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| SUBJECT:                                       | GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC. |   |  |
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|  | (PROPOSED CORPORATE              | E NAME – <u>MUST INCLUI</u>   | DE SUFFIX)                                       |
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| FROM: DAVID C. BENZEL  Name (Printed or typed) |                                  |   |  |
| 7403 LAKE EMMA ROAD Address                    |                                  |   | -  |
| GROVELAND, FL 34736 City, State & Zip          |                                  |   | -  |

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC.

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(a Florida corporation not for profit)

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC., is desirous of establishing a not for profit corporation for the purpose of providing education and guidance to young athletes, dedicated parents and coaches in fostering loving and positive relationships between such persons who are engaged in the youth-sport experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under those laws of the State of Florida providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit, including those granted by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be **GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE**, **INC.**, hereinafter referred to as the "corporation".

## ARTICLE II

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## ARTICLE III PURPOSE AND POWERS

The purpose and objectives for which this corporation is organized and the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be:

- (A) To have all the powers mentioned in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes of 1990, as may be amended hereafter.
- (B) To receive and hold by gift, bequest, devise, grant or purchase any real or personal property, and to invest and reinvest, with the assistance of investment counsel and/or Trustees where appropriate, and to use and dispose of the same exclusively for charitable and educational purposes by providing funds, services, facilities, and/or materials and supplies, to or for the benefit of young athletes, dedicated parents and/or coachs, in connection with their health, education and/or welfare, and more particularly, by way of example and not in limitation hereof:

- 1. To educate, encourage and assist young athletes, parents and/or coaches in acquiring the skills and inspirational attitudes designed to developing healthy families, well balanced performers and to generally improve the youth sport experience for such persons; and/or
- 2. To assist such persons in connection with their education, by providing services, workshops, seminars, website-based programs, facilities and/or materials and supplies, to or for the benefit of such persons in those circumstances where such persons would otherwise be unable to obtain such assistance; and/or
- 3. To assist such persons in general by financially or otherwise supporting those youth activities, directly or indirectly which are general organized as being of a community or civic nature; and

In general, to provide the education, guidance, motivation and skills for the carrying on of any proper activity connected with creating and maintaining a positive and healthy environment for young athletes, their families and their coaches and to do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes hereinabove set out; except that no part of the net earnings or income shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers and/or any private shareholder or individual; and that no substantial part of its activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

(C) To act and perform the duties of trustee or to act in any other fiduciary capacity under any deed of trust, will, codicil, agreement, whether oral or written, or other instrument incidental to and for the purpose of carrying out any of the foregoing objects or matters and things kindred thereto.

The objects and purposes specified in the foregoing clauses of this Article III shall, except where otherwise expressed in this Article, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other clause of this or any other Article of these Articles of Incorporation, but shall be regarded as independent objects and purposes an shall be construed as powers as well as objects and purposes.

The Corporation shall be prohibited from carrying on any prohibited activities by a foundation as set forth in Section 617.0835 of the Florida Statutes.

- (D) The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE IV REGISTERED AND PRINCIPAL OFFICES

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 7403 Lake Emma Road, Groveland, FL 34736, and the name of its registered agent at that address is David C. Benzel.

The address of the initial principal office shall be at 7403 Lake Emma Road, Groveland, FL 34736. The mailing address of the 7403 Lake Emma Road, Groveland, FL 34736.

#### ARTICLE V INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

David C. Benzel 7403 Lake Emma Road

Groveland, FL 34736

Cynthia D. Benzel 7403 Lake Emma Road

Groveland. FL 34736

Michael Enright 7403 Lake Emma Road

Groveland, FL 34736

#### ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP

All members of GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC., in good standing shall be members of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors which shall be composed of at least three (3) Directors whom shall be elected from and by the members of the corporation, as provided by the Bylaws of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

Subject to overall supervision of the Board of Directors of the corporation, and to any special provisions of the Bylaws of the corporation, the affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the following officers (who will be elected at the annual meeting of the board of directors to be held at such time as may determined by the Bylaws): President; one or more Vice Presidents; Secretary; and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person.

## ARTICLE IX EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Bylaws may provide for the appointment of an Executive Committee of not less than three (3) members of the Board of Directors, an may authorize such committee to exercise all or a part of the powers of said Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE X BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be made, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the members of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be approved by a majority vote of the said Board of Directors, proposed by the said board to the membership, approved and adopted by a majority of the membership voting, and filed with and approved by the Secretary of State of Florida.

## ARTICLE XII PROPERTY

Title to all property of the corporation shall be held in the name of the corporation or as otherwise may be provided pursuant to the authority of the charter and Bylaws of the corporation. Any gift, bequest, devise or donation of any kind whatsoever to the corporation or its Board of Directors shall be deemed to vest title in the corporation.

## ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, 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 organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, being each of the incorporators of this corporation to these Articles of Incorporation have hereunto set our hands and seals on this the <u>loth</u> day of January, 2009.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LAKE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this loth day of January, 2009, before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Michael Enright who produced FL DL for identification, and he acknowledged his execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.



Notary Public – State of Florida

My Commission Expires: 8-14-09

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LAKE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this 16 day of January, 2009, before me, an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Cynthia D. Benzel who produced personally knowfor identification, and the acknowledged his execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

KRISTIN C. NAILOS
MY COMMISSION \* DD 457736
EXPIRES: August 14, 2009
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Notary Public – State of Florida My Commission Expires:

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LAKE

HEREBY CERTIFY that, on this 16th day of January, 2009, before me, an officer. duly authorized to take acknowledgements, personally appeared David C. Benzel who produced personally know for identification, and he acknowledged his execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.



Notary Public - State of Florida My Commission Expires:

#### ARTICLE IX REGISTERED AGENT

DAVID C. BENZEL, whose address is 7403 Lake Emma Road, Groveland FL 34736, is hereby appointed as the initial registered agent of this Association. 🥰

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the incorporator of this Association, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this the loth day of January. 2009.

Witnesses

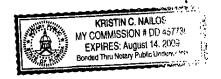
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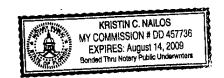
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared DAVID C. BENZEL, Incorporator of GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC., who, after being duly sworn, acknowledged before me that he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 16th day of January, 2009.

Printed Signature: Kristin C. Nailos





## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING A REGISTERED OFFICE AND A REGISTERED AGENT FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said act:

**GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC.**, a Florida Corporation Not-For-Profit, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 7403 Lake Emma Road, Groveland, FL 34736.

The name and address of the Registered Agent and office is:

DAVID C. BENZEL 7403 Lake Emma Road Groveland, FL 34736

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for GROWING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC., at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Registered Agent

Date: January 16,2009

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