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October 17, 1996

Secretary of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32311

Re: Articles of Incorporation Lee County Softball League, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find two (2) originals of the Articles of Incorporation of Lee County Softball League, Inc. along with a check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover filing fees for same. Upon filing, please notify me by telephone and return one stamped original to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope which I have provided.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

HUMPHREY & KNOTT, P.A.

Thomas Faulk, Jr.

THF/ty

Enclosure: Articles of Incorporation (2 originals)

Check for \$122.50 Return envelope

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#### CONSENT TO SERVE AS REGISTERED AGENT FOR LEE COUNTY SOFTBALL LEAGUE, INC.

Having been named in the State of Florida as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, 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 relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

Date:	OCTOBEC	<u>17</u> ,	1996.
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Signature of Registered Agent [Include Title if Signing for Corporate

Registered Agent]

Thomas H. Faulk, Jr. c/o Humphrey & Knott, P.A. 1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301 Fort Myers, FL 33901

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Lee County Softball League, Inc.

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

A Not-For-Profit Corporation

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporator to form a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the corporation (hereinafter called "Corporation") is the Lee County Softball League, Inc.

## ARTICLE 2: DURATION

The term of this Corporation is perpetual, and commences when these Articles are filed with the Department of State.

## ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE AND POWERS

By way of explanation and not of limitation, the purposes for which the Corporation is organized are: to encourage physical fitness among County Residents; to facilitate increased and full usage of County recreational facilities; to provide a forum for inter-regional competitive sports events; to provide increased continuity of softball league management; to provide a governing body composed of Lee County Residents, and to encourage greater recreational sports opportunities in Lee County.

The Corporation will, in general, exercise any power for which a non-profit organization organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act can be authorized to exercise, limited as necessary to maintain Federal tax-exempt status.

#### ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members of the Corporation and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 5: REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office is located at 1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301, Fort Myers, FL 33901, and Thomas Faulk, Jr., of such address is the initial Registered Agent. The Registered Agent hereby accepts such appointment, evidenced by signature below.

### ARTICLE 6: DIRECTORS

- A. The initial number of sitting Directors shall be ten (10), as listed below.
- B. The number of authorized Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time pursuant to Bylaws, but shall never be less than the minimum number of Directors required by law.
- C. The method of selection of Directors shall be stated in the Bylaws.
- D. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors who shall hold office until their successors are elected and have qualified are:

	Name	Address
1.	Thomas Faulk	2220 Treehaven Circle
2.	Dion Koppler	Fort Myers, FL 33907 1515 Sunkist Way
3.	Denise Horne	Fort Myers, FL 33905 2454 Grand Ave.
4.	Amy Kolb	Fort Myers, FL 33901 P.O. Box 1176
5.	Betty Congdon	Estero, FL 33928 528 Hancock Bridge Parkway
6.	Sal Valente	Cape Coral, FL 33990 318 S.E. 43rd Lane
7.	John Pfeifer	Cape Coral, FL 33904 701 S.W. 56th Street
		Cape Coral, FL 33914
8.	Tony Peppenelli	2459 Round Table Ct. Fort Myers, FL 33912
9.	Greg Crissey	13038 4th St. Fort Myers, FL 33905
10.	Matthew Schmelter	6900-26 Daniels Parkway Fort Myers, FL 33912

#### ARTICLE 7: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: Thomas Faulk, Jr.; 1625 Hendry Street, Suite 301, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

### ARTICLE 8: AMENDMUNT OF BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal Bylaws shall be vested only in the Board of Directors, unless differently provided in duly-approved future versions of the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles may be amended in any manner provided by law, and the amendment shall be effective when the amendment has been filled with the Department of State, approved by it, and all filing fees have been paid.

#### ARTICLE 10: NO PRIVATE INUREMENTS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, Directors, 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 above.

### ARTICLE 11: TAX-EXEMPT INTENTIONS

It is the intention of the Corporation to apply for and maintain tax-exempt status under United States Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7), clubs organized for recreation.

## ARTICLE 12: ADDRESS

The Corporation's street and mailing address is:

Lee County Softball League, Inc. 6900-29 Daniels Parkway, Suite 308 Fort Myers, FL 33912.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator signed these Articles of Incorporation this 17 day of OCTOBER, 1996.

Thomas Faulk, Jr.

