

SAMPLE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Article I Name and Organization

The name of this association is _____. _____ is designated an unincorporated nonprofit association created under the laws of the State/Commonwealth of _____.

Article II Intent and Purpose

It is the intent of _____ to become a Chapter of the International Jugglers' Association, Inc. ("IJA"), and thereby to be subject to the general supervision and control of the IJA.

_____ consists of five or more members joined by mutual consent for the common, nonprofit purposes of educating and rendering assistance to fellow jugglers, providing an accessible source of information pertaining to juggling to jugglers and the public; and recording and maintaining the history of juggling in the State (or Commonwealth) of _____.

_____ may engage in any and all other charitable activities permitted to an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or corresponding future provisions of the federal tax law. To these ends, _____ may do and engage in any and all lawful activities that may be incidental or reasonably necessary to any of these purposes, and it shall have and may exercise all other powers and authority now or hereafter conferred upon unincorporated nonprofit corporations in the State/Commonwealth of _____.

ARTICLE III Office and Duration

1. The office of _____ shall be located at the address at which the Secretary-Treasurer (or alternate title) has official residence; or at such place as _____ may from time to time determine, or as the business of _____ may require.

2. The duration of _____ shall be perpetual.

3. The death, removal, or resignation of any member of _____ shall not result in the dissolution of _____.

Article IV Structure and Membership

_____ consists of individuals and groups dedicated to the promotion and advancement of juggling and related arts, through public education, training, and skill development. Membership is open to anyone wishing to render support, guidance and encouragement to individuals wishing to learn or enhance juggling and related skills and activities.

_____ is a purely voluntary organization, and no membership fee or annual dues are required for membership (or, membership in _____ becomes effective upon the payment of annual dues in an amount set by a quorum of then existing members of the organization).

_____ does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin, or other personal factor.

Article V Association Leadership

_____ shall be governed by at least five (5) officers to be determined by the group. The name and total number of officer positions will be determined as the group requires, changeable as circumstances necessitate. One person will be designated as _____'s agent in this state/commonwealth, as needed, following state law requirements.

Two-thirds of the then-existing membership constitute a quorum of _____. Officers may be elected annually by nomination and a majority vote of at least a quorum of the organization.

ARTICLE VI Accounting and Records

The fiscal year of _____ shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

All minute books, correspondence, and other records of _____ shall be preserved by the Officers. Records that have ceased to be of use for the conduct of the affairs of _____ may be turned over for preservation to a depository designated by it, or discarded.

ARTICLE VII Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of _____, its property, funds, and other assets shall be transferred to whatever organization or organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes as _____ may determine, provided such organization or organizations qualify as tax-exempt under the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Association
on this _____ day of _____, 200__.

President (or alternate title)

ATTEST:

Secretary-Treasurer (or alternate title)