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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# **EQUIPATH INTERNATIONAL, INC.**



The undersigned acting as incorporator of a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

# **ARTICLE ONE**

The name of the Corporation is EQUIPATH INTERNATIONAL, INC. (the "Corporation").

### ARTICLE TWO

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

# **ARTICLE THREE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the following purposes:

- 1. Religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or to foster national or international amateur sports competition (but only if no part of its activities involve the provision of athletic facilities or equipment), or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and 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 Code.
- 2. To apply the income, and if the Corporation so decides, the principal, of such property as the Corporation may from time to time possess, in aid of the prior enumerated

purposes, including the giving of such income and principal to any other domestic or foreign charitable corporation, association, organization or trust; provided, however, that any such domestic or foreign corporation, association, organization or trust is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3) or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code.

With respect to all of the prior enumerated purposes, however, the Corporation shall be subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit a. 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 prior enumerated purposes. No 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 of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- b. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the 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.
- c. For any period in which the Corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of Code Section 509(a), the Corporation shall also be subject to the following additional limitations:
  - (I) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as to not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
  - (ii) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
  - (iii) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943© of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- (iv) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- (v) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation shall have and may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect, or which are conducive to the attainment of, any or all of the prior enumerated purposes, subject to such limitations as are provided by law.

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# ARTICLE FOUR

The address of the principal office of and mailing address of the Corporation is c/o Linda Hron, 1625 N.E. 20th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305.

# **ARTICLE FIVE**

There shall be four (4) members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Board of Directors but the number of directors shall never be less than three (3). The election of the Directors of the Corporation shall be as stated in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE SIX

The address of the Corporation's initial registered office is c/o Linda Hron, 1625

N.E. 20th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 and the name of its initial registered agent at that address is Linda Hron.

### ARTICLE SEVEN

The Corporation is a nonstock corporation and shall have no authority to issue any capital stock. The conditions of membership in the Corporation shall be as stated in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE EIGHT

The initial By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

The power to alter, amend or repeal the By-Laws of the Corporation or adopt new By-Laws shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE NINE

The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law as now or hereafter in effect, indemnify all persons whom it may indemnify. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not limit or exclude any rights, indemnities or limitations of liabilities to which any person may be entitled, whether as a matter of law, under the By-Laws of the Corporation, by agreement, vote of the members of disinterested Directors of the Corporation or otherwise.

# ARTICLE TEN

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Linda Hron 1625 N.E. 20th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305

WITNESS the hand and seal of said incorporator this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 1999.

Linda Hron, Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted: That EQUIPATH INTERNATIONAL, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office in the County of Palm Beach, State of Florida, has named Linda Hron, whose address is 1625 N.E. 20th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above referenced 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 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.

Linda Hron, Registered Agent

