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December 21, 2007

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Lakeland Takedown Club, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above named entity. After filing, please return a certified copy of the Articles to my office as soon as possible. I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$78.75 to cover your filing fees and the cost of obtaining a certified copy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

Victor J. Troiano

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

#### LAKELAND TAKEDOWN CLUB, INC.

WE, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a more process corporation for religious public, educational, and recreational purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby agree to the following:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be LAKELAND TAKEDOWN CLUB, INC.

#### **ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The street address of the principal office of the corporation shall be 2365 Brandon Rd., Lakeland, Florida 33803, and the mailing address is, at the present time, the same.

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSES**

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America. It is not formed for pecuniary profits and will issue no stock.

The corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America. In furtherance of its educational, nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall strive to meet the objectives of promoting and supporting the Lakeland Senior High School wrestling program as well as encouraging and developing the academic and athletic skills of its wrestlers and to do so through various activities, projects and programs that will be developed by the corporation. In furtherance of said objectives, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority:

- A. To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;
- B. To employ qualified personnel to carry out the purposes and objectives of

this corporation;

C. To adopt and use a corporate seal provided that such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not-for-profit."

D. To function within the policies and directives of the School Board of Polk County, Florida and shall not seek to direct the administrative activities of Lakeland Senior High School or to control any of its policies.

E. By its Board of Directors to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof, dismiss such officers and employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;

F. By its Board of Directors to adopt or rescind bylaws regulating the corporation and providing for a definite and distinct governing structure;

G. To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance or its non-profit tax-exempt purposes;

H. To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of this State, provided that such acts do not jeopardize the tax-exempt status as a non-profit educational organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall NOT engage in any political activity prescribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

#### **ARTICLE IV - INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of each incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>

**ADDRESS** 

JASON TROLLER

2274 Honeycomb Lane Lakeland, Florida 33801

#### **ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS**

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. This corporation shall have 3 directors initially and the number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, in accordance with the By-Laws of the corporation, but at no time shall the number of directors be less than three (3). The manner in which the directors of this corporation are to be elected or appointed shall be stated in the By-Laws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President and such other officers as are required or authorized by the By-Laws of the corporation. Membership in this corporation shall be opened to any person, family or organization that is interested in and is in accord with the purposes of the corporation as set forth in Article III and who otherwise complies with such membership requirements as may be required in the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII - REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered agent of this corporation shall be JASON TROLLER and the street address of the initial registered office is 2274 Honeycomb Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33801.

### ARTICLE VIII - COMPENSATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISTRIBUTION

No officer, member, or Directors of the corporation may receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any dividend or may part of the income or profit from the operation of the corporation, except compensation for services or reimbursement of actual expenses to or on behalf of the corporation if authorized by the Board of Directors. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future 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 such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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#### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as directed in the By-Laws of this corporation and in accordance with applicable Florida Statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this  $21^{5T}$  day of <u>December</u>, 2004, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida. STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of December, 2007, by JASON TROLLER who executed foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein expressed. Marie P. Hankens MARIE P. HANKINS MY COMMISSION # DD 648530 NOTARY PUBLIC EXPIRES: May 1, 2011 Printed Name: (Notarial stamp or seal, and commission expiration) Personally known Produced Florida Oriver's license as identification

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

In pursuance of Chapter 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First -- That LAKELAND TAKEDOWN CLUB, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named JASON TROLLER located at 2274 Honeycomb Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33801, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

JASON TROLLER, Registered Agent