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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### KENTUCKY LEGACY BASEBALL CLUB, INC.

The undersigned, for purposes of incorporating and organizing a nonprofit, non-stock corporation under Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes ("KRS"), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

# ARTICLE I Name of Corporation

The name of the Corporation is Kentucky Legacy Baseball Club, Inc.

# ARTICLE II Purposes and Powers

- 1. Any provision of these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not have any purpose or object, nor have or exercise any power, nor engage in any activity, which in any way contravenes, or is in conflict with, the other provisions of Article 2 of these Articles of Incorporation.
- 2. The objects and purposes of the corporation, and the powers it shall have and may exercise, are as follows:
- (a) As general and controlling purposes, to conduct and carry on its work, not for profit, but exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") (references herein to sections or provisions of the Code shall be deemed to include and refer to, to the extent applicable, any similar sections or provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws), in such manner (i) that no part of its income or property shall inure to the private benefit of any donor, director or individual having a personal or private interest in the activities of the Corporation, except as reasonable compensation for services actually rendered, (ii) that it shall not directly or indirectly participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, and (iii) that no substantial part of its activities shall be carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- (b) As a particular purpose in furtherance of, consistent with, and subject to, the general and controlling purposes set forth in Section 2(a) and (b) of this ARTICLE II, to organize, promote, foster, assist (whether financially or otherwise) and conduct such charitable, scientific, and educational enterprises, activities and institutions as from time may be determined, selected

or decided upon by the Corporation's Board of Directors consistent with the purposes stated above, including, without limitation, support of youth baseball.

- (c) In furtherance of, and at all times subject to, the aforesaid purposes, enterprises, activities and projects:
- (i) To solicit and acquire by gift, exchange or otherwise, property of any and all kinds, and to sell, transfer and otherwise dispose of any property it so acquires;
- (ii) To invest and reinvest any such property and the increments in, and avails or proceeds of, any such property in such investments as may be deemed advisable from time to time by the Corporation's Board of Directors, including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds, secured and unsecured obligations, undivided interests, leases, commercial paper, financial and governmental instruments, savings and other depository accounts and other securities and properties;
- (iii) To give, donate and contribute to any of the activities the Corporation may elect to sponsor, or in furtherance of any of the aforesaid purposes for which the Corporation is organized, such money or property, or both, as the Corporation's Board of Directors may from time to time determine;
- (iv) To take title to, and hold in its own name, such real or personal property, or both, and such interests in either such type of property as the Corporation may acquire, for the purposes herein set out, and to sell, transfer and dispose of any such property or reinvest the proceeds thereof as herein permitted;
- (v) To accept gifts, bequests or devises of property of any kind which any individual, firm, corporation or other entity may make to the Corporation, upon the terms, trusts and conditions set forth in the deed of gift, will or other instrument of writing executed by any such donor or testator, but only for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions and with the powers set forth in these Articles of Incorporation;
- (vi) To borrow money and give security therefor by pledging, mortgaging or otherwise hypothecating any property it may own, or any interest it may have in such property;
- (vii) To become a member of any other nonstock or nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of any state, or to become affiliated with any other organization of like character existing under the laws of any state; provided, however, that such corporation or organization is an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Code;
- (viii) To the extent permitted by law, to enter into contracts with any corporate trust company for the purpose of delegating to it the power, or employing it, to make investments on behalf of the Corporation, and to do such other things permitted by these Articles

of Incorporation as the parties may agree upon, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, but in furtherance thereof, to enter into trust agreements, irrevocable or otherwise, with any such corporate trustee and therein to authorize any such corporate trustee to employ agents, attorneys, accountants and others in connection with the performance of any duty or trust arising under such agreement; and

- (ix) To do any and all things which the Corporation's Board of Directors may determine, consistent with the provisions hereof, to be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes for which the Corporation is organized as herein set forth, to the extent that the doing of such act or thing is not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter 273 of Kentucky Revised Statutes, or any other applicable law or statute of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, if, at any time, the Corporation shall be determined to be a private foundation or private operating foundation as defined in section 509 or section 4942 of the Code, then:
- (a) 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 Code.
- (b) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Code.
- (c) The Corporation shall not purchase nor retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Code.
- (d) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Code.
- (e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Code.

# ARTICLE III Number of Directors

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation managed under the direction of, its Board of Directors. The initial number and identification of directors of the Corporation is set forth below in Section 4. The number and identity of the directors may hereafter be changed from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, subject to the applicable provisions of KRS, provided that the Corporation shall never

have fewer than three directors. A director may be removed in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE IV Initial Directors

Until the number of members of the Board of Directors shall be otherwise established by the Bylaws, the initial Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) members, and such initial directors and their respective mailing addresses are as follows:

Neil Stratford 6207 Perrin Drive Crestwood, KY 40014

Mike Tucker 4013 Cumberland Drive La Grange, KY 40031

Kelly Young 500 Springs Wood Road LaGrange, KY 40031

Jacob Clark 9791 Sulphur Road Sulphur, KY 40070

### ARTICLE V Members

The Corporation shall have no members.

