

# *~ ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ~*

## WESTERN STATES EQUESTRIAN DRILL TEAM ASSOCIATION, INC.

### **I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is WESTERN STATES EQUESTRIAN DRILL TEAM ASSOCIATION, INC.

### **II. PURPOSE**

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.

The specific purpose of this corporation is to promote the formation of equestrian drill teams and to establish and administer a consistent and legitimate forum for equestrian drill team activities. The general purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under such law.

### **III. INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Chris Inglehart  
P.O. Box 1585  
Summerland, CA 93067

### **IV. DIRECTORS & MEMBERS**

(a) Directors - The manner in which Directors shall be chosen and removed from office, their qualifications, powers, duties, compensation, and tenure of office, the manner of filling vacancies on the Board, and the manner of calling and holding meetings of the Directors, shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

(b) Members - The authorized number, if any, and qualifications of members of the corporation, the filling of vacancies, the different classes of membership, if any the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability to dues and assessments and the method of collection, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

## **V. DEDICATION AND DISTRIBUTION**

(a) The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any 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 purposes set forth in Article II.

(b) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **VI. LIMITATION ON CORPORATE ACTIVITIES**

(a) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(b) 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 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, of (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170c(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(c) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(d) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954.

(e) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943c of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(f) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(g) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## VI. EXECUTION

Dated: March 9, 2002

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Chris Inglehart, Incorporator