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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
NEXT LEVEL TURF MANAGEMENT, INC.**

I, the undersigned, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of this corporation shall be:

Next Level Turf Management, Inc.

The principal office and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

4611 San Siro Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 34235

**ARTICLE II**

**Existence of Corporation**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE III**

**Purposes**

The corporation may engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE IV**

**General Powers**

The corporation shall have power:

- (a) To sue and be sued, complain, and defend in its corporate name.

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(b) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at will and to use it or a facsimile of it, by impressing or affixing it or in any other manner reproducing it.

(c) To purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal with real or personal property or any legal or equitable interest in property wherever located.

(d) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create a security interest in, lease, exchange, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property.

(e) To lend money to, and use its credit to assist, its officers and employees in accordance with Section 607.0833, Florida Statutes.

(f) To purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire; own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of; and deal in and with shares or other interests in, or obligations of, any other entity.

(g) To make contracts and guarantees, incur liabilities, borrow money, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations (which may be convertible into or include the option to purchase other securities of the corporation), and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property, franchises, and income and make contracts of guaranty and suretyship which are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of a corporation the majority of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the contracting corporation; a corporation which owns, directly or indirectly, a majority of the outstanding stock of the contracting corporation; or a corporation the majority of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by a corporation which owns, directly or indirectly, the majority of the outstanding stock of the contracting corporation, which contracts of guaranty and suretyship shall be deemed to be necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of the contracting corporation, and make other contracts of guaranty and suretyship which are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion, or attainment of the business of the contracting corporation.

(h) To lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real and personal property as security for repayment.

(i) To conduct its business, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by law within or without this state.

(j) To elect directors and appoint officers, employees, and agents of the corporation and define their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit.

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(k) To make and amend bylaws, not inconsistent with its Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the corporation.

(l) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes.

(m) To transact any lawful business that will aid governmental policy.

(n) To make payments or donations or do any other act not inconsistent with law that furthers the business and affairs of the corporation.

(o) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, profit-sharing plans, share bonus plans, share option plans, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or former directors, officers, employees, and agents and for any or all of the current or former directors, officers, employees, and agents of its subsidiaries.

(p) To provide insurance for its benefit on the life of any of its directors, officers, or employees, or on the life of any shareholder for the purpose of acquiring at his or her death shares of its stock owned by the shareholder or by the spouse or children of the shareholder.

(q) To be a promoter, incorporator, partner, member, associate, or manager of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity.

## ARTICLE V

### Capital Stock

(a) The total number of shares of capital stock authorized to be issued by the corporation (the "Shares") shall consist of one class only and shall be comprised of 10,000 shares of common capital stock having a par value of \$.01 per share of which (i) 1,000 shares shall be designated voting shares (the "Voting Shares"), entitling the holders thereof to one (1) vote with respect to all matters to be properly voted on by the stockholders of the corporation, and (ii) 9,000 shares shall be designated non-voting shares (the "Non-Voting Shares"), entitling the holders thereof to no voting rights. Each Voting Share and each Non-Voting Share shall participate equally in all dividends paid by the corporation and in the assets of the corporation upon its liquidation or dissolution. All or any part of the Shares may be paid for in cash, in property, or in labor or services actually performed for the corporation and valued at a fair valuation to be fixed by the Board of Directors at a meeting called for such purpose. All stock when issued shall be paid for and shall be non-assessable.

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(b) In the election of directors of this corporation there shall be no cumulative voting of the stock entitled to vote at such election.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 501 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602 and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is Cody W. Waters. The corporation may change its registered office or its registered agent or both by filing with the Department of State of the State of Florida a statement complying with Section 607.0502, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Initial Board of Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3), and the names and addresses of each person who is to serve as a member thereof are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Bruce Melanson	5305 Garden Lane Tampa, FL 33610
Brandon Melanson	2708 Herndon Street Valrico, FL 33594
Steve Edwards	5108 Shields Lane Plant City, FL 33566

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Cody W. Waters	501 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 1700 Tampa, Florida 33602

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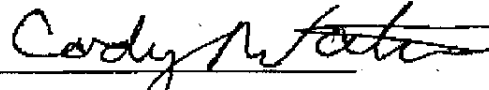
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**ARTICLE IX**

**Amendment of Articles of Incorporation**

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the stockholders herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned, have executed these Articles for the uses and purposes therein stated.



Cody W. Waters, Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in its Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in such capacity, and I am familiar with and accept, the obligations provided for in Section 607.0501(3), Florida Statutes.

Signature: Cody W. Waters

Cody W. Waters  
Registered Agent

Date: 2-4-04

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