

APRIL AIRPORT BIDDING ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE

80 Hour Block Month

Sat May 17	9:30 – 1:30
Mon May 19	9:30 – 3:30
Tue May 20	9:30 – 3:30
Wed May 21	9:30 – 3:30
Thu May 22	9:30 – 3:30

New Location for PBS Bidding

Having trouble finding the Crew Scheduling link for accessing PBS bidding this month? It has been moved to My News> My Branch News> Globe Information Systems>Tools and References> Crew Scheduling and Planning> PBS Bidding, Awards, Contesting and Monthly Reports and then finally click on PBS Bidding.

Else Reserve Feature

Over the past few months we have seen an increase in members utilizing "TIME OFF ELSE RESERVE" which has negatively impacted on their ability to hold a block. While this feature has its purpose, it is a very powerful bid and was intended to be used sparingly. Judging by the queries we have had recently, it appears a clarification may be in order.

Please see example below:

line 1) Time Off Apr 24, 2010, Apr 25, 2010, Apr 26, 2010, Apr 27, 2010, Apr 28, 2010, Apr 29, 2010, Apr 30, 2010 Else Reserve

By putting all these dates on one line, in conjunction with ELSE RESERVE, this bidder is requesting ALL 7 days off or ELSE they would PREFER to be on RESERVE. If this bidder can only hold 6 of the 7 days off, they will now be awarded reserve instead of a block. It may have been better to simply request the Time off depending on how "crucial" all the days off are.

Remember that you can bid **HOURS OFF** and then **ELSE RESERVE** if you only require part of a day off. This may help you to achieve both a block and the TIME OFF as it allows for a few more pairings to be awarded around your time off requests.

Example:

Time off TUES, THUR 15:00 - 23:59 ELSE RESERVE

This bidder is now allowing a slightly better opportunity to be awarded a block than if they had bid Time off TUES, THUR ELSE RESERVE. Please contact the Blocking Committee if you need assistance in this area.

Overlap Pairings

In the past few months we have seen an increase in overlap pairings being cancelled for operational reasons. It is integral that you click on the Calendar tab in PBS so you can see your overlap credit coming in to the new month. If you note that there is no credit displaying in your Calendar, then you contact Crew Scheduling to determine what is happening with your pairing. This should happen before bids close. Technically you should be up for reassignment, your overlap credit should remain in your schedule and this way you will be pay protected. If your overlap pairing is not accounted for, then your new block may be affected.

You can view any Overlap pairings which may be affected in the bid package or you can view them on the portal.

The routing is: PBS bidding, Awards, Contesting and Monthly Reports>PBS Monthly Bid Package Info and Reports, then you click on the "Month", navigate to the Block Information Header and finally to Overlap Revisions. You can now view the most up to date Overlap Revisions.

Another reason to check your Calendar is to confirm your vacation allotment. If you have been off the payroll due to WIP or a book off for example, your vacation "may" have been prorated as per Article 8 in the C/A. It would be important to verify your vacation before you bid in order to calculate hours. If there is a discrepancy, it is Crew Planning who should be contacted before bids close.

For further clarification or bidding assistance please contact your Committee at blocking@local4094.ca or at 604 279-9905 ext 310.

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