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SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# THE JACKSONVILLE STORM SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned Incorporator, a natural person competent to contract, hereby files these Articles of Incorporation in order to form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE I.

# NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be The Jacksonville Storm Softball Association, Inc.

# ARTICLE II.

# **PURPOSES AND POWERS**

# Purpose.

(a) The Corporation is organized as a girls youth softball association to allow children to participate on competitive softball teams, and promote good sportsmanship, self esteem and citizenship through participation in sports activities. The Corporation is exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Such purpose may more specifically set forth in the Bylaws in accord with this stated purpose.

# Powers.

- (a) The Corporation's purposes as herein stated shall be carried out by its Board of Directors in a manner that will enable the Corporation to qualify as a charitable organization within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Code. To this end the Corporation shall have the following powers:
- (i) To own, acquire, convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust, or otherwise dispose of, all property, real or personal; to borrow money, contract debts, and issue bonds, notes and debentures, and to secure the payment or performance of its obligations.
- (ii) To receive property by gift, devise or bequest, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will, and otherwise to acquire and hold all property, real or personal, including shares of stock, bonds and securities of other corporations.

(iii) To enter into contracts with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, country, state, nation or other body politic or with any colony, dependency or agency of any of the foregoing.

- (iv) To perform every act necessary or proper for the accomplishment of the objects and purposes enumerated or for the protection and benefit of the Corporation.
- (b) Notwithstanding any powers granted to this Corporation by its charter, bylaws or by the laws of the State of Florida, the following limitations of powers shall apply and be paramount:
- (i) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer of 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 except to the extent that benefit inures to persons in accordance with the carrying out of the Corporation's charitable purposes as herein defined), and no member, director, 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.
- (ii) No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation.
- (iii) The Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this certificate, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under §501(c)(3) of the Code or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under §170(c)(2) or 2055(a) of the Code.
- (v) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all residual assets of the Corporation to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in §§501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction exclusively for charitable purposes, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for such charitable purposes, as said court shall determine.

#### ARTICLE III.

If the Corporation is a Private Foundation within the meaning of §509 of the Code, and is not an Operating Foundation as defined by §4942(j)(3) of the Code, then the provisions of this Article III shall apply.

- (a) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax 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 Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (b) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in §4941(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (c) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in §4943(c) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (d) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- (e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in §4945(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

## ARTICLE IV.

#### **MEMBERS**

The members shall consist of the parents of any children who participate on an association softball team. The members shall elect a Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE V.

# TERM OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

# ARTICLE VI.

# PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225.

#### ARTICLE VII.

# REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

- (a) The street address of the registered office of this Corporation is 701 Riverside Park Place, Suite 110, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.
- (b) The name of the registered agent of this Corporation located at the address of the registered office is Frank J. Yong.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

# INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows: Frank J. Yong, 701 Riverside Park Place, Suite 110, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.

#### ARTICLE IX.

# **OFFICERS**

- (a) The Corporation shall have a President, Vice President, Treasurer and a Secretary, and it may have additional and assistant officers as set forth by the Board of Directors. A person may hold more than one office, except that the President may not also be the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.
  - (b) Officers shall be elected, removed and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.
- (c) The names of the officers who shall hold office until the first meeting of the Board of Directors, and thereafter until successors are elected, are as follows:

Office	Name	Address
President	Deborah Boswell	2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225
Vice President	Eric Palmer	2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225
Secretary	Linda Dean	2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225
Treasurer	Darby Frick	2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225

# ARTICLE X.

# **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- (a) The affairs and business of the Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three persons. The members of the Board shall be elected annually by the members.
  - (b) The first Board of Directors and their address shall be:

Name		Address
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Deborah Boswell Eric Palmer Linda Dean Darby Frick	2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225 2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225 2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225 2058 Matefield Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32225

(c) In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation, or removal, the replacement Director(s) will be elected in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI.

#### **BYLAWS**

The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the Corporation. The Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by the Directors in any manner permitted by the Bylaws which is in accord with the purposes of the Corporation as set out in these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE XII.

## **AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Members provided that any amendment will not adversely affect the status of the Corporation as an organization qualifying under §501(c)(3) of the Code.

# ARTICLE XIII.

# **INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

(a) The Corporation hereby indemnifies any Director or officer made a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding:

by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his capacity of Director or officer of the Corporation, or in his capacity as Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding or any appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. The termination of any such action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent shall not in itself create a presumption that any such Director or officer did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Corporation or that he had reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful.

by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, or by reason of his being or having been a Director, officer, employee or agent of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which he served at the request of the Corporation, against the reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein, if such person acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of the Corporation. Such person shall not be entitled to indemnification in relation to matters as to which such person has been adjudged to have been guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court, administrative agency, or investigative body before which such action, suit or proceeding is held shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which such tribunal shall deem proper.

- (b) The Board of Directors shall have the sole discretion to determine whether amounts for which a Director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such Director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful. Such determination shall be made by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.
- (c) The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Corporation to indemnify under applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original Incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has executed these Articles this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2003.

Frank J. Yong, Incorporator

Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** 

MARY ELLEN HICKS
MY COMMISSION # DD 129578
EXPIRES: October 27, 2006
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

day of January 2003,

# CERTIFICATION DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

THE JACKSONVILLE STORM SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED FRANK J. YONG, LOCATED AT 701 RIVERSIDE PARK PLACE, SUITE 110, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32204, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

FRANK J. YONG, INCORPORATOR

Dated:

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED NOT FOR PROFIT 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.

KANK J. YONG REGISTERED AGENT

Dated:

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