

HASTINGS PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION NONPROFIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF MN

ARTICLE I – NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of the organization shall be the Hastings Pickleball Association (HPBA).

ARTICLE II – REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The address of the nonprofit in MN of which the corporation will conduct business is 2290 Old Bridge Lane, Hastings MN 55033

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purpose, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purpose of the organization is to enhance the health and welfare of the general public by encouraging, organizing, and promoting the development and growth of Pickleball in the Hastings community.

The Organization will:

- Conduct fundraising for educational and recreational pickleball activities (ex. organize daily play, round robins, shootouts, tournaments, leagues).
- Promote pickleball through sale of pickleball tournament and league entry fees, purchasing supplies, equipment, memorabilia and facility upkeep and maintenance as determined by Board of Directors.
- Accept cash donations or assistance from public or private organizations, individuals, and associations and membership fees.

The organization's activities are governed by approved anti-discrimination and whistleblower protection policies.

ARTICLE IV – EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit 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 purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights and obligations of the members will be determined by the corporation's bylaws.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors will be duly elected and qualified or removed as provided in the bylaws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the board of directors may be taken by written action signed by the number of board members that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the board at which all board members were present.

ARTICLE VI – PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII - DURATION/DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets of the corporation 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.

ARTICLE VIII – INCORPORATORS

In witness whereof, we the undersigned, have hereunto subscribed my name for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota and certify I have executed these Articles of Incorporation and approved these bylaws on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Incorporator Name _____

Incorporator Address _____

Incorporator Signature _____

Incorporator Name _____

Incorporator Address _____

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