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SUBJECT:	Hillsborough County Area PWSC, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)		
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AREA PWSC, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of the Florida State Statutes (FSS) Chapter 617.0202, the undersigned, all of whom are residents of Florida and all of whom are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit and do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation is Hillsborough County Area PWSC, Inc. (hereinafter called the "PWSC" which is an abbreviation for Power Wheelchair Soccer Club).

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

This PWSC's registered office is 1635 Southwind Drive, Brandon, FL 33510-2048 and its initial registered agent is Donald Peterson, who resides at that address. Both this Association's registered office and registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board of directors as provided in Article IV below. Any changes made must be reported in accordance with FSS Chapter 617.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

The purpose of the PWSC is to empower and enable persons with physical disabilities using power chairs the opportunity to play, learn, and compete in the sport of Power Soccer and to support the growth of adaptive sports worldwide within the meaning under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code..

ARTICLE IV

MANNER OF ELECTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Directors will be elected at the annual meeting. Initially there will be three (3) directors. This may be changed by a majority vote of the membership. Any individual, 18 years of age and older, who is a member in good standing of the PWSC, regardless of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or physical disability, may be eligible for office within the PWSC.

Section 1. Annual Meeting

Annual meeting will be held at the place of the last scheduled practice session for each calendar year.

Section 2. Nominations to the Board of Directors

- a. Should be presented in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting but nominations can be made from the floor at such meeting. Should no nominations be made to replace the existing directors the current directors will remain in their positions until the next scheduled annual meeting.
- b. Any director may be replaced by a majority vote of the seated

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directors.

c. Should a director be incapacitated, or no longer willing to serve, the general membership (Section 3 below) will be canvassed for a replacement and appointed by a majority vote of those present.

Section 3. Membership:

- a. Membership is open to anyone without bias or discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, physical disability, or national origin. Membership is open to all power wheelchair users, their parents/guardians and Power Soccer team officials who promote and support the sport of Power Soccer.
- b. In reference to paragraph a above: Because of the intense physical nature of the sport of Power Soccer and in the best interest of the safety of other team players new applicants under the age of 10 will not be accepted. All other new applicants must:
 - (1) Demonstrate the ability to comprehend verbal instructions and,
 - (2) Demonstrate the ability to control power chairs on the court without endangering other team members.
- c. All team members of any, and all, associated PWSC Team(s) are members with voting rights.
- d. Each team member, or a family member, or a guardian designated by such team member will be entitled to one (1) vote for the election of directors at the annual meeting but in no event shall more than one vote be cast with respect to any team member.
- e. Voting shall be by secret ballot. Each team member, or their designated family member, or guardian, may cast such secret ballots.

Section 4. Changes

Any changes made to the Board of Directors, or this article must be submitted to the State of Florida in accordance with FSS Chapter 617.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial 3 directors are:

Donald Peterson 1635 Southwind Drive Brandon, FL 33510 Ilona E. Peterson 1635 Southwind Drive Brandon, FL 33510-2048 Heidi Kruger 3835 Twilight Drive Valrico, FL 33594



ARTICLE VI

LIABILITY PROTECTION AND TEAM PARTICIPATION

Section 1: Liability Protection

All PWSC members shall obtain and maintain adequate personal risk, accident, medical, and other types of insurance. Acceptance into PWSC membership will require that participants, or parents, or guardians sign the PWSC Waiver and Release of Liability Form prior to acceptance of membership and shall be considered an acknowledgement that a member will not hold the PWSC responsible for any incident which may befall the member.

Section 2: Team Participation

Once a new applicant has been determined capable of participating in the Power Soccer Sport as described in Article IV, Section 3, Membership, above and has presented all required documents will be considered as a Team Member. Team members that regularly attend, and participate in, scheduled practices will be allowed to play equally in all games that the associated team engages in. This is to ensure that all team members dedicated to the sport get their opportunity to compete, win, lose or draw.

ARTICLE VII

EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the PWSC shall inure to the benefit of being distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the PWSC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the PWSC shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the PWSC shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the PWSC shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- a. by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or
- b. by any 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.

ARTICLE VIII

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the PWSC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not

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disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which the principal office of the PWSC is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IX

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the PWSC is <u>03/26/2012</u>

ARTICLE X

REGISTERED AGENT

Donald R. Peterson 1635 Southwind Drive Brandon, FL 33510

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.

Donald R. Peterson

03/26/2012

Date

Signature of Registered Agent

ARTICLE XI

INCORPORATOR

Donald R. Peterson 1635 Southwind Drive Brandon, FL 33510

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any 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.

Donald R. Peterson

03/26/2012

Signature of Incorporator

Date

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