



**State of Rhode Island
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 Hops Fastpitch, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

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

THE CORPORATION SHALL BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES WITHIN

THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS NOW IN EFFECT OR AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED (“THE CODE”). MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE CORPORATION SHALL BE DEDICATED TO A SOFTBALL ORGANIZATION AND ANY OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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:

(A) NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER PRIVATE PERSON, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO OR FOR THE CORPORATION AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH “3” HEREOF.

(B) NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION (EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY SECTION 501(H) OF THE CODE AND IN ANY CORRESPONDING LAWS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND), AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS CONCERNING) ANY POLITICAL

CAMPAIGN

ON BEHALF OF, OR IN OPPOSITION TO, ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES OF

INCORPORATION, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CARRY ON

ANY ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD PREVENT IT FROM OBTAINING EXEMPTION FROM

FEDERAL

INCOME TAXATION AS A CORPORATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE

CODE, OR CAUSE IT TO LOSE SUCH EXEMPT STATUS, OR CARRY ON ANY ACTIVITY NOT

PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE

DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE CODE.

(D) IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION OR FINAL LIQUIDATION OF THE

CORPORATION, ALL OF THE REMAINING ASSETS AND PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

SHALL, AFTER PAYING OR MAKING PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF THE

LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CORPORATION AND FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES

THEREOF, BE DISTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZATIONS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED

EXCLUSIVELY

FOR CHARITABLE OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES AS SHALL AT THE TIME QUALIFY AS AN

EXEMPT ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE AS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL DETERMINE. IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY OF SUCH

ASSETS OR PROPERTY BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER, OR ANY

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL.

(E) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT

CORPORATION ACT, AS NOW IN EFFECT OR AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED, NO

OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR

DAMAGES IN ANY PROCEEDING BROUGHT BY OR IN THE RIGHT OF THE CORPORATION,

OR

IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM, ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING TO WHICH HE OR SHE

MAY BE OR IS MADE A PARTY BY REASON OF BEING OR HAVING BEEN AN OFFICER OR

DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH RELIEF FROM

LIABILITY SHALL NOT APPLY IN ANY INSTANCE WHERE SUCH RELIEF IS INCONSISTENT

WITH ANY PROVISION OF THE CODE APPLICABLE TO CORPORATIONS DESCRIBED IN CODE

SECTION 50L(C)(3).

ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: NIXON PEABODY LLP, ONE CITIZENS PLAZA

SUITE 500

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is

MEGHAN HOPKINS, ESQ.

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3

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	MATTHEW HOPKINS	17 SYCAMORE DRIVE CRANSTON, RI 02921 USA
DIRECTOR	DANIEL HOPKINS	51 CHURCH HILL DRIVE CRANSTON, RI 02920 USA
DIRECTOR	JAMES REKRUT	63 PLEASANT HILL LANE CRANSTON, RI 02921 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	MEGHAN HOPKINS ESQ.	ONE CITIZENS PLAZA, STE. 500 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin

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

Signed this 6 Day of September, 2023 at 1:35:35 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.

MEGHAN HOPKINS, ESQ.

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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,
hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions
of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this
office on this day:

September 06, 2023 01:32 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregg M. Amore".

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

