

Q3 2020 PBS Software Updates

Introduction

The purpose of this *Notepad* is to discuss the most recent enhancement to the PBS WebApp interface, which will be available with Version 20.3.2 for the September 2020 bid period. There is only one significant enhancement on the user side for this release of the WebApp: Make checkbox appearance consistent.

In addition to this enhancement are a few bug fixes.

Reminder: You must clear your browser cache before using the WebApp to submit bids for the September 2020 bid period. Instructions for clearing your browser cache can be found in the PBS Reference Handbook starting on page 17. The PBS Reference Handbook is at the following link: <http://www.alpa.org/dal/-/media/DAL/Documents/Committees/PBS/Other/PBS-Reference-Handbook.pdf?la=en>

Make Checkbox Appearance Consistent

This version of the WebApp makes the appearance of checkboxes more consistent throughout the WebApp. The WebApp now displays a box to the left of all selectable items. The box is for display consistency only. A user must continue to click on the text of the bid preference to display any sub-options associated with that preference.

Before Selection:

Bid Preference Editor	
Home	Close
Apply	Reset All
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add Bid Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer Off
<input type="checkbox"/>	Award Pairings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid Pairings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instruction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set Condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waive

After Selection:

Bid Preference Editor	
Home	Close
Apply	Reset All
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add Bid Group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer Off
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Award Pairings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Avoid Pairings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instruction
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set Condition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Waive

For a bid preference that has sub-options, such as Carry Out, if the user clicks on the text “Carry Out,” the WebApp will allow them to configure the preference (e.g. “> 1 Day”, “= 0 Day”, etc.). However, if the user instead first clicks on the empty checkbox next to the text, a checkmark will appear. In this case, the preference has not been configured and is invalid. The WebApp will display a message in red at the top just under the bid tabs: **Unable to get Carry Out pairing property: No items selected**. The WebApp has always behaved like this, but with the checkboxes displayed, it is easier to activate a bid preference without configuring it.

If the user has configured a bid preference and wishes to deselect it, for example, in an Award preference with multiple sub-options, they can click on the checkmark to deactivate the sub-option they want to deselect.

Bug Fixes

The following bugs from prior versions are corrected:

- Change in Reserve Max Above Value Limit – there was a bug that would set the maximum value for a Reserve Set Condition Max Above bid preference to 100. It now allows for a larger value.
- Bids from Previous Bid Periods Submittal
 - Previous versions of the WebApp would sometimes allow a user to Submit a Current bid that contained invalid dates or pairing numbers that carried over from previous bids. The correction to the WebApp will not allow the bid submission if the Current bid has invalid dates or pairing numbers. Instead, it will display an error message: **CurrenBid: BidLine [#] – PreferOff Date(s) out of the bid period**.
 - The WebApp will only notify the user of **one** error at a time. If the user has copied multiple invalid lines, the WebApp will provide an error message for the first one it sees. As the user fixes each error, the WebApp will display the next one it finds.
 - Of note, the WebApp will allow a user to select, copy, and paste an entire bid group from a prior bid period if it contains invalid dates or pairing numbers. However, if the user copies individual lines from a previous bid period by clicking on the numbers next to the lines, and any of those lines contain invalid dates or pairing numbers, the WebApp will prevent the user from pasting those lines into the Current bid by greying out the Paste button.

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