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Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32301

RE: Lee County Vipers Softball, Inc.

#### Gentlemen:

As President of the above named corporation I am requesting a Charter from the State of Florida in order to start a business as a non profit corporation in Florida.

Enclosed are the following papers, together with our check:

- (a) Original and one copy of Certificate of Incorporation for filing and approval by your office:
- (b) Certificate of Registered Agent:
- (c) Certificate to cover fees and costs in the amount of \$122.50.

\$35.00 to file Certificate. \$52.50 for certified copy. \$35.00 for Registered Agent Designation.

Please return certified copy as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Allen L. Ravenscraft

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### LEE COUNTY VIPERS SOFTBALL, INC. 836 DONAX STREET SANIBEL, FLORIDA 33957

PLACE OF BUSINESS OF DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITH FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In com, "ance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

FIRST: That LEE COUNTY VIPERS SOFTBALL, INC., is desiring to organize or qualify under the law of the State of Florida with its principal place of business at 836 Donax Street, in the city of Sanibel, State of Florida, has named Denver L. Pratt, 9375 Crocus Court, Fort Myers, Florida 33912, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Allen L. Ravenscraft

Corporate Officer

Title

Date

Having been named to accept service of process for the above state corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Denver L. Prati

Registered Agent

Date

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LEE COUNTY VIPERS SOFTBALL, INC.



### ARTICLE L. CORPORATE NAME AND PRINCIPAL ADDRESS<sup>3</sup>

The name of this corporation is Lee County Vipers Softball, Inc. The principal address is 836 Donax Street, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

### ARTICLE II. NATURE OF BUSINESS AND POWERS

This is a nonprofit corporation solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

### ARTICLE III. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

- (a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of education and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, and particularly to implant firmly in children the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. This objective shall be achieved by the corporation forming and operating a supervised program of competitive softball games under the Rules and Regulations of American Softball Association, Inc.
- (b) The general purpose for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have a perpetual existence commencing upon issuance of the certificate of incorporation from the Secretary of State.

### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Directors. The authorized number of members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and the method of collection there of, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

# ARTICLE VI. REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE

The Registered Agent and the street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be:

Denver L. Pratt 9375 Crocus Court Fort Myers, Florida 33912

The Board of Directors from time to time may move the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE VII. MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

This Corporation shall have five (5) directors initially. The number of directors may a foreased or diminished from time to time by By Laws adopted by the stocking these, but shall never be less than three.

### ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addressed of the initial directors are as follows:

- (1) Kevin Bedwell 8428 Lemon R Road Fort Myers, Florida 33912
- (2) Tammy Farrell 9059 Henry Road Fort Myers, Florida 33912
- (3) John Ferrone 9307 San Carlos Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida 33912

- (4) Linda Izzo 9069 Aster Road Fort Myers, Florida 33912
- (5) Allen L. Ravenscraft 836 Donax Street Sanibel, Florida 33957

The persons named as initial directors shall hold office for the first year of existence of this Corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, whichever occurs first.

### ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporator is:

Allen L. Ravenscraft 836 Donax Street Sanibel, Florida 33957

# ARTICLE X. BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the bylaws.

### ARTICLE XI. DEDICATION OF ASSETS

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

# ARTICLE XII. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

# ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to a quorum of for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of a majority of a quorum of members of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as Incorporator, has executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation on
BEFORE ME, a notary Public, personally appeared Allen L. Ravenscraft, to me known to be the person described as incorporator and who executed the foregoing Articles of incorporation, and acknowledged before me that he subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation on/_day of
My commission expires:  BAIL P. MCDONALD  MY COMMISSION & CC 206241  EXPIRED: June 29, 1997  Boorded Tiru Hotary Public  Boorded Tiru Hotary Public  Boorded Tiru Hotary Public
I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for LEE COUNTY VIPER SOFTBALL, INC.
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BEFORE ME, A Notary Public, personally appeared Denver L. Praft, to me known to be the person described as Registered Agent and who executed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same. A flat of 1970 1975
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