

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### OF

#### MOUNTED GAMES ACROSS AMERICA, INC.

- FIRST:** The undersigned Sharon Brown, whose address is 15710 Union Chapel Road, Woodbine, Maryland 21797, being at least eighteen years of age does hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland.
- SECOND:** The name of the Corporation is MOUNTED GAMES ACROSS AMERICA, INC.
- THIRD:** The Corporation shall be operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including lessening the burdens of government, within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended ("the Code"). The Corporation shall be operated exclusively to foster national or international competition in equestrian mounted games and shall be operated primarily to support and develop amateur athletes for national and international competition in equestrian mounted games. The specific purposes for which the corporation is to be formed include:
- (i) introducing and developing the sport of equestrian mounted games within the United States equestrian community;
  - (ii) providing opportunities for mounted games amateur athletes to develop their competitive skills and team cohesiveness by offering a variety of mounted games competitions at the local, national, and international level;
  - (iii) providing financial support through public scholarships to assist mounted games individuals or teams, who would otherwise be unable to do so, to participate in local, national, and international competitions, clinics, and seminars;
  - (iv) providing a standard and consistent team selection process used to select team members that would represent MGAA at international mounted games competitions and selecting at least one team each year;
  - (v) developing and promulgating safety standards and procedures detailing fabrication of mounted games equipment, coaching of mounted games players, training of horses and ponies used for mounted games competition, and how to host mounted games competitions;
  - (vi) sponsoring seminars and clinics with internationally renowned coaches to develop the level of mounted games skill at the local, national, and international level; and
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(vii) for any other lawful purposes consistent with these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**FOURTH:** The street address of the principal office of the Corporation in Maryland is 15710 Union Chapel Road, Woodbine, Maryland 21797. ✓

**FIFTH:** The name of the resident agent of the Corporation is Sharon Brown, whose address is 15710 Union Chapel Road, Woodbine, Maryland 21797. ✓

**SIXTH:** The Corporation has no authority to issue capital stock.

**SEVENTH:** The number of directors of the Corporation shall be six (6), which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The names of the directors who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified are:

Carol Bertilson  
4754 E. 1530 N Road  
Fithian, Illinois 61844

Sharon Brown  
15710 Union Chapel Road  
Woodbine, Maryland 21797

Linda Caddel  
P.O. Box 11862  
Lexington, Kentucky 40578

Larry Clay  
6800 N. Skyline Drive  
Peoria, Illinois 61614

Beth Crumley Lough  
Route 6, Box 100A  
Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

Donna McCready  
11116 Corobon Lane  
Great Falls, Virginia 22066

**EIGHTH:** No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, 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 Section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of

the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation 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 Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

**NINTH:** Upon the dissolution of this Corporation 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 an organization exempt from Federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3).

**TENTH:** Pursuant to Section 5-418 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Maryland Code, the Corporation elects to limit director and officer liability so that directors and officers shall have no personal liability to the Corporation for their actions as directors or officers unless (1) it is proved that the person actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property, or services, in which case the person shall be liable for the amount of the benefit or profit actually received, or (2) there has been a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the director entered in a proceeding based on a finding in the proceeding that the person's action or failure to act was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these Articles of Incorporation and acknowledge the same to be my act.

  
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Sharon Brown, Incorporator

I hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for this corporation.

  
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Sharon Brown, Resident Agent

STATE OF MARYLAND

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the 5  
page document on file in this office. DATED: January 22 2023.

BY: [Signature]  
STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION, Custodian

This stamp replaces our previous certification system. Effective: 6/95