FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

instruction 1(b).						t Company Act of 1940				
Name and Address of Reporting Person*     B. Riley Financial, Inc.				2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Arena Group I		ing Symbol Inc. [ AREN ]		tionship of Repo all applicable) Director	•	s) to Issuer 10% Owner
(Last) 11100 SANTA M	(First)	(Middle)	0	3. Date of Earliest Tr )3/02/2022	ansaction (Mo	onth/Day/Year)		Officer (give ti below)		Other (specify below)
(Street) LOS ANGELES CA 90025 (City) (State) (Zip)				1. If Amendment, Da	te of Original	Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indivi Line)	idual or Joint/Gr Form filed by I Form filed by I Person	One Reportin	g Person
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date				2A. Deemed Execution Date,	3. Transaction	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		Amount of curities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	

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Table I	- Non-Derivati	ve Securities	Acqui	red,	Disposed	l of, or	Beneficia	lly Owned		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/02/2022		P		22,471	A	\$8.0855(6)	1,050,915	I	By B. Riley Securities, Inc. <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/03/2022		P		44,297	A	\$8.2169 <sup>(7)</sup>	1,095,212	I	By B. Riley Securities, Inc. <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/04/2022		P		44,147	A	\$8.2206(8)	1,139,359	I	By B. Riley Securities, Inc. <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/07/2022		P		19,856	A	\$8.25	1,159,215	I	By B. Riley Securities, Inc. <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								1,160,962	D <sup>(4)</sup>	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								15,500	I	By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Charlie Riley <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								15,500	I	By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Eloise Riley <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								15,500	I	By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Susan Riley <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								15,500	I	By Bryant R. Riley, as UTMA custodian for Abigail Riley <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share								3,433,532	I	By BRF Investments LLC <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction 7 Date (Month/Day/Year)	an Deemederive Execution Date, if any (e.g., (Month/Day/Year)	Postas, (	Secu Calls	Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo	rities rities rired r osed	i paid Eble Expiration Di Swopilous	<del>គ្រប់</del> ទ៩ជ <sup>ា</sup> ot <sub>ខ</sub> ្សonvert	70 itb and Amount of Security Condensative Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 ar	urities) g Security	Rivered Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of (D fin 9th Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo	o) rative rities ired sed	6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/) Date Exercisable	ite	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 and Title	f 9 Amount Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Transaction(s) An Manager of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Series H Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$0.33			Code	v	and s		08/19/2020 Date Exercisable	(5) Expiration Date	Common_ Stock, par value \$0.01 per share Title	Amount or <sup>(5)</sup> Number of Shares		110	I	By B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
Series H Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$0.33							08/19/2021	(5)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	(5)		865	I	By BRF Investments, LLC <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>
	nd Address of y Financi	Reporting Person* al, Inc.													
(Last) 11100 SA		(First) NICA BLVD., S	(Middle) UITE 800		_										

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1. Name and Address of Reporting  $\mathsf{Person}^*$ 

# B. Riley Securities, Inc.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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(Street)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

### B. RILEY PRINCIPAL INVESTMENTS, LLC

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#### <u>RILEY BRYANT R</u>

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#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This Form 4 is filed jointly by B. Riley Financial, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BRF"), B. Riley Securities, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BRS"), B. Riley Principal Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("BRPI"), BRF Investments, LLC, a Delaware corporation ("BRFI"), and Bryant R. Riley.
- 2. BRF is the parent company of BRS, BRPI and BRFI. As a result, BRF may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the securities of The Arena Group Holdings, Inc. (the "Issuer") held of record by BRS, BRPI and BRFI. BRF expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities of the Issuer reported herein held indirectly except to the extent of such Reporting Person's pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Bryant R. Riley, as Chief Executive Officer of BRCM and Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of BRF, has voting power and dispositive power over the securities of the Issuer held of record by BRS, BRPI and BRFI. As a result, Bryant R. Riley may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the securities of the Issuer held of record by BRS, BRPI and BRFI. Bryant R. Riley expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities of the Issuer reported herein held indirectly except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 4. Represents shares held directly by Bryant R. Riley.
- 5. Subject to the conversion limitation described in the next sentence, the reported security is convertible into common stock of the Issuer at any time, and has no expiration date, but is subject to mandatory conversion on the fifth anniversary of the issuance date. The reported security is subject to a conversion limitation that prohibits the Issuer from effecting a conversion of the reported security into common stock if giving effect to the conversion would cause the holder to beneficially own (together with its affiliates or any "group" members) in excess of 4.99% of the common stock (or, upon notice by the holder, in excess of 9.99% of the common stock).
- 6. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.90 to \$8.25, inclusive. The Filing Persons reporting person undertakes to provide to the Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
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B. Riley Financial, Inc., by: /s/

Bryant R. Riley, Co-Chief 03/10/2022

**Executive Officer** 

B. Riley Securities, Inc. by: /s/

Andrew Moore, Chief 03/10/2022

**Executive Officer** 

B. Riley Principal Investments,

LLC by: /s/ Kenneth Young, 03/10/2022

Chief Executive Officer

BRF Investments, LLC., by: /s/

Phillip Ahn, Authorized 03/10/2022

**Signatory** 

<u>/s/ Bryant R. Riley</u> 03/10/2022

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

 $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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