

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**Lions Martial Arts Federation**

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators under the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, for the purposes expressed therein, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the **Lions Martial Arts Federation**. Here-in-after, this organization may be referred to as the **LMAF**.

ARTICLE II – DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation shall be perpetual or the maximum length of time allowable by law, unless dissolved or disincorporated pursuant to law.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

This Association is an organization that exists with the goal of having a family friendly, injury free martial arts training program, where students can learn practical martial arts skills while bettering themselves in mind, body, and spirit.

This Association is also chartered to pursue the establishment of a university level Academy of Sports Science and Martial Arts. The Academy program is expected to have a Liberal Arts focus, and provide a theoretical and practical understanding of the Martial Arts. It is intended to eventually become an accredited "Associate of Arts" (AA) university program that prepares students for transfer upon graduation to four-year institutions to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Taekwondo, Martial Arts, or a related Sports Science field.

The LMAF is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The LMAF shall accept gifts of cash and/or property to be used in carrying out its charitable and educational purposes.

The LMAF shall also be empowered to undertake any activities reasonably necessary to accomplish or supplement the foregoing, but only to the extent permitted under 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3).

The LMAF , however, is not authorized to attempt to influence legislation as more than an unsubstantial part of its activities or to intervene or participate, directly or indirectly, in political

campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, or to do anything which jeopardizes its qualification for exemption under 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the Board of Directors specified in these Articles, the LMAF shall have other Members and membership. The classes, categories, duties and requirements of such other membership shall be defined in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V – INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUBSEQUENT DIRECTORS

The initial “Board of Directors” shall consist of three (3) members. Thereafter, the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) members, not more than nine (9) members from time to time as set forth in the By-Laws. The names and addresses of the people who are to serve as initial directors of the corporation are:

Name	Address
Micah Kingston	2156 West 2200 South, West Valley City, UT 84119
Nevin Pratt	2140 South 3600 West, West Valley City, UT 84119
John Pratt	2140 South 3600 West, West Valley City, UT 84119

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be governed by the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VI – SELECTION, TERM AND DESIGNATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The directors comprising the board of directors shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for indefinite terms. The Board of Directors, by majority vote, shall have the right to add or remove directors at any time.

#### ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES

The DMAA may have officers and employees from time to time as determined by the Board of Directors, including but not limited to any of the following: Chairman, Executive Director, Deputy Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Advisor, Accountant, Curriculum Coordinator, and any number of Training Instructors.

All officers and employees shall be elected by or hired by the Board of Directors, and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors as determined in these Articles of Incorporation, and the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VIII – INCORPORATORS

The incorporator of the LMAF is: Nevin Pratt

## ARTICLE IX – PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of this LMAF's initial principal office and the name of its original registered agent is:

Nevin Pratt  
2140 South 3600 West  
West Valley City, Utah 84119

## ARTICLE X – INCOME DISTRIBUTION, SELF-DEALING, RETENTION OF EXCESS BUSINESS HOLDINGS, TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

No part of the net earnings, income or surplus of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed 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 the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. The corporation shall not directly or indirectly participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE XI – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS AT DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payments of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the corporation. Any assets not disposed of by the Board of Directors shall be disposed of by the district court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located. All dispositions of property shall be exclusively in furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the corporation, and to such organization or organizations as are operated exclusively for charitable, educational, cultural, or literary purposes and exempt from tax under §501(c)(3) as described above.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended in any way not inconsistent with tax exemption under 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3) by majority vote of the Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of creating a Non-Profit corporation in accordance with the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act on this day \_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Micah Kingston, Director

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Nevin Pratt, Director

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John Pratt, Director

STATE OF UTAH )

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County of Salt Lake )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, personally appeared Micah Kingston, who being by me first duly sworn, severally declared that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes set out therein and that the statements contained therein are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

STATE OF UTAH )

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County of Salt Lake )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, personally appeared Nevin Pratt, who being by me first duly sworn, severally declared that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes set out therein and that the statements contained therein are true.

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Notary Public STATE

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County of Salt Lake )

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, personally appeared John Pratt, who being by me first duly sworn, severally declared that he signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes set out therein and that the statements contained therein are true.

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Notary Public