



Rabitat **NISSAN** 4x4

Article 1

Name

- 1) This organization shall be known as the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4

Article 2

Objectives

- 2) The Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 is organized as a not for profit organization for the purpose of:
 - a) Providing social, educational, and recreational activities for its membership.
 - b) Participating in and supporting civic and environmental activities for the betterment of the community.
 - c) To promote the sport and pastime of four wheels drive travel in all phases.
 - d) To enjoy and protect the natural resources and support the multiple use principle as it applies to public land.
 - e) To promote interest in and ownership of four wheel drive vehicles of NISSAN.
 - f) To promote, organize and hold outings, meetings, runs, excursions, reliability trials, hill climbs, cross country trips and similar events.
 - g) To offer awards and prizes for various accomplishments of the persons of the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4.

Article 3

Membership and Dues

- 1) Owners of all makes and models of NISSAN Sport Utility (4x4) vehicles are eligible for membership in the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4. The total number of members shall not be limited at any time. Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 reserves the right to refuse any applicant. Applicants may re-apply at a later date.
- 2) Each membership includes the immediate family (husband, wife and children) as the secondary member with the paying Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 member.
- 3) All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion when at Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 activities or in any other way representing the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4. Any members disgracing themselves in the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4's eye will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4, subject to decision of the Board of Directors.
- 4) Memberships and its fees are based on a 365 day year starting upon creation of the membership. Membership fees will be R.O.10/- as a one time cost.
- 5) All personal expenses shall be born by each individual and are not to be arranged for in any manner by the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4.



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- 6) Members shall immediately notify any officer of the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 of any change of address, telephone number or e-mail address.
- 7) A person under the age of eighteen(18) cannot be a primary member of the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 but can be a secondary member who is the close relative of the primary member. The primary member must take full responsibility for their guest.
- 8) Any person considered a member of the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 is required to abide by these By-Laws.

Article 4

Club Meetings

- 1) Meetings will be held the LAST THURSDAY every two month at Nissan showroom
- 2) The Board of Directors may schedule additional business meeting as necessary and when possible, members will be notified in advance of the meeting so that interested parties can attend.
- 3) A quorum is constituted by a 51% majority vote of the members present at any meeting.

Article 5

Administration of Officers

- 1) The officers of the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Event Coordinator and shall be known as the Board of Directors. The Treasurer and Event Coordinator will be persons from Suhail Bahwan Automobiles. It shall be their duty to draw up agenda for all Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 and Board meetings. Further duties shall be to oversee Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 business; to take such actions as might fulfill the aims of this organization, and to audit the books of the previous administration. The Board of Directors shall meet as needed with 51% majority vote constituting a quorum.
- 2) Special post may be provided, as needed to advise and support the administration, based on membership consent and Board approval.



Article 6

Duties and Powers of the Officers

- 1) The PRESIDENT shall preside over all membership and Board meetings and be present at all events when possible. He/She shall be the executive officer and shall have the duty to carry out all the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors. He/She shall approve all checks with the Treasurer, unless both are members of the same family. Member relations, PR, assisting the VP in promoting the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 when necessary, acting as an objective medium when a problem arises.
- 2) The VICE PRESIDENT shall, in the absence of the President, serve in that capacity. He/She shall also serve as Parliamentarian and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board. Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 and event promotions taking over the President's responsibilities for a short term if the President is unable to perform them due to vacation, illness, etc.
- 3) The SECRETARY (with the help of an administrative assistant from Suhail Bahwan Automobiles) shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the meetings of the regular membership and the meetings of the Board. He/She shall receive and answer all general correspondence pertaining to the organization. He/She shall also assist the Treasurer and the Editor in maintaining the records of all current members.
- 4) The TREASURER shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and accounts of this organization, and shall collect all dues and maintain a record thereof. He/She shall make only such disbursements from the funds of the organization as are directed by the Board and Article 7 hereof.
- 5) The EVENTS COORDINATOR shall be in charge of all Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 events, to oversee and maintain Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 views on such events. Coordinate and plan events, coordinate with Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 members to determine where and when to hold an event, coordinate with the ministries and other officials for respective approvals wherever required. Also, coordinate the T-shirts/stickers and other gears for each event.



