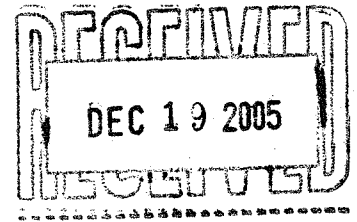


**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
TIGERS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, INC.**



**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That the undersigned incorporator, being a natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, and desiring to form a corporation under the laws of the State of Colorado, does hereby sign, verify and deliver in duplicate to the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado these ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

*ARTICLE I.*

**NAME:** The name of the corporation is TIGERS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, INC.

*ARTICLE II.*

**NON-PROFIT:** The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

*ARTICLE III.*

**DURATION:** The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

*ARTICLE IV.*

**PURPOSES:** The purposes of this organization shall be to:

- A. Introduce and promote the sport of Rugby, as recognized by the United States of America Rugby Football Union (USARFU),
- B. Provide the students involved with instruction on the Laws of the Game as framed by the International Rugby Board (IRB), quality instruction and training safe and competitive play techniques,
- C. Improve the members' overall physical fitness and encourage students to pursue a healthy, active lifestyle,
- D. Represent Tigers Rugby Football Club in a competitive manner in tournaments and union competitions against other rugby clubs and teams, and
- E. Offer each member the chance to improve leadership skills by democratically being chosen to serve in leadership positions.

*ARTICLE V.*

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE & REGISTERED AGENT:** The initial principal office shall be the office of Accelerate Physical Therapy, P.C., 11651 West 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Unit A-5, Arvada, Colorado 80004-4321. The initial registered agent is Dylan Lewis, 709 Third Avenue, Longmont, Colorado 80501. Either the principal office or the registered agent may be changed in the manner provided by law.

## *ARTICLE VI.*

- A. The corporation is a non-profit corporation and is organized without capital stock. The corporation shall be prohibited from engaging in any regular business or activity of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit.
- B. No part of the income or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director or officer of the corporation or to any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes, and reimbursement may be made for any expense incurred for the corporation by any officer, director agent or employee, or any other person or corporation, pursuant to and upon authorization of the Board of Directors); and provided further that no member, director, of officer of the corporation, or other private individual shall be entitled to share in any distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporate or otherwise.
- C. No part of the assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any organization whose income or net earnings or any part thereof inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or other individual or any substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- D. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, the property and assets thereof of remaining after providing for all obligations shall then be disturbed only to the such organization or organizations exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c ) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, (or any subsequent statutory provision of similar effect) as hall be designated by the Board of Directors.

## *ARTICLE VII.*

### **MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING PRIVILEGES**

- A. The membership of Tigers Rugby Football Club shall be open to all boys and girls aged 14-18 years for Colorado Youth Rugby competition and ERRFU for men's and women's club side or age 19-22 collegiate competitions.
- B. Each member shall be entitled to participate in meeting and practices.
- C. Each member who is enrolled at Tigers Rugby Football Club, and is and is eligible to compete in high school, collegiate, men's or women's club side rugby during the upcoming season according to USARFU guidelines shall be eligible to run for office. Supporters, including parents and coaches may also run for office.
- D. Each member shall be eligible to hold membership on organization committees.
- E. Voting privileges are open to currently enrolled Tigers Rugby Football club students that meet the following guidelines:
  - a. Currently eligible to compete in collegiate and high school rugby according to USARFU guidelines,
  - b. Played and practiced for four weeks prior to the general election,
  - c. Fully paid their dues prior to voting.

