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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LAKELAND FIRE YOUTH SPORTS, INC.
(A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)**

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida, for the purposes of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be Lakeland Fire Youth Sports, Inc.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office of the corporation is 1525 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33805 and the mailing address is P.O. Box 763, Lakeland, Florida 33802.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

A. The corporation is established as a tax-exempt private foundation, as provided by the Internal Revenue Code, and its purposes shall be the following:

1. To have one or more offices and to conduct operations and to promote the objects and purposes of the organization,
2. To exercise any and all corporate powers conferred by law which are consistent with and reasonably necessary and incidental to the objects and purposes of this organization, except that no powers will be exercised or activities engaged in otherwise than to an insubstantial extent, which in themselves are not in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations, all as amended now or hereafter.
3. To teach youth basketball.
4. To combat juvenile delinquency and lessen the burden of government by providing a constructive activity and atmosphere that will keep youth occupied and leave little time for youth to engage in destructive activities.

5. To develop and support amateur athletes for national and international sports competition.

B. The purposes for which the corporation is to be formed are exclusively to receive and administer funds for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to that end to hold any property, or any undivided interest in property, without limitation as to amount or value; to dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income in such a manner as, in the judgment of the directors, will best promote the purposes of the corporation without limitation, except such limitations as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the corporation, or any applicable laws; to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers except as permitted under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

C. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, member, trustee, officer or the corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation 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.

D. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. However, during the first four years of the corporation's existence, the corporation's annual distributions shall not exceed the amount which must be distributed in order to avoid the tax on undistributed income.

E. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

F. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

G. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

H. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

I. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

J. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to a charitable, scientific, religious, literary, or educational organization which at that time qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended.

ARTICLE IV **DURATION**

The corporation shall commence existence on the filing of these Articles of Incorporation, and shall have perpetual duration.

ARTICLE V **INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
Terrence McGriff	P.O. Box 673, Lakeland, FL 33802 4075 Glisson Drive, Lakeland, FL 33810
Corey J. Barnes	1710 Blossom Circle East, Lakeland, FL 33805

ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of the corporation shall be located at 225 East Lemon Street, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801. The initial registered agent at the address shall be David A. Miller, Esquire.

ARTICLE VII
DIRECTORS

The affairs and property of this corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors, composed of seven (7) individuals. The number of Directors may thereafter be increased or decreased from time to time with the bylaws of the corporation.

The following individuals shall constitute the initial Board of Directors, and shall serve until the first election of the Board of Directors at the first regular annual meeting of the members:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Board Member	Corey J. Barnes	1710 Blossom Circle East, Lakeland, FL 33805
Board Member	Terrence McGriff	P.O. Box 763, Lakeland, FL 33802 4075 Glisson Drive, Lakeland, FL 33810
Board Member	Kenny Hughes	1136 West 12th Street, Lakeland, FL 33805
Board Member	Marcellous Thomas	1902 Elliott Street, Lakeland, FL 33805
Board Member	Tommy Lane	1011 West Tenth Street, Lakeland, FL 33805
Board Member	Darrence McGriff	P.O. Box 484, Lakeland, FL 33802
Board Member	William Hughes	1240 Sydney Avenue Lakeland, FL 33805

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporators, hereby execute these Articles of Incorporation this 7 day of February, 2002.

Terrence A. McGriff
TERRENCE MCGRIFF

Corey J. Barnes
COREY J. BARNES

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared TERRENCE MCGRIFF, who [] is personally known to me or who ☒ has produced Fla. driver's license as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 7th day of February, 2002, at Lakeland, Florida.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



Linda D. Aycack
MY COMMISSION # DD030434 EXPIRES
September 11, 2005
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Linda D. Aycack
Notary Public
State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared COREY J. BARNES, who [] is personally known to me or who ☒ has produced Florida Driver's License as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 7 day of February, 2002, at Lakeland, Florida.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



DAVID A. MILLER
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires June 4, 2005
Comm. No. DD031173
I.D. No. 946489

David A. Miller
Notary Public
State of Florida at Large
My Commission Expires:

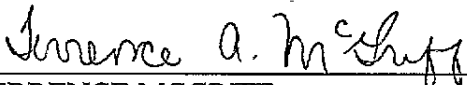

To: The Department of State
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA AND
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with Section 617.0501 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, the following is submitted:

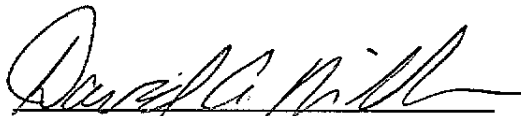
Lakeland Fire Youth Sports, Inc., with its place of business at 1525 Martin Luther King Jr., Avenue, Lakeland, Florida 33805, has named David A. Miller, Esquire, located at 100 E. Main Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Dated: February 7, 2002.


TERRENCE MCGRIFF

COREY J. BARNES

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Chapter 617 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

Dated February 7, 2002.


David A. Miller, Esquire
Registered Agent

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