

## AOSA Bylaw Proposal #5

Propose of Change: To ensure AOSA Rules for Testing Seeds have regulatory approval and continued acceptance by regulatory agencies.

### Present Bylaw: ARTICLE XI – RULES FOR TESTING SEEDS, 2.

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Submitted by:

| AOSA votes in-favor | SCST votes in-favor | Total Tallied votes in-favor | Pass/Fail |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 0% to 50%           | N/A                 | N/A                          | Fail      |
| 51% to 84%          | 0% to 100%          | <134                         | Fail      |
| 51% to 84%          | 0% to 100%          | ≥134                         | Pass      |
| 85% to 100%         | N/A                 | N/A                          | Pass      |

