



# Z CAR CLUB ASSOCIATION

Official Advisory: Clarifying Distinction Between ZCCA & Z Club of America

**Notice to Enthusiasts & Members:** Due to name similarities, this official FAQ clarifies the distinct structure, continuous heritage, non-profit status, and sanctioning authority of the **Z Car Club Association (ZCCA)** versus the privately operated "Z Club of America" (ZCOA).

## Q: What is the difference between the Z Car Club Association (ZCCA) and the "Z Club of America" (ZCOA)?

While the names sound similar, they are completely separate entities with distinct organizational structures, missions, and community roles:

| Z Car Club Association (ZCCA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Z Club of America (ZCOA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|  <b>Structure &amp; Mission</b><br>A registered <b>501(c)(7) not-for-profit federation</b> founded in 1990, helping build and unite nearly a hundred grassroots regional Z clubs and Z car communities across the globe (i.e. USA, Canada, Japan, Europe, and Australia).      |  <b>Structure &amp; Mission</b><br>A <b>privately owned, for-profit business entity</b> selling direct-to-consumer mail-order and online memberships rather than governing local grassroots chapters. |
|  <b>Corporate &amp; OEM Partnership</b><br>Formally recognized and partnered directly with <b>Nissan Motor Corporation / Nissan North America</b> and major aftermarket industry leaders.                                                                                      |  <b>Corporate &amp; OEM Partnership</b><br><b>Independent commercial entity</b> with no official corporate sanctioning, partnership, or backing from Nissan North America.                            |
|  <b>Events &amp; Sanctioning</b><br>Organizes the premier annual <b>International Z Car Convention (ZCON)</b> and supports national and international regional events, provides regional club event liability insurance, and maintains standardized 300-point judging program. |  <b>Events &amp; Sanctioning</b><br><b>Not affiliated with ZCON</b> , does not govern national judged championship standards, and does not provide grassroots club liability insurance programs.      |
|  <b>Governance &amp; Leadership</b><br>Governed democratically by an elected Executive Board and designated delegates representing regional affiliated clubs.                                                                                                                 |  <b>Governance &amp; Leadership</b><br>Operated privately without regional chapter delegate representation or non-profit federation voting oversight.                                                |

## Q: Has the ZCCA operated longer than the "ZCOA"?

**Yes.** The ZCCA has operated continuously since its inception in partnership with Nissan Motor Corporation in 1990. While the original ZCOA was founded in the early 1970s, it went defunct for ~30 years before the name was acquired and restarted as a private, for-profit endeavor.

## Q: Is the ZCCA affiliated with or related to the Z Club of America?

**No.** The ZCCA is not affiliated, partnered, or associated with the Z Club of America in any capacity. If you are looking to join an active sanctioned chapter, participate in motorsports events, grassroots drives, or attend ZCON, verify that your club or event is officially sanctioned by the **Z Car Club Association (zcca.org)** or join the ZCCA directly with our individual memberships for your region (where a Club may not yet be available).

## Q: Does joining the Z Club of America provide ZCCA member perks or discount programs?

**No.** Membership purchased through the Z Club of America does not grant member discounts, voting rights, vendor savings, or registration privileges for ZCCA-sanctioned events or the annual International Z Car Convention (ZCON). To access ZCCA benefits, you must be an active member of an officially recognized ZCCA regional chapter or register directly through sanctioned ZCCA platforms. However, all Z-enthusiasts are welcome at ZCCA events - whether part of a formal club or not.

## Q: How can I confirm that my local club or event is legitimately affiliated with the ZCCA?

You can verify sanctioned affiliations directly on our official website at [www.zcca.org](http://www.zcca.org) under the "Find a Club" directory. All sanctioned regional chapters, as well as the calendar of official national events and endorsed festivals, are maintained there.

## Q: Can I be part of the ZCCA if I already joined the ZCOA?

**Yes.** The Z Car Club Association strives to provide community and value to its members. Enthusiasts are welcome to explore "Z Club Life" with one of our chapter clubs, or with a direct membership where a club may not be available in your area. See <https://zcca.org/locate-a-club/> to explore what clubs may be in your area.