



Constitution and By-Laws

Article I:

Section I: Club Name

The official name of this club shall be "Texas Nissan Trucks", referred to hereafter as "club". The club may also be referred to by the acronym, "TNT" and/or its electronic domain name identification of "texasnissantrucks.com". The club may be subdivided and accordingly renamed into state or local clubs and/or chapters by constitutional amendment. The club name "Texas Nissan Trucks", "TNT" and/or "texasnissantrucks.com" are a non-profit organization which is privately owned and operated with all rights reserved herein.

Section II: General Purpose

- A. To promote vehicle safety, driver skill and courtesy.
- B. To provide assistance to motorists in distress when such assistance is safe and feasible.
- C. To plan and regulate functions and/or activities designed to further the club's bias purpose. This may include, but not be limited to; technical sessions, assistance in dealing with vehicle repair, modifications and automotive service or vendor establishments.
- D. To develop a forum(s) for both sharing information relevant to the promotion of Nissan trucks and socializing with others who share our interest.

Section III: Specific Prohibition

The club shall not organize, sponsor, plan, assist, sanction or allow its name to be associated in any manner whatsoever with any automotive function which is in violation of any duly constituted legislation.

Article II:

Section I: Membership

- A. All Registered and Supporting Members must meet three minimum criteria's:
 - 1. You must own a Nissan truck as your primary overland adventure/off-roading vehicle. *TNT is a "Nissan" 4wd focused club, but welcomes other makes/models of 4wd vehicles at the discretion of the TNT administration.*
 - 2. Be a permanent or temporary resident in the state of Texas.

3. Show keen interest in overland adventure/off-roading.

B. Supporting Members must submit their respective annual dues, including a complete and acknowledged return of the original hand signed membership application/release (wavier of liability, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement) form in which should be received by only the club administration Secretary.

Section II: Participation

A. All individual Supporting Members are eligible to cast one vote each.

B. Registered Members are not eligible to vote or hold an officer title within the club.

C. Honorary Members are not eligible to neither cast vote nor hold an officer title within the club.

D. All Registered Members, family, guests and honorary members of Registered Members are eligible to participate at functions and/or activities which are open to Non-Supporting Members.

E. All Supporting Members, family and guests of Supporting Members ONLY are eligible to Participate at exclusive functions and/or activities which are closed events (activities to only the club "Supporting Members").

F. No Supporting Member currently or simultaneously holding any officer position(s) with any other Club(s) outside of TNT, are not eligible for officer nomination or will be allowed as candidates for officer election.

Section III: Resignation

Any member may resign from the club at their option by:

A. Writing a "Letter of Resignation" to the Secretary and enclosing their membership card (if applicable).

B. Resignations become effective when received by the Secretary, providing the member resigning has no indebtedness to the club.

Section IV: Expulsion

A. Any member regardless of their registered or supporting status within the club, may be expelled from the club for:

1. Non-payment of annual dues.

2. Breaking any club "By-Laws" and/or rules.

3. Bringing unwanted negative publicity to bear on the club or its members.

B. No member either "Registered" or "Supporting" may be expelled from the club unless the following procedure is strictly adhered to by both the Supporting Members and the club officer administration:

1. A recommendation to expel the member must be submitted in writing to a club officer outlining the specific reason(s) for the expulsion recommendation.

2. A special meeting of the officer administration will be called to review the expulsion recommendation with both the initiator and the member(s) recommended for expulsion.

3. The officers administration will review the recommendation, try to obtain independent additional information and vote on whether to accept or reject the expulsion recommendation.
4. If the officer administration votes to reject the expulsion recommendation, both the initiator and the member recommended for expulsion will be contacted by the President to explain the officer administration's decision.
5. If the officer administration majority votes to accept the expulsion recommendation, the member recommended for expulsion will be offered the option of either resign from the club or participating at the next regularly scheduled club meeting, when the subject of the recommended expulsion will be presented for a vote by all the Supporting Members present.
6. If a member opts to resign, the resignation will be in accordance with the "By-Laws" covering resignations.
7. If a member refuses to resign, the recommended expulsion will be presented at the next regularly scheduled club meeting for a vote by the Supporting Members present.
8. At that meeting, the President or President pro-tem will introduce the expulsion recommendation under "new businesses". The final decision on the recommended expulsion will be determined by a two-thirds vote of the current Supporting Members present.

Article III:

Section I: Officers

- A. The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President and Secretary.
- B. Each officer shall hold term for at least one year or until such time as their successors are elected or qualified.

Section II: Nomination of Officers

- A. The President will be required to request only, that all Supporting Members cast in their officer nominations before November 1st, before each concurrent election year.

Section III: Election of Officers

- A. Voting for the officers (President, Vice President and Secretary) administration will be by either written ballot or by electronic forum (forum posts outside of the "TNT Members Forum" are not allowed nor will they be recognized as valid votes for officer nominations and/or elections).
- B. Ballots and/or electronic forum notification of officer nominations will be distributed by mass email no later than November 15th, for each election year.
- C. Supporting Members not attending the fourth quarter meeting will receive their ballots or electronic notification by either US postal mail or electronic mass email.
- D. Absentee ballots must be received by the club administration or nomination committee no later than December 1st of the nomination year.
- E. The election results will be announced on or before December 15th of the nomination year.

