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Name (Printed or typed)

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# LIGHTNING HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE, INC.

Pursuant to §617 of the laws of Florida, the undersigned majority of whom are citizens of the United States, do hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

### Article I

### Name

The name of this corporation (the "Corporation") shall be the:

# LIGHTNING HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE, INC.

### Article II

# Street Address of Principal Office and Mailing Address

The street address of the Corporation's principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

401 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

### Article III

### <u>Purposes</u>

The purpose of the Corporation is exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In furtherance of such purposes, the Corporation shall be authorized:

(a) To operate the Lighting High School Hockey League (LHSHL). Operation of the LHSHL by the Corporation includes, among other responsibilities, admitting teams to the LHSHL, registering players, securing for all teams practice ice, scheduling all games, securing on-ice officials for games, administering supplemental discipline, conducting annual playoff games, and overseeing all other operations of the LHSHL.

Through its operation of the LHSHL, the Corporation seeks to increase participation in hockey among Florida high school students, to create a developmental structure that allows high school student-athletes to improve their hockey skills, to elevate Florida high school hockey to a more advanced, competitive level, and to create an environment where student-athletes recognize the importance of academics, and the necessity of good sportsmanship and community service.

- (b) To conduct, both directly and through grants to other charitable organizations, activities in furtherance of the charitable or educational purposes permitted of Section 501(c)(3) organizations.
- (c) After, pursuant to Florida Statues Section 496.405, the Corporation registers with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to solicit contributions in and from Florida, to seek donations of funds and tangible property in furtherance of the objectives set forth herein, and to engage in appropriate fundraising activities as may be necessary to underwrite the cost of operation and maintenance of the Corporation and its activities.
- (d) To receive and maintain personal or real property, or both, and to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable and educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3).
- (e) To receive assistance, money, real or personal property, and all other form of contributions, gifts, bequests, devises, endowments, or grants from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, United States governmental organization or entity, or an entity or organization of any one or more of the United States (or any subdivision thereof), to be utilized in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of this corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes, provided however that gifts shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors as required by the bylaws.
- (f) To establish an office and employ such assistance and clerical personnel as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the board of Directors, and pay reasonable compensation for the services of such persons.
- (g) To distribute, in the manner, form, and method, and by the means determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, any and all forms of contributions or other funds received by it in carrying out educational programs of the Corporation in the furtherance of its stated purposes.
- (h) To invest and reinvest surplus funds in such securities and properties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

- (i) To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan, or otherwise dispose and deal in any bonds, securities, evidence of indebtedness or other personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership.
  - (j) To contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued.
  - (k) To adopt and use a corporation seal.
- (l) To do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper, and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which the Corporation is formed; and, in general, to have all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and enjoy all of the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations of this character, including, but not limited, to the powers described in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes, subject however to the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) and to the other limitations provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

### Article IV

### Manner of Election of Directors

The method of election of Directors shall be as stated in the Corporation's bylaws.

### Article V

### **Initial Directors**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors. The names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Jay Feaster 401 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

Tom Garavaglia 401 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

Bill Wickett

# 401 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

### Article VI

## Registered Agent

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Danna Haydar 401 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

### Article VII

### **Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Danna Haydar 401 Channelside Drive Tampa, Florida 33602

### Article VIII

# **Disposition of Assets**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal 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 said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### <u>Article IX</u>

### Existence

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

### Article X

# Membership

The Corporation shall have no members.

## Article XI

### **Prohibited Activities**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 III. 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) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity

Required Signature of Registered Agent

Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date