

CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE DATSUN Z CLUB (INCORPORATED)

Reference to the 'Act' relates to the 'Incorporated Societies Act 2022

RULE 1

NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the 'Datsun Z Club (Incorporated)'

RULE 2

OBJECTIVE

- (a) To promote Interest in and enthusiasm for the Datsun/Nissan Z Series sports cars.
- (b) To foster sports events and gatherings of members where the special interest in the members motorcar(s) will be paramount.
- (c) To promote social events and outings.
- (d) To assist one another in the maintenance and operation of these motorcars.
- (e) To advance the safe highway behaviour of members.

RULE 3

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 Membership is open to any person possessing a 'Z Series' Datsun/Nissan sports car, or any suitable vehicle as agreed by the Executive Committee, having filled out an Application form and having paid a membership fee. The Executive Committee reserve the right to refuse any application without stating reasons for such refusal.
- Section 2 Honorary membership may be granted by the Executive to individuals in recognition of extraordinary service. Such membership to be annually renewable.
- Section 3 Life membership may be granted by nomination and election at the Annual General Meeting, to any member or other person whom the organisation so desires to honour.
- Section 4 Branch membership may be granted by the Executive in accordance with Rule 7 of this Constitution.
- Section 5 Associate membership may be granted to any person nominated by the possessor member and approved by the Executive Committee. Associate membership fees will be set by the Executive Committee. Such members shall be exempted voting rights.
- Section 6 Membership fees shall be paid annually on the 30th day of June.
- Section 7 Membership shall cease,
- (a) Upon subscription being more than 3 months overdue.
 - (b) By the Secretary's receipt of written resignation.
 - (c) By disciplinary action at the discretion of the Executive Committee in accordance with Rule 8 of this Constitution.
 - (d) No refund of subscriptions will be paid on cessation of membership.

RULE 4

OFFICERS

- Section 1 Members at the Annual General Meeting shall elect, a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Club Captain if required. All persons standing for election shall be members of good standing. All persons so elected must comply with the 'Act' and this 'Constitution.'
- Section 2 Nominees for these Executive positions may be drawn from persons qualifying under Rule 3, Sections 1 thru 5.
- Section 3 Such candidates may be obtained by volunteering, request, or nomination.
- Section 4 The Executive may, by unanimous decision, appoint additional qualifying Executive Committee members as and if required.

- Section 5 The President:
- (a) Will chair all meetings of the Club except that he/she may delegate chairmanship with the majority approval of members present at the meeting.
 - (b) With due regard to normal committee procedure, he/she can assign duties to the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice President, and the Club Captain.
 - (c) He/she will have the power, when required, to appoint Executive members to additional duties without recourse to the Executive Committee.
- Section 6 Financial Reporting.
The Club accounts shall be reviewed annually and submitted by the Treasurer at the AGM for approval. The accounts will then be provided to the Incorporated Society Registrar within 6 months of the balance date of the Club as per the 'Act'.
- Section 7 Banking.
- (a) The Club shall operate a banking account with a Trading Bank and/or other recognised banking facilities.
 - (b) Electronic Financial Transfers must be approved prior to payment. Payment can be approved by the Committee or any two of three selected Executive members
- Section 8 Any Officer may be removed by,
- (a) Majority Executive decision,
 - (b) Resignation,
 - (c) Replacement by membership vote.
- Section 9 The Executive Committee shall, by unanimous decision. appoint replacements for its own membership as and if required.

RULE 5

MEETINGS

- Section 1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held within 6 months of the Club's financial year end. Such meetings shall be convened by giving at least 21 days' notice in terms of Rule 16 to every member of the Club, setting out date, time, and place thereof.
- Section 2 The order of business shall be:
- (a) Minutes of the previous Annual General and any following General Meeting.
 - (b) Presentation of the Club's Balance Statement to the 31st of March last.
 - (c) Annual Reports.
 - (d) Election of Executive Committee as Rule 4, Section I.
 - (e) Formal Motions.
 - (f) General Business.
- Section 3 Special General Meetings shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of written requisition from three Executive members, or any seven members of the Club. Notice shall be given, as in Section I of this Rule, specifying the business to be conducted. No other business shall be brought before such meeting.
- Section 4 At all General Meetings of the Club:
- (a) Six members shall form a quorum.
 - (b) Each member (Rule 3, Sections 1. 2, 3, 4 and 6) shall be entitled to one vote.
 - (c) The Chairman shall, in event of an equality of votes, be entitled to a casting or second vote.
 - (d) The Chairman shall decide upon a show of hands, excepting that any member may demand a ballot.
 - (e) Excepting in cases where the 'Act' may otherwise provide, all questions arising shall be decided by bare majority vote.
 - (f) No vote shall be taken without being formally moved, seconded, and debated, though not necessarily in that order.

