

# **Articles of Incorporation of Western Dressage Association of Wisconsin Corp.**

The undersigned incorporators are individuals of 18 years of age or older and adopt these articles of incorporation to form a nonprofit corporation (Ch. 181 ) under and by virtue of the general laws of the state of Wisconsin.

## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this corporation (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”) shall be Western Dressage Association of Wisconsin Corp.

## **ARTICLE II – CORPORATION DEFINITION**

The corporation is a non profit corporation as defined in subparagraph 181.0103 of section 17 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

## **ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for amateur athletics, educational, charitable, and literary purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purpose of this corporation is:

- To honor the horse by educating owners and riders on methods to better care for and understand their equine partners.
- To promote the partnership of horse and rider through sharing knowledge in clinics, demonstrations and training opportunities.
- To hold schooling shows and events for riders to test their skills.
- To bring awareness to the plight of the unwanted horse.
- To maintain the beauty of our western heritage.

## **ARTICLE IV – CORPORATION TYPE**

The corporation shall be a nonstock corporation pursuant to Section 181.0103 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

## **ARTICLE V – PRINCIPLE OFFICE COUNTY**

The place where the principle office of the corporation is to be located is in the County of Eau Claire, State of Wisconsin at S9220 Hillview Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742.

## ARTICLE VI – REGISTERED FOUNDING AGENTS/INITIAL DIRECTORS/DRAFTERS

The name and addresses of the resident and founding agents/initial directors of the corporation are:

Karen Jacobson, S9220 Hillview Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742  
Brenda Levine, 452 233<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baldwin, WI 54002  
Samantha Essers, 1221 130<sup>th</sup> Ave., New Richmond, WI 54017  
Emily Reed, 14575 119<sup>th</sup> Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082

These Articles of Incorporation were drafted by founding agent Brenda Levine.

## ARTICLE VII – REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the corporation is:

Karen Jacobson, S9220 Hillview Road, Fall Creek, WI 54742

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## ARTICLE VIII – EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

The corporation shall operate at all time with the following conditions of restriction on operations and activities:

1. Net earnings of the organization shall not be utilized or distributed to members, trustees, officers, or other private persons for their benefit. The corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payment equating to reasonable compensation to individuals for services rendered on behalf of the organization. Payments, distributions and donations may be granted in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause of these articles.
2. Political activities of this corporation shall be strictly limited. No substantial part of the actions or financials of this organization will be to influence legislation or referendums, carrying on propaganda, or campaigning for or against any candidate for public office.
3. The organization will abide by the provisions of this document in addition to the guidelines and restrictions on other activities not permitted under the federal income tax

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

#### ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights and obligations of the members and board of directors will be determined by the organization's bylaws.

The board of directors shall manage the affairs of the corporation as defined by the corporation's bylaws. A director may not have any right, title or interest in any component or property of the corporation.

The initial board of directors constitutes four (4) founding members; their names and addresses follow:

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These initial members of the board of directors shall serve until the first annual member meeting, at which they may pursue another board term under the same stipulations as their successors. Successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws of this corporation. Founding members will remain entitled to a position on the advisory board of the organization barring voluntary resignation or vote from current board requesting such action.

#### ARTICLE X – PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI - DURATION/DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the organization, 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 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.