



JUNE AIRPORT BIDDING ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE AND TIPS

JUNE 14, 2010

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15 – Tuesday	9:30 – 3:30
16 – Wednesday	9:30 – 3:30
17 – Thursday	11:30 – 5:30
18 – Friday	9:30 – 3:30

A new PBS release will take effect starting with the June bid period. We recommend you familiarize yourself with the detailed training document, which can be found under PBS Monthly Bidding, Awards Contesting and Monthly Information and Reports via the Crew Scheduling and Planning link.

The following are some helpful excerpts from the document as well as summaries of the terminology changes and features.

NEW TERMINOLOGY

PBS is actually shared by several airlines, each with their own terminology. Keeping those terms separate creates longer development times since each airline would require a different version of the same software. Whenever possible, common

terminology is used. For example at Air Canada we use the term Pairings while other airlines use Trips.

In this case all airlines using the Navtech PBS, including Air Canada will be using **Pairings** as the common term. However, some of our terminology changes include **PREFER OFF** for what used to be **TIME OFF**. Regular and Default bids will now be called **Current Bid** and **Default bid**.

BUDDY BIDS

The Buddy Bid allows two crew members in the same classification and at the same base to be awarded the same block when possible. **BOTH** crew members **MUST** make the buddy request in PBS. PBS will slot the senior buddy just below the junior buddy in seniority. PBS will use the junior buddy's bid for the award including **Prefer Off** (Time off requests) and **Avoid** bid lines. **ONLY** the junior buddy's bid lines are used for both bids regardless of unstacking, denial, etc. The senior buddy's bid lines are ignored even if no pairings remain that can be awarded as "buddies" remain. In this case each buddy's block will be built separately from the junior buddy's bid.

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PREFER WEEKENDS OFF

Found under the Prefer Off tab in the Start Pairings section and Start Reserve section of your Current or Default bid, the Prefer Off Weekends bid line will instruct PBS to build your block with the specified number of weekends off in the current bid period from the point in your bid where the Prefer Off Weekends bid line is inserted.

Weekends are defined by PBS as Saturday and Sunday within the bid period.

PATTERN BIDS FOR BLOCKHOLDERS

Found under the Set Conditions tab in the Start Pairings and Start Reserve section of your Current or Default bid, Set Condition Pattern is a global request and, if used, will be placed at the top of your bid along with any other conditional bids (Set Condition Minimum Credit, Set Condition Maximum Credit, etc.). Only **one** (1) pattern request may be made per section per bid.

Pattern bidding, available for Reserve bidding since its introduction, will now be available for Block Holders. With a Pattern Condition bid, PBS will try and build your block around a set of days on and off. The Pattern Condition **will take precedence over your bid**, disallowing even Prefer Off and Avoid bid lines in order to honour the pattern. Therefore, it is important to consider what type of pairings (credit, duration, etc.) and the number of days on or off that you can likely hold at your seniority. Pattern bids must also honour all other block rules. **We recommend you receive bid**

assistance if you wish to utilize this feature as pattern bidding should be used with caution.

OTHER NOTABLES IN THE RELEASE

1. Clarity on the Reasons Report for bidders who are completely unstacked.
2. Planned absences will be indicated in the Prefer Off Calendar

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