

# Annual Meeting 2026 Rules Committee Report

Janek Bartel



# Rules Committee Membership

**Acting Chair:** Janek Bartel (Canada)    **Vice-Chair:** vacant

**ECOM Liaisons:** Ignacio Aranciaga (Argentina), Ernest Allen (USA)

## Rules Committee Members:

1. Bert van Duijn (Netherlands)
  2. Corinne Guimier (France)
  3. Fiona Hay (Denmark)
  4. Sarah Dammen (USA)
  5. Elisa Vieira (Brazil)
  6. Enrico Noli (Italy)
  7. David Johnston (USA)
  8. Axel Goeritz (Germany)
  9. Melanie Schori (USA)
  10. Didier Demilly (France)
  11. Ruud Barnhoorn (Netherlands)
  12. Sue Cousins (New Zealand) Shankara Naika (Netherlands)
  13. Jayanthi Nadarajan (New Zealand)
  14. Kirk Remund (USA)
  15. Sergio Pasquini (Italy)
  16. Marie-Claude Gagnon (Canada)
  17. Hulya Ilbi (Türkiye)
  18. Gil Waibel (USA)
- Lan Chi Trinh (AOSA Rules Chair)  
Florina Palada (Observer)  
Jodi Keeling (USA)

# Rules History

1931- First edition

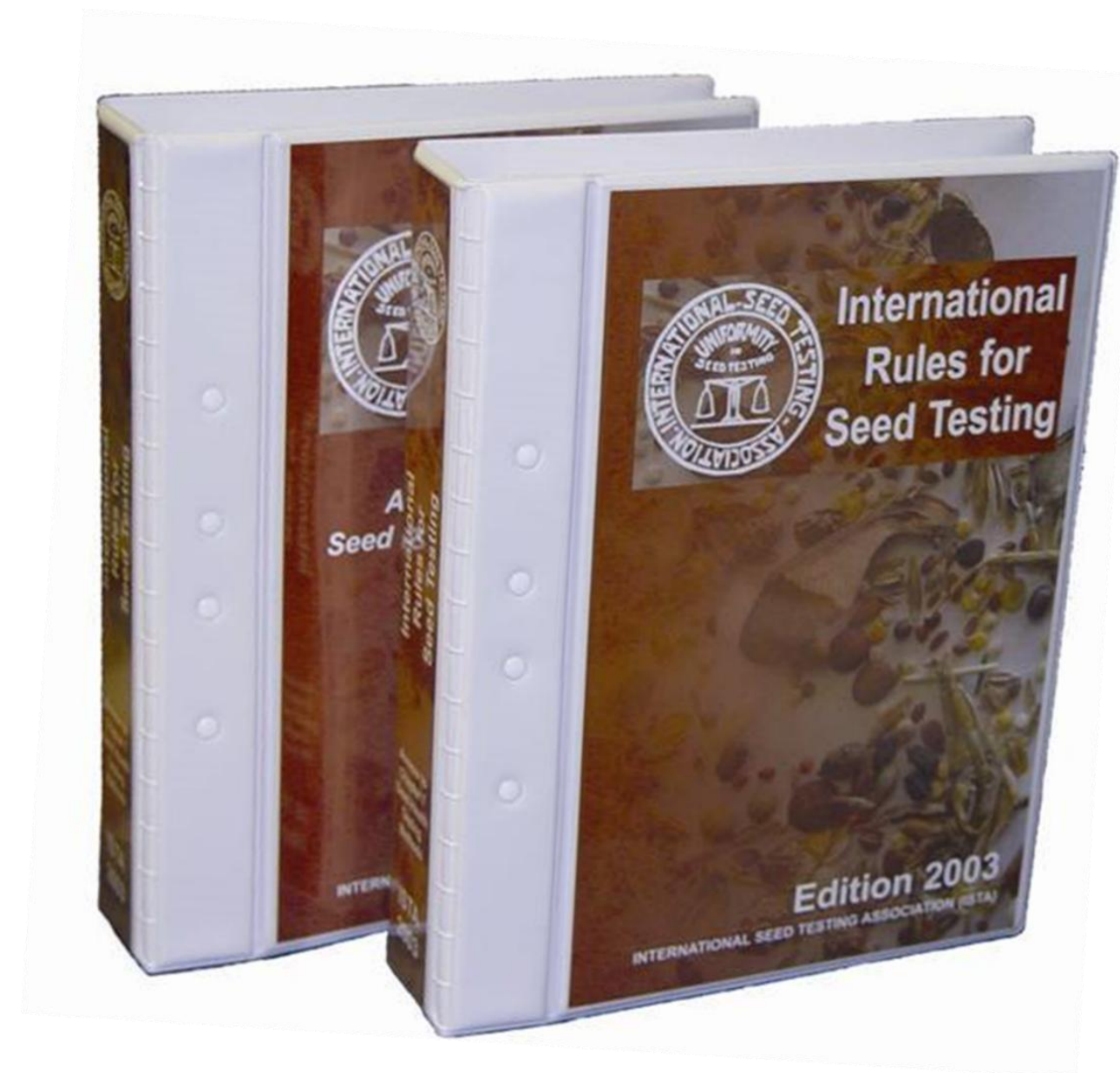
2001- Published annually

2013- Last print edition

2014- Free electronic edition to ISTA Members

2026- Rules currently in effect

2027- Effective January 1, 2027



# Rules Committee Purpose

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Update and maintain the ISTA International Rules for Seed Testing

