

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of the
AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation is AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE TWO

The corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE THREE

The period of its duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE FOUR

PURPOSE

Section 1. The corporation is a nonprofit, voluntary membership corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Texas, and organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), to promote the public health, physical fitness and well-being of the people of the United States, its possessions, trusts, territories, dependencies and overseas military bases and diplomatic missions, by organizing, promoting and conducting scheduled programs of noncompetitive, family oriented, participatory lifetime sports, including, but not limited to, walking (including jogging and running), bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, and such other events as may be sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV), and including the following specific purposes:

- a.** to act as the official representative of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) in the United States, its possessions, trusts, territories, dependencies and overseas military bases and diplomatic missions, and to be the official representative of the United States at all meetings of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV);
- b.** to administer the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV) Achievement Awards Program in the United States, its possessions, trusts, territories, dependencies and overseas military bases and diplomatic missions;
- c.** to develop and implement a program of public information and education to engender interest in scheduled programs of noncompetitive, family oriented, participatory lifetime sports;
- d.** to supervise the compilation of a national calendar of sanctioned events to be made available to its member organizations, their members and the general public;

- e. to increase communication between members and volkssport participants through publication of a newsletter and a newspaper, both circulated to its membership and available by subscription to the general public;
- f. to assist in the organization of new volkssport clubs within the geographic jurisdiction of the AVA;
- g. to provide understanding of the benefits of participation in organized programs of noncompetitive, family oriented, participatory, lifetime sports;
- h. to foster a preventive maintenance concept in health care;
- i. to stress the fun and exhilaration of walking (including jogging and running), bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing and such other events as may be sanctioned by the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV); and
- j. to sanction events in conjunction with or under the auspices of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV); and to do all things necessary and incident thereto.

Section 2. All activities of the corporation will be carried on so as to be responsive to the needs of all persons, without regard to race, religion, sex, age, national or cultural origin, place of residence, economic circumstances, lifestyle, or social status.

Section 3. No part of the net earnings of the corporation will inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation will 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 Four hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation will be carrying on for propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation will not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors (National Executive Council) of the corporation will, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as will at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors will determine. Any such assets not so disposed of will be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the registered office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as that court will determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE FIVE

The street address of the registered office of the corporation is 1001 Pat Booker Road, Suite 101, Universal City, Texas, 78148, and the name of its registered agent at that address is Henry Rosales.

ARTICLE SIX

The number of directors constituting the board of directors (National Executive Council) is fourteen (14) and the names and addresses of the persons who are serving as directors are:

PRESIDENT - Dennis Michele, 27 Cane Creek Circle, Fairview, NC 28730

VICE PRESIDENT - Holly Pelking, 15680 Alum Rock Avenue, San Jose, CA 95127-2701

SECRETARY - Sam Korff, 74890 Palm Creek Rd, Clatskanie, OR 97016

TREASURER - Lawrence Lehman, 3000 Green Mtn Dr 107-112, Branson, MO 65616-4011

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Atlantic - Tom Jackson, 1287 Shippensburg Road, Biglerville, PA 17307

Mid-America - Linda Neu, 2003 N Heidelberg Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711

North Central - Jerry Wilson, 2045 Atwood Dr, Apt. 409, Madison, WI 53704

Northeast - Christopher Mellen, 90 Parham Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879

Northwest - Nancy Wittenberg, 12626 - 129th Street E, Puyallup, WA 98374

Pacific - Suzi Glass, 5562 Vassar Dr, San Jose, CA 95118-2455

Rocky Mountain - Frank Sayers, 1020 Parkway Lane, Woodland Park, CO 80863

South Central - Glen Conyers, PO Box 3191, Joplin, MO 64803

Southeast - David Bonewitz, 3837 Channel Harbor Road, Louisville, TN 37777

Southwest - Susan Medlin, 12527 Fern Creek, San Antonio, TX 78253

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Henry Rosales, 1001 Pat Booker Rd, Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148-4147