NORTHERN MARIANAS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

AMENDED NON-PROFIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I.
NAME OF NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The name of the organization shall be the Northern Marianas Sports Association.

ARTICLE II.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The location of the principal office shall be on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The principal office of the Northern Marianas Sports Association is currently located at the Oleai Sports Complex, Susupe, Saipan with a mailing address of Post Office Box 502476 Saipan, MP 96950.

ARTICLE III.
PURPOSES

The purposes for which the Northern Marianas Sports Association is organized are identified in Public Law 18-49. These purposes are fully incorporated herein by reference thereto. These purposes include, without limitation, the following:

1. To establish Commonwealth-wide goals for athletic activities and encourage the attainment of these goals;
2. To coordinate and develop athletic activity in the Commonwealth, directly related to international athletic competition and to foster productive working relationships among sports-related organizations;
3. To promote and support athletic activities involving the Northern Mariana Islands and foreign nations, territories, and political subdivisions thereof;
4. To encourage and promote sport, exercise, recreation, good health, and well-being for all residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

5. To obtain for the Commonwealth, directly or by delegation to the appropriate national federation, the most competent representation possible in each event of the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games, the Universiades, the Pacific Games (including the Pacific Mini-Games), the Micronesian Games, and other international and multi-sport competitions;
6. To promote good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and competition; and
7. To foster a sense of unity and national identity among all of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and
8. To operate, maintain and regulate the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and adjoining sports facilities (collectively known as the Oleai Sports Complex, and such other sports facilities as the corporation may be designated to manage).

ARTICLE IV.
DURATION

The duration of the Northern Marianas Sports Association shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V.
MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for membership shall be governed by the Bylaws and by the Northern Marianas Sports Act of 2013.

ARTICLE VI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The business and affairs of the Northern Marianas Sports Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven and no more than nine (9) elected members. The method of selecting directors and change in the number of directors shall be established by the bylaws of the corporation. These members shall include all of the officers of the Northern Marianas Sports Association. The members of the Board of Directors shall be residents of the Commonwealth of the

Northern Mariana Islands. There shall be one Director representing Tinian and one Director representing Rota. Directors from Tinian and Rota shall represent an organized sport body located on his/her respective island of residence. The nominees for election shall be selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, or sex.

3. The Bylaws of the Northern Marianas Sports Association shall govern the composition and election of the members of the Board of Directors and the disqualification for conflicts of interest as well as the removal of Directors.

4. The following individuals shall be the current Directors of the Northern Marianas Sports Association and shall hold office for the duration of their respective term in office and until their successors are duly elected in accordance with the Bylaws:

Name	**Residence**	**Citizenship**
Jerry Tan	Saipan	U.S.A.
Ramon Tebuteb	Saipan	U.S.A.
John Hirsh	Saipan	U.S.A.
Nick Gross	Saipan	U.S.A.
Valerie Hofschneider	Saipan	U.S.A.
Laurie Peterka	Saipan	U.S.A.
James Lee	Saipan	U.S.A.
Liamwar Rangamar	Saipan	U.S.A.
Chioni Dela Cruz	Saipan	U.S.A.

ARTICLE VII.
POWERS AND DUTIES

The Northern Marianas Sports Association shall have all of those powers enumerated in the Northern Marianas Sports Act of 2013. The powers enumerated in this law are fully incorporated herein by reference thereto. These powers include, without limitation, the following:

1. To act as the sole official representative in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the purpose of establishing affiliation and representation in international and other athletic bodies, associations, councils, federations, and conferences, or participation in international athletic and sports events, including the Olympics, Pacific Mini Games, the Pacific Games and other related purposes.

