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Event Start and Vacation Slide

Bidding "Event Start" for CQ in PBS

The PBS Committee recently discovered an inaccuracy in the PBS Reference Handbook regarding the Event Start bid option for CQ bidding. The PBS Reference Handbook states that the Event Start bid option is based only upon the *first* simulator event in a training pattern. In fact, PBS considers *all* simulator events in a training pattern when evaluating an Event Start bid option. For example, bidding "Event Start July 25" may result in PBS awarding a training pattern with simulator events on the 24th and 25th or a training pattern with simulator events on the 25th and 26th.

The PBS Committee will correct the PBS Reference Handbook as part of the next revision. We are also considering changing the Event Start logic. In the meantime, we recommend against using the Event Start bid option. Instead we recommend pilots use either the Prefer Off or Pattern Start bid options or bid for specific training pattern identifiers that match their preferences.

Vacation Slide Issue with Time Zones

There is a bug in the WebApp with Vacation Slide and time zones. If you are using the WebApp on a computer or EFB with the time zone set east of UTC (a positive UTC shift), the WebApp will not allow you to slide a vacation into a date adjacent to an existing event. If you are attempting to input a Vacation Slide and you are in a time zone east of UTC, we recommend you temporarily set the time zone on your computer or EFB to your base time zone before logging in to the WebApp. NAVBLUE has been notified of this bug and they have a fix. It should be implemented in the next several months.

As always, feel free to email the PBS Committee with any questions or feedback at DALPBS@alpa.org.

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