- F. A plurality gains victory in an election. In the event of a tie for an office, those Supporting Members attending the December monthly meeting will re-cast ballots and/or electronic mail votes to break the tie. Absentee ballots and/or electronic votes by any Supporting Member will not be counted or accepted.
- G. Officers of elect will be installed and assume office and title on January 1st of the following nomination year, (or as soon as required or needed if no officer(s) should exist).

Section IV: Officer Responsibilities

- A. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the club with the following responsibilities:
1. Ensure the club operates within the parameters established by the club's Constitution and By-Laws.
 2. Conduct regular meetings and/or as necessary.
 3. Call to order and conduct any special meetings if required.
 4. Represent the club at various functions and activities as required.
 5. Appoint committees as necessary or required.
- B. The Vice President is the second in charge of the club with the following responsibilities:
1. The Vice president will take over presidential duties if the president is not available.
 2. The Vice president will reside as acting President over all presidential duties should the current President of elect opt to resign from his or her presidential duties.
- C. The Secretary is third in charge of the club with the following duties:
1. Records the meeting votes, outcomes and resolutions of all club administration meetings.
 2. Document or appoint a committee to record the events at club planned activities or outings for historic purposes.
 3. Handle the club checking/saving account, US postal mail, membership applications and all other club related treasury duties as necessary.
 4. The Secretary will delegate the Presidential responsibilities and/or duties if both the Vice President and President club officers are not available at the time of any previously announced, planned or coordinated club functions, meetings or events.
- C. The President pro-tem is any officer acting as President in the event that the President is not available to preside and/or participate and/or due to absentee.

Article IV:

Section I: Club Administration

- A. Each yearly elected and/or re-elected club President, Vice President and Secretary are the main body of the club administration.

B. The club administration duties are as follows:

1. Includes duties of Article: III, Sections: I, II, III and IV.
2. Provide a democratic club leadership and assist with handling of the required operations of related club business responsibilities.
3. Appoint electronic forum moderators by a democratic process that shall be agreed upon within the immediate presiding administration.
4. Responsible to establish a direct and continuous open line of communications between the entire current club administration officers and the club owner.

Article V:

Section I: Regular Meetings

- A. Regular meetings will be held on Saturdays unless otherwise rescheduled by the President.
- B. In the event of rescheduling the meeting, all Supporting Members will be notified as soon as possible.
- C. A Quorum for any monthly meeting shall be at least 20% of the current Supporting Members on the club's rolls at the time of the meeting or 7 Supporting Members, whichever is greater.
- D. Except as specified elsewhere in the club's Constitution and By- Laws, all voting at the monthly meetings shall be by simple majority.

Section II: Special Meetings

- A. The President or a majority vote from the Supporting Members may call special meetings.
- B. All officers must be informed of any special meeting(s) as soon a possible within a reasonable amount of time before such meeting as feasible.
- C. The purpose and results of any special meeting must be communicated to all the Supporting Members present at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Article VI:

Section I: Committees

- A. The President shall appoint such committees as necessary or required to conduct club activities. The responsibilities and purpose of each committee must be clearly defined.
- B. Each, all or any committee will be comprised of an odd number of Members.
- C. All committee votes will be decided by simple majority.

Section II: Amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws

- A. Amendments may be proposed by any 20% of the current Supporting Members or 7 Supporting Members, whichever is greater.

- B. All amendments must be submitted to the President in either writing and/or by electronic communication.
- C. The exact amendment will be presented in the next newsletter and/or forum announcement to inform all Supporting Members of the proposed change(s).
- D. Voting on the amendment shall follow the same procedure as the voting to elect officers, excluding the specific time references therein.
- E. Any or all amendments to the club Constitution and/or By-Laws are subject to receiving a final approval or rejection by the club owner.

Article VII:

Section I: Club Vehicle Requirements & Rules

- A. Texas Nissan Trucks Club Vehicle Requirements:
 - 1. Properly anchored tow hooks and/or d-rings, (1)-front & (1)-rear points of the vehicle.
 - 2. Seats with seat belts for all vehicle occupants.
 - 3. Vehicle factory metal hard top or one (1)-overhead roll bar apparatus. (Roll cages are the preferred safety equipment for all vehicles but are NOT mandatory).

Section II: Club Minimum Gear & Tools

- 1. One 18K lbs. or greater self-recovery/tow strap. No tow hooks on any straps will be allowed: (Equipment such as a tree saver, snatch block, etc, are all recommended tools/equipment/gear but are NOT mandatory).
- 2. One first aid kit.
- 3. One dry/chemical fire extinguisher.
- 4. One "High Lift" jack or equal apparatus. (Only applies to; suspension lifted vehicles of 3" or greater which are also equipped with 31" tires or greater).
- 5. One Spare Tire.
- 6. All of the minimum gear/tool items are minimum member requirements to participate with TNT exclusive events or with the club as a whole, no exceptions for any club member(s) regardless of their club membership status.
- 7. All Supporting Member vehicle(s) participating during TNT exclusive events, or within the club without meeting these minimum requirements will NOT be allowed with none other exceptions therein.

END OF TEXAS NISSAN TRUCK CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS