to the Rain Maker Rodeo Tournament, with the exception of the following;
2. Home team will be decided at the start of each game, including the championship game, with a coin toss. If a team goes undefeated through the weekend, they will be considered home team in the championship game.
3. Teams will receive 2 points for each win and 1 point in the event of a tie. Standings will be determined by points achieved unless otherwise specified.
4. Teams will receive a cash prize of \$100.00 for each game win, and \$150.00 for the Bronze medal game. The teams reaching the final medal round game will receive \$300.00 for Gold and \$200.00 for Silver.
5. A 10 run mercy rule will be in effect. Should a team win by more than 10 runs; the maximum run differential credited to the winning team will be 10 runs. For example, if the final score is 16-4, the winning team's score will be posted as 14-4. 10 run differential when the losing team has completed their 5<sup>th</sup> offensive inning at bat.
6. The length of each game will be 2 hours and 15 minutes as determined by normal number of innings played or the 10 run mercy rule, whichever occurs first. No new inning shall start after 2 hours and 10 minutes of play. The Bronze Medal game and the Gold Medal game will not have any time restrictions or run limits. Each game will consist of a full 7 innings of play.  
  
If a game is called on the account of foul weather, the score at the time the game is called will stand as the final score regardless of the circumstances. The safety of the players is paramount over any effort to determine a winner. Only the Umpire and/or Tournament Director may make the call to cancel a game. The time limit will apply to all games except the championship game where no time limit will apply.
7. All innings will be open, no maximum run limitation.
8. Tiebreaker rules. In the event of a tie for determining standings, the following tiebreaker guidelines will be followed until a winner is determined.
  - i. Head to Head matchup between tied teams
  - ii. Total Runs For minus Total Runs Against - (using all games played in the tournament) – highest differential wins
  - iii. (Total Runs For minus Total Runs Against) Divided by Total Runs For - (using all games played in the tournament) – highest percentage wins
  - iv. (Total Runs For/Offensive Outs) minus (Total Runs Against/Defensive Outs) – using all games played in the tournament – highest percentage wins

9. Protests. A coach/manager may protest a rule application by an umpire but they cannot protest a judgment call (ie. Strikes, balls, etc)

- The protest must be lodged with the Umpire immediately following the rule application (prior to the next pitch being thrown). Time must be called and play suspended.
- The game is suspended until the protest can be dealt with
- The protesting team must provide \$100 cash to the Official Scorekeeper to officially launch the protest.
- The Protest Committee will be summoned and will hear the protest and make a decision through a majority vote utilizing the rules of play for the NCABL
- If the protest is upheld (protesting team wins the protest) the \$100 will be returned to the protesting team, the game will resume from the point of stoppage with the new decision taking effect.
- If the protest is not upheld (protesting team loses the protest) the \$100 will be sent to St. Albert Minor Baseball (SAMBA) with a copy of the protest report.

10. Rainouts – in the event of rain, organizers will do their best to reschedule games based on field conditions and weather. Due to expenses for putting on the tournament, refunds equaling half of a team's entry fee will be refunded only if the tournament is not completed.