RULE 6**EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

- Section 1 (a) Four Executive members will form a quorum.
(b) The Executive shall regulate its own procedure at meetings.
(c) The Chairman will not have a casting vote.
(d) Any Executive member may request a secret ballot on any Issue.
- Section 2 The business of the Club shall be transacted by the Executive Committee which shall have the authority to exercise any of the powers and duties conferred on the Club by these Rules or by the said 'Act' to conduct all the affairs of the Club and exercise all powers and privileges thereof and may appoint sub committees including ordinary members for any purpose the Executive Committee shall deem necessary Any such subcommittee will be responsible for the carrying out of such matters as are delegated to it from the Executive Committee and keep the Executive Committee fully informed of its meetings by forwarding copies of its minutes and will submit records of any kind to Executive Committee whenever required. Any money or separate accounts managed under the name of the subcommittee will be under the ultimate control of the Treasurer of the Club. The Executive Committee shall be represented on each and every subcommittee by a member of the Executive Committee.

RULE 7**BRANCH RULES AND BY-LAWS**

- Section 1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to make rules for the operation of branches and by-laws, generally or specifically with respect to any sports meeting event, competition, outing, meeting, or any activity of the Club whatsoever and from time to time rescind and/or alter or amend the same.
- Section 2 When dictated by the distance involved, the Club Treasurer will become Executive Officer of the Branch.

RULE 8**DISCIPLINE**

- Section 1 The elected Executive Committee will upon a complaint being made in writing to the Secretary by any member, act in respect of the following matters:
(a) Cases of alleged disruptive, anti-social or unruly behaviour at any event.
(b) Cases of alleged bringing the Club into disrepute.
(c) Cases of alleged breaches of these Rules or related By-Laws.
(d) Cases of alleged breaches of any order, condition, direction or notice issued by the Club's Appointed Officer(s) at any event, or by any Appointed Officer of any host club at any invitation event.
(e) Cases of alleged conduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club's membership.
(f) Cases of Personal Grievance.
- Section 2 The Committee will act on any written complaint within a reasonable time of receiving the complaint. The Committee will have a formal meeting with the complainant to air their grievance and to negotiate a satisfactory conclusion for both parties.
- Section 3 At the meeting convened by the Executive for the purpose in Section 2 above, the elected Executive may:
(a) Suspend the members rights and/or privileges in full or in part, for a period of up to three months.
(b) Cancel the offender's membership.
- Section 4 No disciplinary action may be taken without the alleged offender being given at least seven days' notice of the meeting convened, advising him/her of the right to attend.

RULE 9**COMMON SEAL**

The common seal of the Club shall consist of the words "Datsun Z Club Incorporated" in the form of a circle, and the words "Common Seal Of" in the centre, and shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary or acting Secretary who shall affix it to such documents as the Executive Committee shall from time to time, by resolution direct, provided always that such seal shall not be affixed except in the presence of two officers of the club including the Secretary or acting Secretary.

RULE 10**REGISTERED OFFICE**

The registered office of the Club shall be at such place or places as the Executive shall from time to time determine, provided formal notification be made to the Registrar's Office.

RULE 11**DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

The Club may be wound up voluntarily in a manner provided by Section 24 of the 'Act'. Subject to the provisions of Section 27 of the 'Act', if upon winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property or monies whatsoever, the same shall be given to a 'non-for-profit organisation'. This decision is to be determined by a necessary majority at the passing of the resolution of dissolution of the Club.

RULE 12**ALTERATION OF RULES**

Subject to the requirements of Section 21 of the said 'Act' these Rules may be altered, added to, or rescinded from time to time, provided that no alteration or amendment shall be made except by vote of the majority of the members present at a General Meeting of the Club. The details of the proposed alteration shall be stated on the notice concerning the meeting (as Rule 5, Sections 1 or 3).

RULE 13**INSPECTION OF RULES**

The Constitution and Rules of the Club will be available on line at the Z Club website.

RULE 14**INTERPRETATION**

In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation or application of these Rules, the decision of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee present at any meeting shall be binding.

RULE 15**NOTICE**

Any notice required to be given to any person pursuant to the 'Act' or these Rules may, unless otherwise required, be given either orally or in writing and shall be deemed to have been given, if orally at the time of giving, or if in writing either at the time of delivery or 24 hours after posting to such person at his or her last known address within New Zealand, whichever shall first occur.

RULE 16**AFFILIATION**

To maintain affiliation With the Motorsport Association of New Zealand Incorporated, whether it be known by that or any other name, and to abide by Its rules and those of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile, and to conduct all motoring competitions under the rules and regulations of those bodies.