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Article 7

Expenditures and Finance

- 1) All monies received from all sources shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer to be deposited in the checking account of the Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 thru Suhail Bahwan □ Automobiles LLC.
- 2) No withdrawal from the account shall be made without the approval of the Officers.
- 3) All expenditures shall be documented by the treasurer and made available to members upon request and will go thru the audit of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles LLC.
- 4) Bids should be collected on any purchase or expense when ever possible.
- 5) When possible, purchases or expenses should be paid by cheque of Suhail Bahwan Automobiles LLC. All cash pay outs from Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 funds require a receipt.

Article 8

Committees

- 1) The Board of Directors shall designate committees. The President shall assign each committee to a Director who shall be responsible for its activities and who, with the approval of the Board, will appoint a committee chairperson.

Article 9

Election of Officers

- 1) The membership shall meet and elect officers for each fiscal year at the January Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 meeting. The newly elected officers shall take office at the close of the January meeting with a thirty-day transition period before the old officers are discharged. Voting shall be in person. The members present at the January meeting must approve any exceptions.
- 2) All candidates for office must be regular members in good standing. Nominations shall be communicated to each member in good standing, at least two weeks prior to the general election. If no nominations are made in advance for any office, nominations may be made from the floor at the beginning of the meeting. All nominees are required to stand before the membership and introduce themselves prior to the vote.
- 3) Balloting for all offices shall be made on a single form and will be held by secret ballot. All ballots for offices must be counted and checked by three members other than nominees.
- 4) A majority of votes cast is necessary for election to an office.
- 5) In the event of a vacancy in an office, an election shall be held to elect a successor



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Article 10 Events

- 1) All events shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Events will be under the direction of the Event coordinator and assistants appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 2) All trips must be conducted in an orderly manner and with safety as the prime factor.
- 3) All members, including the officers, are responsible to the direction of the Event Coordinator and the appointed assistants throughout the determined duration of an event
- 4) No provisions are to be made to permit any member to join an event at any time or location if that provision decidedly interrupts the designated time schedule or plan for the event.
- 5) Any events held on private property must have property owners permission, and will be subject to liability releases.
- 6) Any secondary member or guest under the age of eighteen (18) must be accompanied by or have written permission of a parent or guardian to drive in any Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 event. Members must take full responsibility for their guest.
- 7) All competitive events shall be under the direct authority, supervision, and control of the Board of Directors or committees appointed by the Board.
- 8) The board of Directors or their committees shall determine entrance classifications and regulations for various events and shall approve prizes and awards to be presented. Vehicles may be subject to technical inspection varying according to the type of event and shall be disqualified if found to be mechanically unsafe.
- 9) All members and guests participating in a event shall abide by the Traffic Rules and Regulations of Sultanate of Oman, and the laws and regulations of the city, or the circumstances involved.
- 10) During Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 sponsored trail rides, members in good standing may invite as many guest as their vehicle will carry, but no more than one guest driving an additional off-road vehicle that has past our technical inspection. Exceptions to this will only be made in unusual circumstances with approval of the Event Coordinator. This will assure that no Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 sponsored trail ride has to many participants, which affects the convenience and safety of those participating. Additionally, members inviting a guest shall notify the Event Coordinator of this guest prior to the trail ride. When a given trail ride is particularly popular the Event Coordinator may ask members to refrain from inviting guest with their own vehicles.



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Article 11
Amendments

- 1) These By Laws may be amended by a 51% majority vote of all members. This vote may be conducted at a regular Rabitat NISSAN 4x4 meeting or by a mail out ballot. Any amendment to these By laws must be presented to the membership at the regular meeting preceding that in which the vote is taken. If mail out ballots are to be used, procedure will be handled on a case by case basis.