

# The Nissan Offroad Association of the Southeast

## Welcome!

The Nissan Offroad Association of the Southeast is celebrating its 23rd year of gathering Nissan off road enthusiasts in a mutual interest - spending way too much money on our vehicles and taking them to the trails to break them again. We've grown over the years (our waistlines and tire sizes included), but our core values remain the same. This year, we built upon the previous years' charter to better serve the club.

While NOAS has traditionally been a Nissan owners club, all OHV owners will continue to be welcome to join. We put an emphasis on finding great friends to join the NOAS family. The best of times are spent around a campfire or on the trail with people who genuinely love off-roading and the great outdoors. With a legacy now spanning two decades, events today feel more like family reunions and we aim to preserve this. We hold ourselves personally responsible for the environment we come into contact with at off-road parks and national forests. In the spirit of that responsibility, we are

working to positively impact the land by orchestrating trail clean-up events and by treading as lightly as reasonably possible. These actions are necessary to allow us to enjoy the land for many more years to come.

Finally, we want our trips to be safe and enjoyable for all. NOAS must therefore prohibit alcohol to be consumed on the trail by drivers or spotters, as well as by anyone under the legal drinking age. As this is an honor system, NOAS asks that each member follows this policy for everyone's safety. If a member or guest breaks this policy, there will be a friendly reminder given. A second reminder will result in the member or guest being uninvited to future NOAS-sponsored runs.

Our board members, past and present, have worked incredibly hard to make sure that you, the member, are able to continue to enjoy club events. We take this responsibility very seriously and we vow to continue this work.

## Your 2024 NOAS Board:

Henry Young - President  
Stephin Smith - Vice President  
Thomas McKay - Treasurer/Membership Coordinator  
Andrew Fisher - Social Media Coordinator  
Josh Connors - Technical Coordinator

# Club By-Laws and Charter

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## 1. Club Executive Board

NOAS will maintain a board with 5 members in the following listed positions. The board will meet a minimum of once a month (physically or virtually) in order to plan upcoming events and maintain club operations. A minimum of 3 board members are required at each meeting.

### President

Responsible for general coordination and planning of events, overseeing of membership drives, and directing driver's meetings/club announcements.

### Vice-President

Responsible for assisting the president in event planning, sponsorships, advertisements, fundraising, and general footwork to assist other board members.

### Treasurer/Membership Coordinator

Responsible for balancing the club budget, maintaining club ledgers, handling club funds, and organizing the membership spreadsheet with updated information.

### Social Media Coordinator

Responsible for uploading photos, event flyers, and sponsor information regarding upcoming events throughout the year, and to maintain a reasonably active social media account. This person is also responsible for helping the president and vice-president with efforts to expand sponsorship recognition and acquisition.

### Technical Coordinator (IT)

Responsible for maintaining the NOAS webpage and archives as necessary to continue club operations.

## 2. Elections and Terms

Elections will be held every four years (2024, 2028,...) on the first Saturday of December. These will consist of a nomination and, if necessary, voting among current paid members via a forum vote, google forms, ect... (not on a social media platform). In the event of a draw or inconclusive election, the most senior founding or board member will choose the incumbent board. Their decision will be final. Final board election results will be announced no later than the third Saturday in December.

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The departing board will provide all information necessary (social media passwords, server information, etc.), and will do everything in their power to ensure a successful transition to the incoming board members. Additionally, outgoing board members will meet in December virtually to help pick event dates for the upcoming year and provide a term debriefing. Board members may be re-nominated to consecutive terms. No managerial changes are required to happen unless the senior founding or board member requests a change at any level of the board.

In the event a board member is unable to carry out their duties and requests a resignation, a replacement may be chosen by the current president. If the board member to be replaced is the president, club-wide nominations will be held and a new president will be chosen within 3 weeks of a notice of resignation.

### 3. Membership Guidelines

#### Requirements

- Members, when possible, should attend at least one run per year.
- Members must be 18 years or older unless part of a family membership.
- Family memberships are available for households only, but guests can buy separate meal tickets as needed.

#### Active Membership Period

Membership periods run within calendar years.

Example: Mr. Wheeler comes to the club-sponsored year end run in the fall of 2024 and joins NOAS. His membership includes that run, but ends prior to the first annual event of 2025.

Memberships purchased after the last official run of a calendar year, but before March 31st will be eligible for the spring members only raffle (see "Raffles" below).

In the event a membership is purchased after the fall event but before February 1st, the membership coordinator (or equivalent board member) may assign that membership to the following membership period.

#### Costs and Benefits

##### **Individual yearly membership: \$35**

- One meal ticket per run where a meal is provided (meals will be provided at a minimum of 2 events)
- One NOAS annual t-shirt in size of choice.
- One NOAS decal (3-color or single color).
- One run-specific decal per run attended.
- One raffle ticket in the spring and fall member-only raffle.
- One raffle ticket in the fall general raffle.

**Family yearly membership (up to 4 family members): \$45**

- One meal ticket per family member (maximum 2 adults plus two children), per run where a meal is provided (meals will be provided at a minimum of 2 events).
- Two NOAS annual t-shirts in size of choice.
- One NOAS decal (3-color or single color).
- One run-specific decal per run attended.
- One raffle ticket in the spring and fall member-only raffle.
- One raffle ticket in the general raffle.

**Family yearly membership (over 4 family members): \$60**

- One meal ticket per family member (maximum 2 adults plus children), per run where a meal is provided (meals will be provided at a minimum of 2 events).
- Three NOAS annual t-shirts in sizes of choice.
- One NOAS decal (3-color or single color).
- One run-specific decal per run attended.
- One raffle ticket in the spring and fall members only raffle.
- One raffle ticket in the general raffle.

**Additional Meal tickets:** can be purchased for guests for \$5 per adult per event.

## 4. Raffles

### Member-Only Raffle

Three member-only raffles will be held in the spring. The membership drive raffle will be held virtually as an incentive for timely membership purchases.

- Each paid individual or family membership is to receive one raffle entry in the member-only raffle.
- Only paid members can participate in this raffle.
- Members can win once at this raffle.
- This will be held virtually, and will happen prior to each run.
- Members who purchase their memberships after the fall event for the previous calendar year, and those who purchase on/before March 31st are eligible for this raffle and will be automatically entered.
- Board members **are** allowed to participate in the spring raffle, as they are also paid members.
- Each paid member will receive only one entry.

### General Raffle

- All paid and present memberships will receive one free raffle ticket.
- Both paid and present NOAS general members and board members are eligible to participate in this raffle.

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- Raffle ticket costs (unlimited raffle ticket purchases per participant): \$3 per ticket, \$10 for 4 tickets.
- Everybody present at the time of the raffle is allowed to purchase tickets and participate in the raffle, including non-members.

### General Raffle Procedure

- Each member (family memberships included) can win more than one item
- Raffle items will be generally higher in value (>\$50).
- All raffle tickets will be placed into one receptacle paired with an item, and random drawings will be held for each item, until all items are drawn.

## Club Sponsors

### Requirements

Each sponsor will be required to donate to the club a minimum of \$250.00 USD or make a financial contribution otherwise equivalent to \$250.00 USD (I.E. covering the cost of a group campsite/cabin at one of the runs, donating items for the raffle, or any combination of things.)

### Sponsor Benefits

In return for the financial contribution, the sponsors logo will be shown on the club banner and shirts made every year, and will be mentioned/thanked at the raffle and dinner at our large run in the fall.