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Department of State
Division of Corporations
New Filings Section
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Articles of Incorporation
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FASTPITCH, INC., a not-for-profit corporation

Enclosed please find my Articles of Incorporation (original and 1 copy) for the above referenced not-for-profit corporation, along with a filing fee in the amount of \$70.00.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Don Brakefield
2210 Regal Way
Naples, FL 34110

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FASTPITCH, INC.
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

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**Article 1.
Name.**

— The name of the Corporation is: **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FASTPITCH, INC.**

**Article 2.
Duration.**

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**Article 3.
Purposes.**

The purpose of the Corporation is as follows:

A. This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes of this corporation are to promote and support the development of amateur girls' fastpitch softball competition in southwest Florida; to provide a wholesome recreational outlet open to all girls age eighteen (18) years old and under without regard to race, religion or national origin.

B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.

C. Provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any action or activity which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part if the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

**Article 4.
Members.**

The Corporation shall have Voting Members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members of

one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Don Brakefield	2210 Regal Way, Naples, FL 34110
Tom Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Beth Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Mahlan Houghton	3445 Avocado Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33901
Ken Bloom	1517 Ivygate Lane, Naples, FL 34105

Article 5.
Initial Registered Agent and Office.

The initial registered agent of the Corporation is: Don Brakefield, and the initial registered office of the Corporation is: 2210 Regal Way, Naples, FL 34110.

Article 6.
Initial Board of Directors.

The initial Board of Directors shall have five (5) members whose names and addresses are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Don Brakefield	2210 Regal Way, Naples, FL 24100
Tom Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Beth Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Mahlan Houghton	3445 Avocado Dr., Ft Myers, FL 33901
Ken Bloom	1517 Ivygate Lane, Naples, FL 34105

The Bylaws shall provide the method of election of all Directors, and the number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws but shall in no case be less than three.

Article 7.
Officers.

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial Officers of the Corporation are as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Don Brakefield	2210 Regal Way, Naples, FL 34110
Secretary	Beth Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Treasurer	Mahlan Houghton	3445 Avocado Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33901

Article 8.
Incorporators.

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this Corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Don Brakefield	2210 Regal Way, Naples, FL 34110
Tom Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Beth Thompson	237 Pine Valley Cir., Naples, FL 34113
Mahlan Houghton	3445 Avocado Dr., Ft Myers, FL 33901
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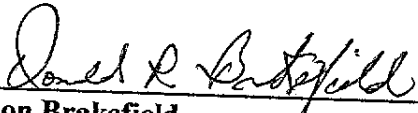
Article 9.
Nonstock Basis

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class or stock, but may issue membership certificates is so provided in the bylaws.

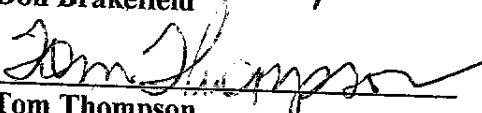
Article 10.
Corporate Address.

The street address of the Corporation's initial principal office is: 2210 Regal Way, Naples, FL 34110, which is the same as its mailing address.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 31 day of May, 1999.



Don Brakefield



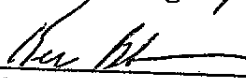
Tom Thompson



Beth Thompson




Mahlan Houghton



Ken Bloom

Acknowledged before me on May 21, 1999 by Don Brakefield, Tom Thompson, Beth Thompson, Mahlan Houghton, and Ken Bloom, each of whom produced a Florida Driver's License as proof of identification, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to me that they executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

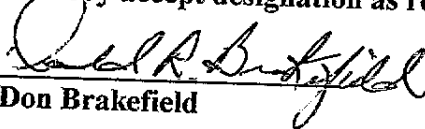

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



Billy A Brakefield
My Commission CC636933
Expires April 08, 2001

I hereby accept designation as registered agent:


Don Brakefield

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