



**SRIXON**



## **GOLDEN STATE GOLF TOURS, INC**

### **Amateur Division**

No Membership Fees! Entering its 28<sup>th</sup> year in 2010, the Golden State Tour continues as the strongest and most reputable mini-tour in California. At the heart of the 2010 season, NO membership fees. GST offers 60 tournaments (18, 36 and 54-hole) against the best players in California. Carts are included for most events, but some events will be designated "walking only".

The benefit of an amateur who participates in Golden State Tour events is that they get the chance to compete at a much higher level. The tour operates with the mentality of challenging a players' game. Amateurs play the same course from the same tees as the GST Pro Division and they can see how they fare.

In 2010, GST adds a NEW opportunity for amateur players: **Monthly Tournament Exemptions**. The winner of the first 18-hole event each month will earn free entry fees for the month. Details are listed below (does not include pro events).

For the fourth straight year, **Cleveland Golf / Srixon** continues as the primary sponsor of the Golden State Tour. **Cleveland Golf / Srixon** has been a strong supporter of developmental players for many years. **Lamkin Grips, Never Compromise, Beyond the Links** and **iliac Golf** will also continue as Tour Partners in 2010: solidifying GST as the most prominent mini-tour in California.

Thank you for considering the Golden State Tour as your place to compete in 2010. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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## **GST Amateur Division – 2010**

*Information listed below is in conjunction with GST Tour Policies*

### **Membership Fees - \$0**

#### **Entry Fees**

Entry fees are to be paid by the posted deadline. Tee Times are posted on the GST website ([www.gstour.com](http://www.gstour.com)) shortly after the entry deadline closes.

Entry fees are as follows...

- **18-Hole Event - \$125**
- **36-Hole Event - \$225**
- **54-Hole Event - \$275**

#### **Registration/Pairings**

Registration for any event can be made via phone, fax or email. Players will receive a phone call or email to confirm their registration for a particular event. Requests for tee times/pairings *may* not be granted. Pairings will be posted on the GST website ([www.gstour.com](http://www.gstour.com)) after the entry deadline has closed.

#### **Payment Policy**

Payments must be made by the registration deadline (typically 3-4 days prior to the event). Players may send money orders, personal checks or credit card information (via phone or fax) to the GST office prior to the deadline. On site payments must be made with cash or credit card (Visa or MasterCard) only. Players using credit cards will be charged a transaction fee (3%) in addition to the entry fee.

**Returned checks are subject to a \$25 fee.**

#### **Tournament Schedule**

The GST Amateur Division tournament calendar consists of approximately 60 events. The events are 18-hole, 36-hole or 54-hole (NEW in 2010) contests. The schedule is subject to change for various reasons (i.e. course maintenance, scheduling conflicts, etc). *Upon approval by the GST Executive Director, amateur players may also participate in GST Pro 54-hole events. IF the amateur makes the pro cut, he will receive a \$750 scrip certificate.*

#### **Monthly Tournament Exemptions – 18-Hole Shootout**

The monthly tournament exemption is a player sponsorship program for the winner of the first 18-hole event of the month. These events are regular 18-hole events with regular prize funds. The bonus is that the winner receives **FREE** entry fees for all GST amateur events during that designated month. Tournament exemptions are non-transferrable to other players. In the case of a tie for the monthly exemption, a playoff will determine the exemption.

**FIRST 18-HOLE SHOOTOUT EVENT: Jan 4, 2010 – La Costa Resort (North Course)  
18-Hole Shootout entry fees are \$150.**

#### **Prize Fund - Payout**

Amateurs earn scrip certificates as prize money at each event. The prize fund is based on field size. Scrip certificates can be used to pay entry fees into future GST events. The payout goal is to have more players benefit from their participation. That being said, GST pays at least **40%** of the amateur field in the events. For 54-Hole amateur events, a cut will be made after 36-holes to **40%** of the field + ties.

### **Reporting Scores**

Players are required to return scorecards following the completion of play. Players who wish to withdraw **MUST** inform the scorer before leaving the course.

### **Pace of Play Policy (Please Read)**

As a developmental tour, pace of play is our biggest challenge. **Rule 6-7** states, in part: "The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee". Players are responsible for their own time. Our policy will be to inform players when they have exceeded the acceptable time. Acceptable time is 40 seconds to play a shot (50 seconds if you are the first player to play). If you are the first player to play, your time starts once you arrive to the tee or your ball. If you are not the first player to play, your time begins immediately after the player in front of you plays their shot. ***Failure to follow stated policy will result in a warning for the first offense and a 1 stroke penalty for each additional offense.*** Playing in threesomes, an 18-hole round should not exceed 4 hours and 15 minutes.

### **Cancellation/Withdrawal/No Show Policy**

Players may cancel at anytime prior to the entry deadline without penalty. Notification must be received by 5:00pm on the deadline date. Medical and personal withdrawals after the deadline will be evaluated by the Executive Director. If accepted, the player will pay a \$50 administrative fee. **A player will not receive a refund (for any reason) once the player has teed off.**

### **Player Conduct**

**ALL** players will conduct themselves in a professional manner. Improper conduct during an event **MAY** result in a penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the Tour Director. **Club throwing, vulgar language, damage to the golf course and its equipment, on-course cell phone usage and alcohol consumption are some examples of improper conduct.** Proper golf attire is also required. T-shirts, tank tops and denim of any kind are **NOT** allowed. GST abides by dress code policies in effect at host facilities.