

Heartland Xterra Owners Club Guidelines

Effective as of January 01, 2006

- I. Club Purpose
 - A. This organization shall be known as the Heartland Xterra Owners Club (HXOC).
 - B. The Heartland Xterra Owners Club is focused on fun oriented activities for all Nissan Xterra owners. We want to give responsible Nissan Xterra owners the opportunity to maximize the experience of driving an Xterra, one of most unique vehicles ever made, and share their experiences and knowledge with others. As a group, we agree that off road driving does not mix with guns, alcohol or drugs. HXOC members will provide a role in improving and maintaining the areas we use. Our objective is to foster an atmosphere that ensures the best care of the environment.
 - C. Heartland Xterra Owners Club is organized as a non-profit club for the purpose of:
 1. Providing recreational activities for its members.
 2. Enjoying and protecting the natural resources.
- II. Membership
 - A. Responsibilities
 1. Members must drive a Nissan Xterra vehicle.
 2. New members and existing members at time of renewal must sign the Heartland Xterra Owners Club Guidelines and Liability Wavier Form.
 3. Membership shall include all members of the household under the age of 18.
 4. Members must be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid driver's license and state required insurance for their Nissan Xterra vehicle.
 5. Members will not consume alcohol during on or off highway driving during a Heartland Xterra Owners Club event.
 6. Members should practice responsible driving principles and pose the least possible effect on the environment.
 7. Unruly or disrespectful behavior by club members during club events or meetings will not be tolerated.
 8. Illegal possession or consumption of controlled substances will not be tolerated.
 9. Members will not carry, brandish or discharge firearms during any club event. For members whom occupation requires a firearm with them will be approved by the President and Vice President.
 10. Members are encouraged to attend a minimum of two events per year to be eligible to renew their membership.
 11. Dues shall be \$30.00 per member per year, due at time of application and at membership renewal. Dues are non-refundable.
 12. Members shall notify the Board of Directors of any changes in address, phone number or e-mail address.
 13. Direct participation in events and voting rights are limited to members.
 14. Members are only allowed to bring one guest to an HXOC organized event. If additional guests are requested by a member, they will require approval from the Board of Directors before any participation. Members are responsible for any guests that accompany them to HXOC events.

15. Any member who violates any of the above mentioned responsibilities will be subject to immediate review by the Board of Directors for possible suspension or expulsion from Heartland Xterra Owners Club.
- B. Rights and Benefits
 1. Members will receive free personal photo gallery hosting from Heartland Xterra Owners Club website.
 2. Full voting privileges on club events, election of officers, changes to Guidelines, and any other circumstances, which may change the structure of the club.
 3. Members are entitled to special discounts such as parts, labor and service offered by sponsored dealership(s).
 4. Members who adopt and sign the Guidelines of Heartland Xterra Owners Club after January 1, 2005 shall be known as members of the organization.
- III. Meetings
 - A. Meetings will be held annually at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
 - B. Members will be notified of meeting date and location through the Heartland Xterra Owners Club website.
- IV. Structure of Officers
 - A. Administration of Officers
 1. Officers shall consist of a Board of Directors with equal and shared responsibilities of the organization.
 2. Election of Officers shall be held annually.
 - B. Duties of Office
 1. Member(s) Board of Directors shall:
 - a. Preside over meetings.
 - b. Attend all events when possible.
 - c. Carry out policies and decisions of the Board of Directors.
 - d. Be without voting rights except in the event of a tie.
 - e. Keep and preserve list of attendees and determine number of voting members present.
 - f. Keep a file system of membership.
 - g. Receive and answer all general correspondence pertaining to the organization.
 - h. Keep accurate and complete records of funds and accounts of the Heartland Xterra Owners Club.
 - i. Collect all dues and maintain a record thereof.
 - j. Give budget report to members at annual meetings.
 - k. Disperse funds as directed by Executive Committee.
 - l. Promote the club through advertising.
 - m. Submit any funding requests to the entire Board of Directors.
 - n. Update website content on HXOC.
 - C. Election of Officers
 1. Officers shall be elected annually based on majority of membership.
 2. Members will be notified of nomination and election procedures through the club website.
 3. Members may not nominate themselves for office.
- V. Event Procedures
 - A. General Events

1. All events are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. Trip Leader, as appointed by the Board of Directors, is responsible to direct the event.
3. All members present, including the Board of Directors, are responsible to follow the direction of Trip Leader from beginning of an event to termination of that event.
4. All events must be conducted in an orderly manner with safety as the primary factor.
5. Any event held on Private Property would be subject to Liability Release.
6. No one under the age of 18 will be permitted to drive in any event unless accompanied by parent or guardian.
7. All guests will be required to sign a participant's release prior to the event.
8. All members and guests participating in an event shall abide by the Motor Vehicle Code of the state concerned and by the laws and regulations of the city, county, or circumstances involved.

VI. Amendments

- A. These Guidelines may be amended by two thirds majority of voting membership.
- B. Any amendments to these Guidelines must be presented to members through meeting minutes reported in the club website.

Receipt and Acknowledgement of Heartland Xterra Owners Club Guidelines

Because the club was created for its members and conditions are always changing, the articles in the guidelines may be amended and ratified by the membership of the club. No changes in policies and procedures will be made without due consideration of the mutual advantages, disadvantages, benefits and responsibilities such amendments will have on you as a member of the Heartland Xterra Owners Club.

Please read the following statements and sign below to indicate your receipt, acknowledgment and understanding of the Heartland Xterra Owners Club Guidelines.

1. I understand that all guidelines governing the Heartland Xterra Owners Club are for the benefit of the membership and the community in which the club is active.
2. I understand the guidelines and will uphold them in representing this organization as a group, as well as an individual, whether in an organized event or during my everyday activity.
3. I further understand that any amendments to the guidelines must be discussed and voted on by the membership and may require an additional signature of receipt and acknowledgment from me.
4. I understand that my signature below indicates that I have read and understand the above statements and have received a copy of the Heartland Xterra Owners Club Guidelines and accept them as a new member.

_____ **Member's Printed Name**

_____ **Member's Signature and Date**

_____ **Director's Signature and Date**