2. To serve as the coordinating body for athletic activity in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands related to international athletic competition.
3. To establish a national sports body to govern sports under the guidelines of the international federation for the development of athletic competition in the Northern Mariana Islands.
4. In conjunction with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government, amateur sports clubs, and sports associations to regulate the use, operation and maintenance of sports facilities.
5. To assist and support sports clubs and associations to affiliate with international sports bodies.
6. To support sports teams, clubs, or groups in the promotion and regulation of sports activities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
7. To maintain custody of official records of sports activities, competitions and tournaments in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
8. To seek funds from the public and private sectors for the performance of its duties, including the financial assistance for teams and individuals selected to compete in international competitions except a corporation organized for profit.
9. To levy and collect reasonable fees for the use of sports facilities, advertisement and promotion of activities.
10. To award exclusive rights for vending and advertisement at sports facilities, subject to any applicable restrictions on such rights.
11. To require the payment of reasonable fees by sports clubs, unions, associations and individuals desiring to be members of the Northern Marianas Sports Association.
12. To hire and engage the services of persons as deemed necessary to the efficient operation of the Northern Marianas Sports Association subject to applicable rules and regulations.
13. To prepare and submit an annual budget in accordance with applicable laws.
14. To acquire, own, lease, encumber and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the Northern Marianas Sports Association.
15. To operate a public lottery, as defined in 1 CMC Sec. 9603.

ARTICLE VIII.
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The officers of the Northern Marianas Sports Association shall be:

   (a) President
   (b) Vice-President
   (c) Secretary General
   (d) Treasurer

   The office of Secretary General and Treasurer may be held by the same person.

2. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors.

3. The President (Chairman) of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and business meetings.

4. The Vice-President (Vice-Chairman) of the Board of Directors shall officiate when the President (Chairman) of the Board of Directors is unable to serve.

5. The Secretary General shall keep all records of the Northern Marianas Sports Association and of the Board of Directors, serve notices of meetings, conduct correspondence and take vote of the membership when so instructed by the Board of Directors; inform the membership of official acts of the Board of Directors when requested by them to do so; make a report of the annual meeting; and perform other duties generally required as a director and set forth in the Bylaws.

6. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Northern Marianas Sports Association and deposit them in the name of Northern Mariana Sports Association in depositories approved by the Board of Directors, keep accurate accounts of all such transactions; present reports at the annual meeting which shall have been audited as directed by the Board of Directors; and shall, in general, perform the duties of the Treasurer as further set out in the Bylaws.

7. The current officers of the Northern Marianas Sports Asociation are as follows:

Office Held	Name	Residence	Citizenship
President	Jerry Tan	Saipan	U.S.A.
Vice-President	Ramon Tebuteb	Saipan	U.S.A.
Secretary General	Valerie Hofschneider	Saipan	U.S.A.
Treasurer	John Hirsh	Saipan	U.S.A.

ARTICLE IX.
NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The Northern Marianas Sports Association is not organized for profit and it is not authorized to issue any stock, and no part of its assets, income, or earnings shall be distributed to its members, directors or officers except for services actually rendered to Northern Marianas Sports Association.

ARTICLE X.
DISSOLUTION

The Northern Marianas Sports Association may be dissolved by following the procedures established by the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and by vote of the majority of its voting members.

ARTICLE XI.
BYLAWS

The Northern Marianas Sports Association shall adopt such Bylaws as it deems consistent with the Northern Marianas Sports Act of 2013 and which it deems necessary to supplement this Charter. These Bylaws shall include, without limitation, the following:

1. Establish a membership policy that is designed to assure broad public participation with respect to its activities;
2. Provide a nomination process that assures opportunities for nominations of officers and Directors from various sports entities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;
3. Establish proper financial handling and accounting standards; and
4. The Bylaws shall govern the composition and election of members and officers of the Northern Marianas Sports Association, the term of office, powers, duties, responsibilities, and compensation of the members and officers and the disqualifications for conflicts of interest and the removal of members or officers.

ARTICLE XII.
NORTHERN MARIANAS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

In addition to its role as the national sports association for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Northern Marianas Sports Association shall act as the National Olympic Committee, referred to as the Northern Marianas Olympic Committee. Subject to membership in the International Olympic Committee, the Northern Marianas Olympic Committee shall have the powers and duties as set forth in the Northern Marianas Sports Act of 2013 and the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII.
AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER

This Charter may be altered or amended at the annual meeting of the Northern Marianas Sports Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present, if the proposed change has been emailed to every member by the Secretary General at least 30 days before the annual general assembly meeting; or it may be altered or amended between annual general assemblies meetings at a special meeting, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting on the ballots submitted to the members by the Secretary General at the direction of the board of directors, provided the proposed changes were mailed emailed to every member at least twenty-one (21) days before the vote is counted; and it may be altered or amended in no other way.