



**Articles of Incorporation
NATIONAL BLACK BELT KARATE ASSOCIATION, FOUNDATION
(NBBKAF)**

FIRST

The undersigned incorporator(s), of whom are all citizens of the United States of America, desiring a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation laws of Ohio, do hereby certify:

SECOND

The name of this principle corporation is the “National Black Belt Karate Association, Foundation (NBBKAF).” The corporation address is 3654 Alaska Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45229. The corporation is organized pursuant to the OHIO Nonprofit Corporation Code.

THIRD

The Corporation is organized specifically to enhance self-discipline, self-esteem, self-motivation, health and wellness, self-protection, sound moral character building and non-violent resolution of threats and disputes. These purposes will be furthered in large part through the promotion of the practice of Korean Tang Soo Do style martial arts and related disciplines primarily, though not exclusively, among youth and the elderly. The resulting values will develop and/or enhance leadership skills, responsibility, sincerity and justice, which can be achieved without the need for violence. In addition, the Corporation will generally serve exclusively charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code, by and through any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be formed under Sections 1702.01 to 1702.99 of the Ohio Revised Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section (501)(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

FORTH

The address of the Registered Office is c/o Master Gerald C. Brown, 3654 Alaska Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45229, and the registered agent for the corporation shall be:

_____(Signature)

Gerald C. Brown
3654 Alaska Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229

FIFTH

The following are the names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as initial Directors:

1. Senior Grand Master Rev. Dr. Michael J. Posey
4843 Highland Oaks Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248
2. Senior Grand Master Joe Thompson
920 Waycross, Suite "A"
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
3. Grand Master Lew Rogers
11660 Hamlet Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
4. Master Kimberly E. Duffey
8035 Thistlewood Drive
West Chester, Ohio 45069
5. Master Wali Fard
2809 Euclid Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
6. Master Eugenia Bobb
10561 Cranwood
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
7. Master Gerald C. Brown
3654 Alaska Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229
8. Master Leonard Evans
8310 Wooster Pike, Suite #6
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
9. Rev. Master Erwin McIntosh
19124 Kilbride Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45251
10. Master Carlos Thompson
2789 Queen City Avenue, Suite #36
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Members of the initial board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which time their successors are elected and qualified, or removed as provided by the By-Laws.

SIXTH

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. 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 of 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 the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SEVENTH

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, all of the 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 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 of 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.

EIGHTH

Why Do We Exist:

To improve society by offering martial arts goods and services to satisfy consumer needs, thus building upon non-violent resolution of threats and disputes. We exist to train and extend the philosophies and principals of Korean Tang Soo Do martial arts “as a way of life” – a means of finding balance in one’s life addressing the wellness state of the physical, mental, spiritual and moral existence of the instructor, the student, the home and the community at-large.

What do we intend to do:

Our goal to establish collaboration with the home, school, the workplace and the community and provide training and exposures to, but not limited to the following areas:

Recreational activities, such as camping, swimming, hiking, field trips, sporting activities, picnics, etc..

Health/Wellness & mental awareness programs, such as first aid/CPR training, nutrition seminars, guest speakers, tours to related institutions such as university/college tours, participation in activities associated with hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, mental health institutions, senior citizen environments, etc.

Educational programs, such a tutorial seminars, university/college tours, technical training and trade school visitations, guests and motivational speakers, job shadowing/job readiness programs, field trips to museums, cultural events, photography, parenting skills, etc..

Citizenship awareness programs, such as voter registration, city, state and federal campaign awareness projects, field trips to municipal, state and federal courts, environmental programs, etc.

NINTH

OATH

At all times, I will be loyal with respect to self and others, disciplined, train physically, mentally and spiritually, and practice...HUMILITY.

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