# ARTICLE VI Registered Office; Registered Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 4013 Cumberland Drive, La Grange, Kentucky 40031, and the name of its initial registered agent at such office is Mike Tucker.

# ARTICLE VII Principal Office

The mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation is 4013 Cumberland Drive, La Grange, Kentucky 40031.

#### ARTICLE VIII Incorporator

Neil Stratford, whose mailing address is 6207 Perrin Drive, Crestwood, Kentucky 40014, is the sole incorporator of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE IX <u>Dissolution</u>

If, at any time, the Corporation dissolves, the assets of the Corporation shall be applied and distributed as follows:

- (a) All liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor.
- (b) Assets that have been received and are held by the Corporation subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, scientific, literary, religious, educational or similar purposes shall be transferred or conveyed to (i) one or more corporations, societies or organizations organized under the laws of any state that are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, (ii) the Federal government or (iii) a state or local government, for a public purpose, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided by law.
- (c) Other assets, if any, shall be transferred or conveyed to (i) one or more corporations, societies or organizations organized under the laws of any state that are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, (ii) the Federal government or (iii) a state or local government, for a public purpose, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided by law.
- (d) Any assets not disposed of pursuant to the previous provisions of this ARTICLE IX shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located to such organizations, as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

## ARTICLE X Bylaws

The Corporation shall have bylaws and rules to regulate the business and affairs of the Corporation ("<u>Bylaws</u>") so long as the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles, the recorded Declaration or by laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the initial Board of Directors at its first organizational meeting, subject to future amendment as provided therein.

### ARTICLE XI Indemnification of Directors

- 1. *Indemnification*. To the fullest extent permitted by, and in accordance with the provisions of, Kentucky law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, but only to the extent not in conflict with the provisions of ARTICLE II, the Corporation shall indemnify each director and officer of the Corporation against expenses (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees), judgments, taxes, penalties, fines (including, but not limited to, any excise tax assessed with respect to any employee benefit plan) and amounts paid in settlement (collectively, a "Liability"), incurred by such director or officer in connection with defending any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) to which such director or officer is, or is threatened to be made, a party because such director or officer is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a member, director, officer, partner, trustee or agent of another domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including, but not limited to, service with respect to benefits plans. A director or officer of the Corporation shall be considered to be serving an employee benefit plan at the Corporation's request if the duties of such director or officer to the Corporation also impose duties on, or otherwise involve services by, such director or officer to the plan or to participants in or beneficiaries of the plan.
- 2. Reimbursement of Expenses. To the fullest extent authorized or permitted by, and in accordance with the provisions of, Kentucky law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, but only to the extent not in conflict with the provisions of ARTICLE II, the Corporation shall pay or reimburse expenses (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees) incurred by a director or officer of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of such proceeding.
- 3. Indemnification Provision Not Exclusive. The indemnification against Liability and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this ARTICLE XI shall, to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by, and in accordance with the provisions of, Kentucky law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, but only to the extent not in conflict with the provisions of ARTICLE II, not be deemed exclusive of other rights, if any, to which such director or officer of the Corporation seeking such indemnification or advancement may be entitled under the Bylaws or any agreement, action of disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in their official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office of the Corporation, shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer of the Corporation, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.
- 4. Repeal or Modification of Indemnification. Any repeal or modification of this ARTICLE XI shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director or officer of the

Corporation under this ARTICLE XI with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

### ARTICLE XII Elimination of Certain Liability of Directors

A director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for breach of such director's duties as a director; provided, however, that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for the following: (i) for any transaction in which such director's personal financial interest is in conflict with the financial interests of the Corporation, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to such director to be a violation of law or (iii) for any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit. This ARTICLE XII shall continue to be applicable with respect to any such breach of duties by a director of the Corporation as a director notwithstanding that such director may thereafter cease to be a director and shall inure to the personal benefit of such director's heirs, executors and administrators.

# ARTICLE XIII Severability of Provisions

If any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, or its application to any person or circumstances, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these Articles of Incorporation that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation are severable.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signature of the sole incorporator, this LO day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**NEIL STRATFORD**, Incorporator

#### **CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned, having been named in the Articles of Incorporation as the registered agent of Kentucky Legacy Baseball Club, Inc., hereby consents to serve in that capacity.

MIKE TUCKER, Registered Agent

The foregoing instrument was prepared by:

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