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February 23, 1996

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Secretary of State Bureau of Corporate Records Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Fl 32314

RO: NORTH MANATEE FAST PITCH, INC.

Dear Folks:

Enclosed herewith is the original Articles of Incorporation of NORTH MANATEE FAST PITCH, INC., together with my check for filing fees, certificate of status and registered agent designation in the amount of \$78.75.

I would appreciate your filing the above Articles and furnishing me with the Certificate of Status for this Corporation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

JAMES M.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NORTH MANATEE FAST PITCH, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Florida Corporation Not For Profit Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation of such corporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is NORTH MANATEE FAST PITCH, INC.

SECOND: The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

THIRD: This corporation shall have corporate existence upon filing of these Articles by the Department of State.

FOURTH: The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

a. Said corporation is organized exclusively for recreational purposes; that being mainly to provide a program for girls, sixteen years old or younger, to learn and play fast pitch softball. Our main objective is to have fun while at the same time develop good attitudes and playing skills with the hopes that the girls playing in this organization will be better equipped to compete in high school and possibly win college scholarships.

- b. In general, doing anything necessary, proper, "teable and convenient for the accomplishment of the above said purposes, and to do all other things incidental to them or connected with them that are not forbidden by the Florida Corporation laws or by those Articles of Incorporation.
- c. The purpose for which the organization is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- d. 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

FIFTH: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized is to engage in any proper activity or program permitted under the laws of the United States and of this State of Florida.

SIXTH: This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities carry out 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.

SEVENTH: No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to and for the benefit of or be distributed to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions for charitable purposes.

EIGHTH: The General Membership of this corporation shall be the incorporators hereof and those persons specifically elected to General Membership by the Board of Directors by majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board. General members shall have full voting authority.

NINTH: The names and addresses of the initial incorporators and general members are as follows:

NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>
GREGORY A. SUTTON	8527 25TH Street East Parrish, FL 34219
JOSEPH M. CALANDRA	4309 J9th Street East Palmetto, FL 34221
LINDA CUMMINGS	406 21st Avenue West Palmetto, FL 34221
DIANA HOUCK	2523 51st St. Ct. E. Palmetto, FL 34221

TENTH: The Charter of this corporation may be amended, altered or revised by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting of said Board.

ELEVENTH: The location of this corporation shall be 8527 25th Street East, Parrish, County of Manatee, State of Florida. Said location may be subject to change by the Board of Directors. The initial Registered Agent of the corporation will be GREGORY A. SUTTON, of 8527 25TH Street East, Parrish, FL 34219.

TWELFTH: The initial Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) members, who need not be residents of the State of Florida. The conduct of the affairs of the Corporation will be by Directors and such Officers as are elected or appointed by the Board of Directors. The number of Directors may be increased by unanimous vote of the then directors but there shall never be less than four (4) Directors. Directors will be elected for original term consisting of one (1) year. Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors who also may replace any resigned or deceased Director by election by the surviving or remaining Directors by majority vote.

THIRTEENTH: The powers of the Corporation are to be in the complete control of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may at its discretion appoint or elect the following Officers: President (who shall serve as Chairman of the Board), Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer who at the direction of the

Board of Directors may perform the usual duties of such Officers, at the sole discretion and leadership of the elected Directors. The powers of the Directors are unlimited and complete as to the operation of the Corporation.

FOURTEENTH: The names, addresses and offices of the persons who are to serve now as Directors for one (1) year and then until the first annual meeting thereafter when their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

NAME

OFFICE

GREGORY A. SUTTON 8527 25th Street East Parrish, FL 34219

President

JOSEPH M. CALANDRA 4309 89th Street East Palmetto, FL 34221 Vice President

LINDA CUMMINGS 406 21st Avenue West Palmetto, FL 34221 Treasurer

DIANA HOUCK 2523 51st St. Ct. E. Palmetto, FL 34221

Secretary

FIFTEENTH: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities or the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable,

oducational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the correspondent provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or such organization, or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned have made and subscribed our names to these Articles of Incorporation on the day of January A.D., 1996.

GREGORY A. SUTTON

JULIAN (SEAL)

JOSEPH M. CALANDRA

LINDA CUMMINGS

MICHAEL DOUCK (SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared GREGORY A. SUTTON, LINDA CUMMINGS and DIANA HOUCK, who are to me well known to be the persons described in and who subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and they did freely and voluntarily acknowledge before me according to the law that they made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth and did present their State of Florida Drivers' Licenses or other appropriate form of identification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have horeunto set my hand and official seal in said County and State this 25 day of January A.D., 1996.

And Mr. Co



GAIL M. CALANDRA NY COMMISSION // CC317412 EXPIRES October 22, 1997 BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JOSEPH M. CALANDRA, who is to me well known to be the person described in and who subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledge before me according to the law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth and did present his State of Florida Drivers' Licenses or other appropriate form of identification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal in said County and State this 23 day of January A.D., 1996.

NOTARY PUBLIC

JOANNE P, BOUCHER

MY COMMISSION # CC 233154 EXPIRES

October 5, 1998

BONDED THIU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

I, GREGORY A. SUTTON, agree as Registered Agent to accept service of process; to keep office open during prescribed hours; and to post my name in some conspicuous place in the office as required by law at 8527 25th Street East, Parrish, FL 34219.

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GREGORY A. EUTTON