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# Transmittal Letter

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

Subject: Panther FastPitch-Thunder Baseball, INC.

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of Articles of Incorporation and a Check for: \$87.50 for Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate.

From: L.L. Drinkard

4453 Berryhill Road Pace, Florida 32571 850-994-8613

#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF** 

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Panther FastPitch- Milton Thunder Baseball, INC.

# **ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation shall be Panther FastPitch-Milton Thunder BASEBALL, INC., and its principle office is located at 4453 Berryhill Road Pace, Florida 32571. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principle office to any other address in Santa Rosa County, Florida.

# **ARTICLE II**

# **CORPORATE NATURE**

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for charitable and educational purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual commencing on June 11, 2005

#### ARTICLE IV

#### GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The general and specific purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- (a) To provide educational, charitable and character building fast pitch softball/baseball teams for the children of the community.
- (b) To promote sportsmanship and build the character of the youth in the community

- (c) To teach the sport of Fast pitch softball/baseball to the children in the community by providing free instruction, free equipment for playing the game.
- (d) To operate exclusively in any other manner for such educational and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including private operating foundations.

# **ARTICLE V**

#### MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- (a) <u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by the Board of Trustees. The Number of trustees shall not be less than three (3), or more than ten (10), as determined at the annual meeting of members. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Trustees until the first election are:
- (b) <u>CORPORATE OFFICERS</u>. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Trustees to elect from time to time. Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President:

L.L. Drinkard

Vice President:

Kenneth Taylor Ford

Treasurer:

Paula D. Drinkard

Secretary

Kristi W. Ford

#### **ARTICLE VI**

# EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 IV hereof.
- B. 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) and political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to insubstantial degrees, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Any friend of youth sports, 18 years or over, who will endeavor to further the purpose for which this corporation is formed, may become a member of the corporation provided the application of such person is first approved by the Board of Trustees. The rules and regulations the Board of Trustees may adopt regarding eligibility for membership shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin,

religion, sex or age. The Members of this corporation shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in its income, property, or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property, or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation, and shall not be subject to any assessments.

# ARTICLE IX

#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Name: Address:

L.L. Drinkard 4453 Berryhill Road Pace, Fl 32571

Kenneth Taylor Ford 4702 Gregg Ave. Pace, Florida 32571

Paula D. Drinkard 4453 Berryhill Road Pace, Florida 32571

Kristi W. Ford 4702 Gregg Ave. Pace, Florida 32571

# ARTICLE X

#### **DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever insure to the benefit of any trustee, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

# **ARTICLE XI**

# REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The address of the corporations registered office shall be 4453 Berryhill Road Pace, Florida 32571, and the name of the registered agent at said address shall be L.L. Drinkard.

I, the undersigned, being an Incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 12<sup>th day</sup> of April, 2005.

President/Registered Agent