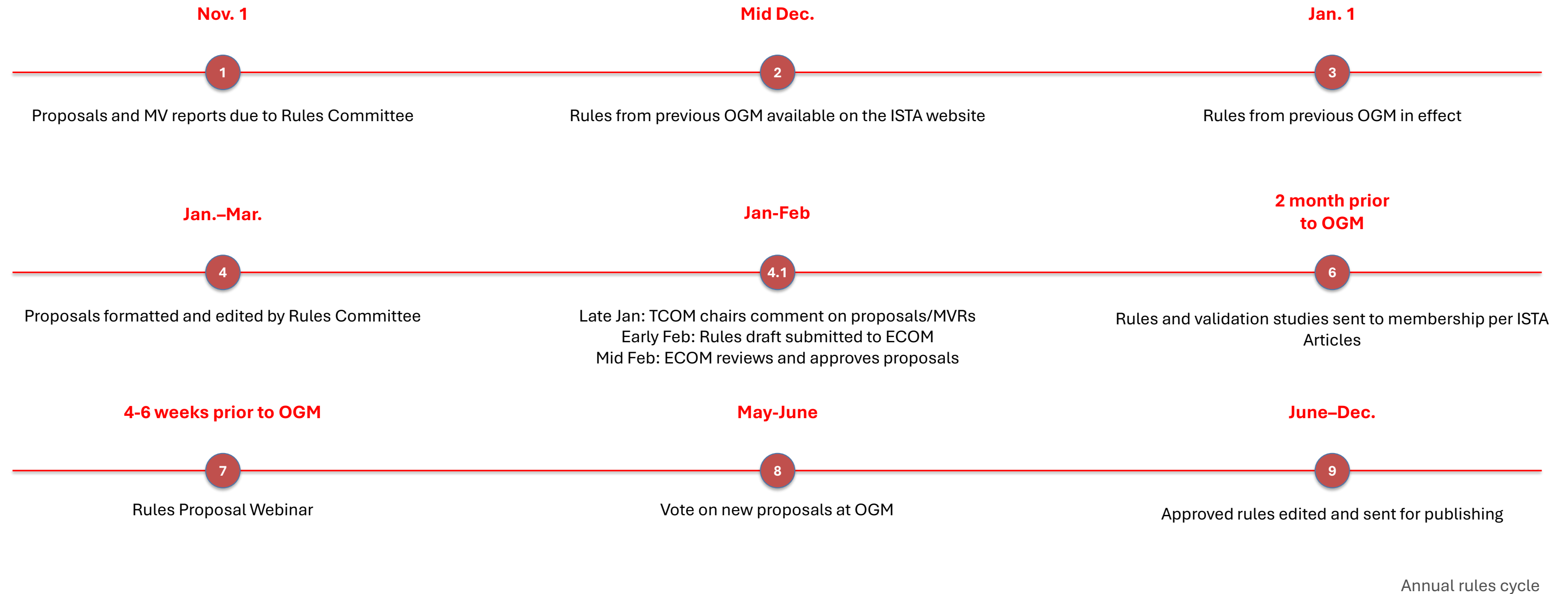
- Coordinate annual Rules proposal document
- Review technical validity of proposals
- Discuss cross-committee impacts
- Vote and recommend to Executive Committee
- Submit for final approval at OGM

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## 2025 Activities

- Preparing the Rules for Vote at the OGM
  - 22 proposals for the 2027 Rules
- Worked with TCOMs to answer questions and deal with issues not specifically addressed in the Rules
  - ISTA Auditors
  - TCOM Chairs
  - Membership
- Revised the Rules procedure (Pub-SOP-06)
  - Minor Error Corrections not needing a vote:
    - Simple spelling, punctuation, typographical corrections
  - Editorial changes needing a vote:
    - Grammatical errors, changes to achieve text consistency or clarity, renumbering etc.

# Important Dates



# Important other things

- Email [RUL.chair@ista.ch](mailto:RUL.chair@ista.ch) and cc [Janek.bartel@sgs.com](mailto:Janek.bartel@sgs.com)
- Always reply to email chain once a proposal has been submitted

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## Thank you to:

- All the TCOMs and the Rules Committee members
- The ISTA Secretariat
- Our ECOM Liaisons Ernest Allen and Ignacio Aranciaga;
- Our observer Florina Palada
- Jodi Keeling