Senior Dakota Tour
Procedures and Rules

Eligibility: At least 50 years of age, male or female.

Cost:
- Entry fee - $100.

Format:
A one day-same day payout; 6 games of scratch qualifying play: then cut to the top 1/2 of the field, bowl 2 more games added to qualifying scores; then cut to the top 1/2 of the field again, bowl 1 more games added onto the previous eight games; then cut to the top 8; bowl 1 more game added onto the previous nine games; then cut to the top 5 that go to the stepladder.

 Example: 48 entries into tournament and after six games of qualifying, the top 24 move on the elimination round; after two games of first elimination round the top 12 will move on to the second elimination round; after one game of the second elimination round the top 8 will move on to the third elimination round; after one game of the third elimination round cut to the top 5 that move on to the stepladder.

Participant definitions:
- Any male/female who is 50 years of age or older on the day of the tournament.
- One's birth date determines the age category he/she is assigned.
- There are 3 classes of participants:
  - ✓ 50 through 59 years old.
  - ✓ 60 through 66 years old.
  - ✓ 67 and older players.

Playing Format:
Each player, upon paying the entry fee, draws a recap sheet, which displays the starting lane. The field gets 10 minutes of warm up. Players move to different lanes after each game, (the move pattern determined by the Director). The qualifying positions are determined by the scratch pin totals.

Note: If after qualifying, a tie exists for 5th or a spot in the ladder, a one game roll off, with the winner moving into the step ladder.

Stepladder Makeup:
The stepladder must have at least one player from each of the 3 category of participants listed above, as long as there are at least six bowlers for 60-66 class and at least four bowlers for 67+ class.

The stepladder will follow the qualifying and elimination rounds, and consists of at least 4 games, with the winner of the 1st game advancing to the next game, etc.

Stepladder Rules & Procedures:
- Order of qualifying finish determines the stepladder seeding.
- All stepladder games must start on the left lane.
- When 2 players are seeded, the higher seed has 1st choice of starting or finishing.

Stepladder Play Format:
The stepladder games will be on the same pair throughout. Each player gets 2 warm up shots on each lane.

A pair of practice lanes will be available for all stepladder participants to warm up. In the event of a tie, a 2 frame roll off takes place. The highest seed chooses to lead off or to follow and gets choice of which lane to start on. The first player bowls the first frame, then waits for the opponent to bowl both the 9th and 10th frames. Then the 1st player bowls the 10th frame. The player with the highest 2 frame total wins the match. Should a tie occur, then another 2 frame roll off occurs. They start is reversed.

Prize Payout:
Same day cash payouts at the Director's convenience or after the first stepladder game. Prize lists are predetermined by the number of entries for a tournament. Generally speaking, a participant must finish higher than half of participants to cash. Questions regarding the payouts is left to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Playing Rules:
The use of either hand is allowed at any time since we are certified by the USBC, rules of play are in effect unless otherwise noted. Players are responsible for tracking their scores on the recap sheets.

Generalities:
- There is no specific dress code for qualifying. If you make the stepladder finals, you must wear a bowling shirt with or without your name and dress pants. **No jeans, no shorts and no t-shirts.** So bring appropriate clothing if you make the stepladder.
- Please do not complain about lane conditions to the proprietor. Address any complaints to the director.
- Civilized behavior is encouraged during the tournament.

Final Rules:
#1: A player must be at least 50 on the day of the tournament.
#2: The only Absolute Rule is that any questions regarding play, scoring, payouts final standings and points awarded, are subject to the discretion of Director.

Point System and Awards:
A point system is utilized to determine entry into year-end tournament, year-end awards, such as Player of The Year, All Star Teams and Rookie of the Year. There are two categories of awards, one for the SDT as a whole and a separate one for players over 59. Points are awarded based on three categories, Entry points by # of events attended, Position points by event; and your total qualifying pin fall by event:

Event Points	Position Points		Total Qualifying Pin Fall
1 Event - 100	1st	800	
2 Event - 250	2nd	700	
3 Event - 500	3rd	600	
4 Event - 800	4th	500	
5 Event - 1000	5th	400	
	6-10th	300	
	11-15th	200	
	16-24th	100	
	25-?	50	

Season cumulative points determine awards. Player of the Year is determined by the player who has earned the most POY points during the season. All Star teams are determined by POY totals. The Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the first year player with the most POY points. NOTE: to qualify for POY, a player must not have participated in more than 3 tournaments in his/her first SDT season.