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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT:	Tampa	Wildcats	RED	Fastpitch	Soft ball	Inc.
SUBJECT: Tampa Wildcats RED Fastpitch Softball Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)						

Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the arti	cles of incorporation and a	check for:
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FROM: Carol A. Coon
Name (Printed or typed)

4831 Cypress Tree Drive
Address

Tampa FL 33624
City, State & Zip

813-963-6543
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

Tampa Wildcats RED Fastpitch Softball, Inc. (A Not For Profit Corporation)

I, the undersigned, being a citizen of the United States, desiring to form a Not For Profit Corporation compliant with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (Not For Profit), as amended, respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of incorporation under the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Tampa Wildcats RED Fastpitch Softball, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be located at 4831 Cypress

Tree Drive, Tampa, FL 33624, in Hillsborough County.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

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Said Corporation is organized exclusively to foster national and international amateur softball competition and to support and develop amateur athletes for that competition pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Said Corporation is organized upon a non-stock certificate of membership basis. Memberships shall be non-redeemable, non-transferable, and non-dividend bearing. Any individual or institution that subscribes to the purpose of said Corporation is eligible for membership upon approval by a majority vote of the Corporation at any regular meeting of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Said Corporation shall be directed by a Board of Directors numbering not less than three (3) nor more than thirty (30) members. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of the Corporation in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI: FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons constituting the first board of directors are as follows:

Walt P. Rozanski, 13313 Kearney Way, Tampa, FL 33626 David Rose, 8413 Boulder Place, Tampa, FL 33615 Judy Pack, 4831 Cypress Tree Drive, Tampa, FL 33624

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Said Corporation shall be managed by a President, Vice President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Secretaries, and Vice Treasurers, who shall be elected by the Board of Directors as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: FIRST OFFICERS

The first officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the first annual meeting and shall be subject to all the aforesaid purposes of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX: BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall provide Bylaws not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation for the carrying out of its purposes. The Bylaws of this Corporation may be amended, altered, or revised by the two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: POWERS

- (A) The Corporation shall have any and all powers to do any and all things necessary or expedient to carry out the purposes of this corporation, subject to these Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and shall possess all rights, privileges, and immunities and to enjoy all benefits granted not for profit corporations under the Laws of the State of Florida, but limited only to such powers pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (B) No part of the assets of the Corporation 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 Article III hereof.
- (C) 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- (D) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation 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 XII: GENERAL

- (A) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (B) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (C) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (D) The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (E) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XIII: TERM OF EXISTENCE

Said Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE XIV: REGISTERED AGENT

Carol A. Coon, 4831 Cypress Tree Drive, Tampa, FL 33624 is hereby designated as the Registered Agent.

ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors providing said amendment, alteration, or revision is pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XVI: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is <u>Carol A. Coon. 4831 Cypress Tree Drive, Tampa.</u> FL 33624.

ARTICLE XVII: EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of incorporation shall be November 14, 2002.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of proce designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the ap this capacity.	
Signature/Registered Agent: Carol A. Coon	
Signature/Incorporator: Carol A. Coon	