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Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc.  
A Florida Non-profit Corporation

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### ARTICLE I NAME

#### 1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. The business of the corporation may be conducted as Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. or Wildcats

### ARTICLE II DURATION

#### 2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

#### 3.01 Purpose

Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. The Wildeat's mission is to positively impact the development of youth in our community by providing football and life-enriching opportunities to young players of all ages as well as providing the required infrastructure, know-how, services, and opportunities for our volunteers

#### 3.02 Non-Profit

Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. is designated as a non-profit corporation.

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**ARTICLE IV**  
**NON-PROFIT NATURE**

**4.01 Non-profit Nature**

Gainesville Wildecats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of Gainesville Wildecats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Gainesville Wildecats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

**4.02 Personal Liability**

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of Gainesville Wildecats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**4.03 Dissolution**

Upon termination or dissolution of the Gainesville Wildecats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc., any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or

organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving the corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of the Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against the Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida].

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a charitable purpose, which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida to be added to the general fund.

#### **4.04 Prohibited Distributions**

No part of the net earnings or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III, Section 3.01.

#### **4.05 Restricted Activities**

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### **4.06 Prohibited Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE V**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**5.01 Governance**

Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. shall be governed by its board of directors.

**5.02 Initial Directors**

The initial directors of the corporation shall be:

Title: President  
Landis Finch  
14521 NE 148 Ave  
Waldo, FL 32694

Title: Secretary and Treasurer  
LaKesha Fountain  
1216 NW 104th TER  
Gainesville, FL 32606

Title: Director  
Craig J. Thomas  
600 SE 12th TER  
Gainesville, FL 32641

**ARTICLE VI**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**6.01 Membership**

Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**AMENDMENTS**

**7.01 Amendments**

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION**

**8.01 Corporate Address**

The address of the corporation is:

Gainesville Wildcats  
14521 NE 148 Ave  
Waldo, FL 32694

The mailing address of the corporation is:

Gainesville Wildcats  
14521 NE 148 Ave  
Waldo, FL 326945

**ARTICLE IX**  
**APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT**

**9.01 Registered Agent**

The registered agent of the corporation shall be:

LaKesha Fountain  
1216 NW 104th TER  
Gainesville, FL 32606

**ARTICLE X**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The incorporators of the corporation are as follow:

Landis Finch  
14521 NE 148 Ave  
Waldo, FL 32694

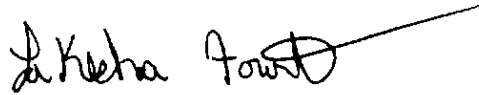
**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above-stated Articles of Incorporation of Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. were approved by the board of directors on 03/13/2022 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. Effective date 03/13/2022

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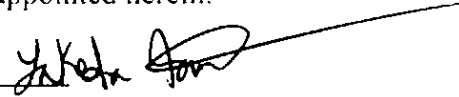
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSENT  
TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, LaKesha Fountain, agree to be the registered agent for Gainesville Wildcats Youth Sports and Educational Program Inc. as appointed herein.

LaKesha Fountain   
NAME, Registered Agent

Date: 3/13/22



Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

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

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

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**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

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

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

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**ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: \_\_\_\_\_ (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

*Lakeisha Fountain*

Required Signature/Registered Agent

*3/13/22*

Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that the false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

*Laneha Finch*

Required Signature/Incorporator

*3/13/22*

Date