



**General Thoracic Surgical Club
Exhibit Rules & Regulations
Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort & Spa
San Diego, California
March 8 – 11, 2012**

1. General

All matters and questions not covered by these Rules & Regulations are subject to the decision of the General Thoracic Surgical Club (GTSC). In the event of any such decision being of general interest, written notice will be given by the GTSC to exhibitors as may be affected.

Tabletop displays only – each exhibitor will have one (1) 6 foot table for their exhibit. The table will be covered and draped.

2. Assignment of Table Space

Applications received from prospective exhibitors will be recorded in order of their receipt. The GTSC shall have the right to assign space to the Exhibitor, rearrange the floor plan, and/or relocated any exhibit at any time before or during the period of exhibition.

3. Exhibit Dates and Hours

The exhibition area will be open Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10, 2012, from 8:30 am to 12 pm and 5:30 pm to 7 pm. The representatives are free to attend the scientific sessions and meal functions allowing them further contact with the attendees. Attendance by representatives at their tables is at their discretion.

3. Set-Up/Removal of Tabletop Exhibits

Set-up can begin at 7 am on Thursday, March 8 and must be removed by 10 am on Sunday, March 11. The tabletop exhibits will NOT be in a locked area.

4. Selling of Products

The GTSC provides display space for manufacturers to exhibit products on the basis of their potential informational and commercial value and not for the purpose of selling on the exhibit floor. All exhibitors are required to adhere to such rules and regulations as may be established by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service to ensure continued income tax exemption for the meeting and no tax liability to the host location or the GTSC. Distribution of advertising matter outside the exhibitor's own table space is not allowed.

5. Display Miscellaneous

There will be no teleconferencing of live surgical procedures. Flashing and/or strobe lights of any sort are prohibited. The use of helium balloons is not permitted. Flammable materials must be flame-proofed as governed by San Diego and other applicable fire codes before being taken into the exhibit area. There will be no open flame devices and use of compressed gasses or dangerous chemicals is prohibited. Electrical, mechanical apparatus, movie or musical/voice sounds must be inaudible to neighboring exhibitors. Objectionable audible or visual attention-getting devices or effects and offensive odors from exhibits are prohibited. Distribution of samples, printed literature or any other materials shall not interfere with other exhibitors' space. Literature on display shall be limited to a one day supply. Distribution of refreshments or other products for consumption on the premises will not be permitted.

6. Animal Tissue/Hazardous Materials

The use of animal tissue, human tissue, microorganisms and hazardous materials is not allowed.

7. Registration and Badges

Exhibitors shall register all of its personnel in advance (two representatives per company). Name badges/bands will be required for all GTSC functions and will be available at the Registration Desk which opens Thursday, March 8 at 1 pm.

8. Insurance and Liability

It is the Exhibitor's sole responsibility to obtain, at its own expense, any or all licenses and permits, and to comply with all federal, state and local laws and City of San Diego ordinances for any activities conducted in association with or as part of the Exhibition.

Exhibitor shall be fully responsible for any claims, liabilities, losses, damages or expenses relating to or arising from an injury to any person or any loss of or damage to property where such injury, loss or damage is incident to, arises out of, or is in any way connected with Exhibitor's participation in the Exhibition. Exhibitor shall protect, indemnify, hold harmless and defend the GTSC, its officers, directors and agents against all such claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of litigation, arising from or in any way connected with Exhibitor's participation in the Exhibition; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to injury, loss or damage caused by or resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of the GTSC, their officers, directors or agents.

Exhibitor, its agents and representatives shall maintain general public liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death or property damage incident to, arising out of or in any way connected with Exhibitor's participation in the Exhibition, in an amount of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in aggregate for personal injury, death or property damage, and Workers' Compensation insurance in an amount equal to the greater of that which is required by statute in the applicable jurisdiction, or five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per accident or disease with a five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000) policy limit. Exhibitor's general liability insurance shall cover Exhibitor's indemnification obligations under these Rules & Regulations and shall cover the GTSC and the Executive Committee as additional named insureds. Exhibitor shall have or obtain proof of such insurance. Exhibitor is responsible for obtaining, for its protection and entirely at its expense, such property insurance for its display materials as Exhibitor deems appropriate.

Any policy providing such property insurance must contain an express waiver by the Exhibitor's insurance company of any right of subrogation as to any claims against the GTSC, its officers, directors or agents. In the event any part of the exhibit hall is destroyed or damaged so as to prevent the GTSC from permitting Exhibitor to occupy assigned space during any part or the whole of the Exhibition period, or in the event occupation of assigned space during any part or the whole of the Exhibition period is prevented by strikes, acts of God, national emergency or other causes beyond the control of the GTSC, Exhibitor will be charged for space during the period it was or could have been occupied by Exhibitor; and Exhibitor hereby waives any claim against the GTSC, its directors, officers or agents for losses or damages which may arise in consequence of such inability to occupy assigned space, its sole claim against the GTSC being for a refund of rent paid for the period it was prevented from using the space.