## *ARTICLE VIII.*

### **OFFICERS**

- A. The officers of the Tigers Rugby Football Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary/Recruiting Officer, Treasurer and Match Secretary. Members who have voting privilege in the manner described in these Articles shall elect all officers. These officers shall comprise the Executive Committed.
- B. Candidates for office must be Tigers Rugby Football Club players, coaches or parents. Students must be in good standing with the High School and possess an overall GPA of 2.00 or greater. Additionally, candidates must be eligible to compete in high school or collegiate rugby according to USARFU guidelines for the upcoming year of competition.
- C. Officers shall be elected annually during the month of April, and prior to the State Championship tournament.
  - a. The election ballot shall be created by floor nominations. A minimum of two candidates for each office shall appear on the election ballot.
  - b. Candidates shall declare a willingness to serve in the positions for which they have been nominated.
  - c. Each officer will be elected by a majority vote of the members that are eligible to vote
- D. Officer responsibilities are outlined below for each officer:
  - a. President:
    - i. Setting objectives and strategic planning,
    - ii. Securing casualty or medical insurance coverage for all members,
    - iii. Securing permits, practice and game facilities,
    - iv. Securing and maintaining symbiotic relationships with leagues, government entities, schools, parents, coaches, and supporters,
    - v. Organizing practices and corporate meetings,
    - vi. General oversight and management,
    - vii. Recruiting players and supporters
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Assist and, if necessary, succeed President
    - ii. Recruiting players and supporters,
    - iii. Collecting dues,
  - c. Treasurer
    - i. Budget creation and maintenance,
    - ii. Bookkeeping,
    - iii. Collecting dues,
    - iv. Fund-raising
    - v. Paying fees, dues and subscriptions,
    - vi. Reimbursements,
    - vii. Authorizing and signing checks approved by the clubs,
  - d. Match Secretary
    - i. Scheduling and attending meetings,
    - ii. Collecting dues,

- iii. Organizing home and away games,
  - iv. Home games: Getting directions to visiting team, scheduling a referee,
  - v. Away games: Getting directions to pitch, scheduling a referee
  - vi. Tournaments: Finding a hotel within 3 miles of venue, getting direction, getting tournament fee paid and hotel rooms secured
  - vii. Advertising the home games to parents and supporters,
  - viii. Press releases,
  - ix. Recruiting players
- e. Recruiting Officer / Secretary
  - i. Keep detailed records of officers meeting and general meetings,
  - ii. Record minutes of the meetings,
  - iii. Coordinate recruiting efforts for the team,
  - iv. Send press releases to local newspapers and the Lamp Post (student newspaper)
- E. Advisor positions are those set forth herein below:
  - a. Faculty Advisor: The corporation will select a member of the faculty or staff of any school represented on the roster to facilitate good relations and to promote and establish club status in each school.
- F. Coaches
  - a. The coach is appointed by a general agreement between the coach and the officer of the team immediate after officer's election. If requested at the general election, officer candidates must state whom they would appoint as coach following the election. The officer choose the coach by a simple majority vote if requested by one of the officers. The appointed coach much at least be a USARFU Level I certified coach.
  - b. A coach can only be remove during a fall/spring season by a 2/3rds majority vote of members in good standing with the club that have paid their dues, are currently eligible to play collegiate rugby according the USARFU guidelines, and have played for a month or longer prior to the election. Any member eligible to vote according to the constitution may call for removal of the coach; however, an officer may not initial this request by a vote. An alternate coach that is currently USARFU Level I certified must be presented to the team at the time that a vote is requested. Such a vote can only take place once during a fall/spring season.

#### *ARTICLE IX.*

**INITIAL DIRECTORS:** The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is two, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified are, to wit:

Paul O'Brian, 11651 West 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Unit A-5, Arvada, Colorado 80004-4321  
 Dylan Lewis, 709 Third Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501

*ARTICLE X.*

**INITIAL CORPORATE OFFICERS:** The officers of the Corporation and their term of office and the manner of their selection or election shall be fixed in accordance with the Bylaws. The initial officers, and the names and address of the persons who shall serve as initial offices, will be determined at the organizational meeting of the Corporation.

*ARTICLE XI.*

The personal liability of the directors of the Corporation are limited or eliminated to the same extent and in the manner provided from director of cooperative associations in C.R.S. 7-55-107(1)(h).

*ARTICLE XII.*

**INCORPORATOR:** The name and address of the incorporator is, to wit:

Paul O'Brian, 11651 West 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Unit A-5, Arvada, CO 80004-4321.  
Tigers RFC Website: <http://acceleratept.com/TigersRFC.html>


*ARTICLE XIII.*

**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES:** The Articles of Incorporation shall be amendable by a majority vote of the directors duly noticed and voting.

*ARTICLE XIV.*

**CREATION OR AMENDMENT OF CORPORATE BYLAWS:** The Board of Directors shall have the power to create a set of corporate Bylaws and amend them thereafter by a majority vote of the directors duly noticed and voting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned persons herein above named as incorporator, having hereunto set their hand and seal on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

  
Paul O'Brian

County of Boulder\_\_\_\_)  
  ) ss.

State of Colorado     )

SUBSCRIBED, ACKNOWLEDGED AND SWORN to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, by Paul O'Brian in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado.  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary Public