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SUBJECT: Gainesville Fastpitch Softball, Inc.

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

FROM: David C. Schwartz

Name (Printed or typed)

2424 S.E. 30th Place

Address

Gainesville, FL 32641

City, State & Zip

Daytime Telephone number

bigschwa F @ yahoo. Com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GAINESVILLE FASTPITCH SOFTBALL, INC.

#### **PREAMBLE**

The undersigned citizens of the United States, desiring to form a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, certify and acknowledge the following:

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Corporation Not for Profit shall be Gainesville Fastpitch Softball, Inc. ("Corporation").

#### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 2424 S.E. 30th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32641.

#### ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized, and its activities will be conducted, exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended, and as a not for profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, for the following purposes:

- A. Specifically, to promote the sport of girls youth softball in the Gainesville, Florida area, and to obtain and provide facilities, services, equipment, and related items that are reasonable, necessary, and appropriate to carry on such sport.
- B. To sponsor, organize, and/or coordinate girls youth softball teams, leagues, tournaments, clinics, and events.
- C. To participate in any activity designed and carried on to promote girls youth softball.
- D. To exercise all powers enumerated in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, as it exists or is amended, and to perform such acts and to have such powers as shall be desirable and necessary in furtherance of the above-stated purposes of the corporation and which are not in derogation of the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE IV. ELECTION OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS

There shall be five (5) directors of the corporation who shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fundraising Director. Each shall be elected in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- 1. After incorporation, the appropriate members of the Corporation shall hold an organizational meeting in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended.
- 2. The board of directors of the Corporation may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through, the use of any means of communication which allows all directors participating to simultaneously hear one another. A director participating in such a meeting is deemed present at the meeting. In the alternative, the board of directors may take actions through signed e-mail communications provided all board members agree.

#### ARTICLE VI. POWERS

The powers of the Corporation shall be provided in the bylaws of the Corporation in accordance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes with the following limitations within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may amended:

- 1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers or other private interests. However, the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay a reasonable flat salary for services rendered by its employees and to make payments and other distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.
- 2. Only an insubstantial amount of the activities of the Corporation shall be in furtherance of a purpose not set forth in Article III.
- 3. Only an insubstantial amount of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence

legislation, within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended, unless the Corporation elects the provisions of § 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may amended.

4. In no event shall the Corporation have the power to participate in, or intervene in, including the publishing or distributing of statements, any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, all within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended.

#### ARTICLE VII. DURATION

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution and upon payment or adequate discharge of all liabilities and obligations, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or shall be distributed to a State or the Federal government for a public purpose.

#### ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the Incorporators are:

David C. Schwartz, 2424 S.E. 30th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32641

Maranda Bevington, 4000 N.W. 51st Street, Apt. L222, Gainesville, Florida 32606

#### ARTICLE X, INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the Initial Directors are:

Maranda Bevington, 4000 N.W. 51st Street, Apt. L222, Gainesville, Florida 32606 Michael DeLucas, 7800 S.W. 103rd Ave., Gainesville, Florida 32608 Kelly McDougall, 645 Turkey Creek, Alachua, Florida 32615 David Schwartz, 2424 S.E. 30th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32641 Scott Bevington, 4000 N.W. 51st Street, Apt. L222, Gainesville, Florida 32606

Date: 7/10/10

Date: 7/10/10

Maranda Bevington

Michael DeLucas

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#### ARTICLE XI. REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The Registered Agent and Registered Office of the Corporation are: David C. Schwartz, 2424 S.E. 30th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32641

#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

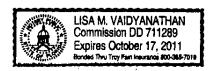
Having been appointed the Registered Agent of Gainesville Fastpitch Softball, Inc. and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions 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.

Dated this 3 day of July	_, 2010.
By: Jana Inhing	
David C. Schwartz, Registered	gent and Incorporato
By: 1/1/1/	
Maranda Bevington, Incorporato	or
STATE OF FLORIDA ) .	
COUNTY OF ALACHUA)	

Before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Maranda Bevington and David Schwartz, who are personally known to me or who provided Florida Drivers Licenses for identification, and who acknowledged that they each signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as incorporators and as initial directors of Gainesville Fastpitch Softball, Inc., a Not for Profit Corporation, this 13 day of 400 day of 2010.

Notary Public

My commission expires:



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