



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State**

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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is South Kingstown Girls' Slow Pitch Softball League

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is X Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

A. THE LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY TO SERVE THE PURPOSE OF A QUALIFIED AMATEUR SPORTS ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE. IT IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY TO FOSTER NATIONAL AMATEUR SPORTS COMPETITION AND PRIMARILY TO CONDUCT NATIONAL COMPETITION IN SPORTS AND TO SUPPORT AND DEVELOP AMATEUR ATHLETES FOR THAT COMPETITION. TO ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE, THE LEAGUE WILL PROVIDE SUPERVISED, COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL FOR GIRLS AND HELP THEM ESTABLISH THE RUDIMENTS OF TEAMWORK AND FAIR PLAY.

B. THE LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY IS THAT MOLDING FUTURE ADULTS IS OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE AND THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETIC SKILLS AND WINNING GAMES IS SECONDARY.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

MEMBERSHIP

A. ANY GIRL MEETING THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE.

B. ALL COACHES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF PLAYERS.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. THE LEAGUE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY BALLOT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR.

B. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSIST OF: A PRESIDENT, A VICE PRESIDENT, A SECRETARY, A TREASURER, AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN TO NINE.

C. VACANCIES ON THE BOARD SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

D. A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSACTING ANY BUSINESS.

E. ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE POLICY OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE DECIDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.

F. FAILURE TO ATTEND THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS OR A TOTAL OF FOUR AT ANY POINT DURING THE YEAR IS GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL FROM THE BOARD.

COACHES

A. THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT COACHES ANNUALLY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

B. COACHES MAY BE REMOVED FROM THEIR POSITIONS BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PRIOR TO TAKING ACTION, THE BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE COACH IN WRITING OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION AND REQUEST HIS OR HER ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING TO BE HEARD.

C. COACHES MAY BE MEN OR WOMEN OVER THE AGE OF 18. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF FOR EACH TEAM MUST BE A WOMAN. GIRLS AGED 17 MAY BE ASSISTANT COACHES. (REVISION ADOPTED APRIL 11, 2000)

ELECTIONS

A. A NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THREE MEMBERS (INCLUDING A CHAIRMAN) SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. THEIR JOB WILL BE TO DRAW UP A FORMAL SLATE TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER. NOMINATIONS WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR PENDING A SECOND.

B. ELECTION SHALL BE HELD BY SECRET BALLOT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER.

C. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS WITH ALL NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

D. THE TERM OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

MEETINGS

A. THE BOARD SHALL MEET MONTHLY IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, AND JUNE. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MAY BE CALLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT OR UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, SAID REQUEST TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE SECRETARY.

B. THE OCTOBER MEETING SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE READING OF REPORTS AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

C. ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE RULES CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT EDITION OF ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER.

FINANCIAL POLICY

A. THE FISCAL YEAR AND THE ANNUAL YEAR OF THE LEAGUE WILL BE FROM ANNUAL MEETING TO ANNUAL MEETING.

B. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DECIDE ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE FINANCES OF THE LEAGUE, AND IT SHALL PLACE ALL INCOME IN A COMMON LEAGUE TREASURY.

C. NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE LEAGUE SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE LEAGUE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE LEAGUE 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, THE LEAGUE SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (A) BY AN ENTITY EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE, OR (B) BY AN ENTITY, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE

FEDERAL TAX CODE.

DRAFT POLICY

A. ONLY PLAYERS WHO DID NOT PLAY IN THE LEAGUE THE PREVIOUS YEAR WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND SKILLS ASSESSMENT, AND GIRLS WHO PLAYED THE PREVIOUS YEAR WILL BE ASSIGNED TO NEW TEAMS ONLY IF THEY MOVE UP TO THE NEXT AGE GROUP OR IN CASE OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.

B. ALL PLAYERS WILL BE RATED BETWEEN 1 (HIGHEST) AND 10 (LOWEST) BY THEIR COACHES IF THEY PLAYED THE PREVIOUS YEAR OR BY THEIR PERFORMANCE AT SKILLS ASSESSMENT.

C. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO HAVE EACH TEAM COMPRISED OF THE SAME NUMBER OF GIRLS OF ANY PARTICULAR AGE.

D. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ASSIGN PLAYERS TO TEAMS. THE MOST IMPORTANT CRITERION IN ASSIGNING PLAYERS SHALL BE CREATING TEAMS IN EACH DIVISION OF EQUAL ABILITY.

LEAGUE RULES

AN UPDATED VERSION OF LEAGUE RULES SHALL BE FORMULATED EACH SPRING AND COPIES GIVEN TO ALL COACHES AND UMPIRES. THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

AMENDMENTS

A. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE PROPOSED AND RATIFIED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. ALL ADULT MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION A QUORUM SHALL BE 10% OF THE TOTAL ADULT MEMBERSHIP.

B. OTHER THAN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, AMENDMENTS MAY BE PROPOSED AND RATIFIED AT ANY BOARD MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING BEING ELIGIBLE TO VOTE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ALL COACHES. A QUORUM OF 50% OF THESE ELIGIBLE VOTERS SHALL BE REQUIRED FOR ANY CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION TO BE CONSIDERED IN THIS MANNER, AND A 2/3 VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT NECESSARY FOR RATIFICATION ON ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

DISSOLUTION

A. THE LEAGUE MAY ONLY BE DISSOLVED UPON THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

B. UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE, ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR ONE OR MORE EXEMPT PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF

THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR 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. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DECIDE THE RECIPIENT(S) OF SUCH ASSETS BASED ON A MAJORITY VOTE.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST
City or Town: WAKEFIELD State: RI Zip: 02879

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is CHRISTOPHER HIENER

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 9 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	LILLIA WILD	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	CHRISTOPHER SAWYER	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	CHRISTOPHER HIENER	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	KIMBERLEY SIMMONS	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	JANINE MASON	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	AMANDA BRONSON	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	ALAN SCHULLER	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	MOLLY TITUS	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	PATRICK FARRELL	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	LILLIA WILD	50 GEORGE SCHAEFFER ST WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 02/14/2018

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 14 Day of February, 2018 at 1:36:30 PM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.

LILLIA WILD

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