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## ***Q3 2018 PBS Software Updates***

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## Introduction

This Notepad discusses the most recent enhancements to PBS. The first is that a pilot who has constructed a Pairings Search can now elect to transfer the stipulations of that search directly to his Current or Default bid as a bid preference. The second is that a pilot who has filtered pairings that report on more than one day can now add a bid for such a pairing on a particular day directly to his Current or Default bid. Third, the dialog box that you see when submitting your bid has changed to give you more information about what has been submitted vs saved.

## Bidding in PBS

### Adding a Bid from the Pairings Screen

After filtering the pool of trips on the Pairings Screen, you can now choose to transfer this set of filters directly to either your Current or Default Bid from the Pairings Screen as either an Award Preference or an Avoid Preference instead of recreating it on the Bid Screen.

1. Go to the Current or Default Bids screen, as appropriate
  - a. If you have a Start Pairings bid group into which you'd like to add the bid preference, select the bid preference below which you'd like to add the new one
    - i. The bid preference you select will be highlighted blue
    - ii. The new bid preference will be added below this highlighted bid
  - b. If you wish to put the bid preference into an empty Pairings bid group, select that bid group
    - i. The entire bid group will be highlighted blue
    - ii. The new bid preference will be added to the bottom of the selected bid group above the "Award Pairings" system generated bid line
2. Go to the Pairings screen
3. Perform a search using any options you choose
4. Click on the red plus button beside the grey Award and Avoid buttons in the top menu bar
  - a. Clicking on the enable bids mode button enables Add Bids mode and the Award and Avoid buttons
  - b. When you enable Add Bids mode, a checkbox is displayed beside your search options

### Enable add bids mode button



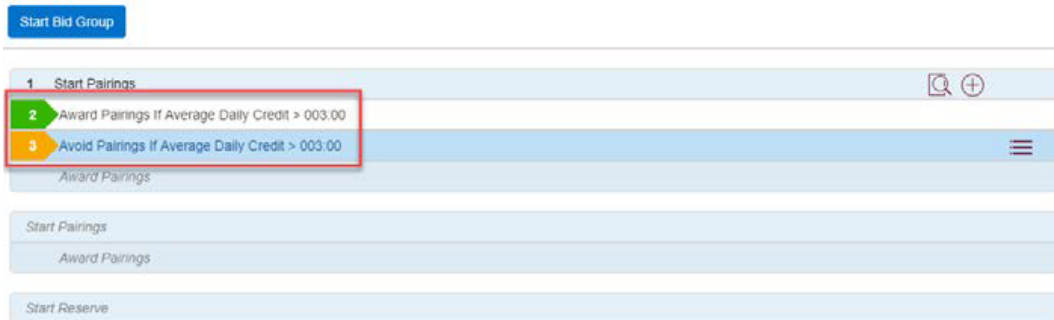
5. Click on the checkmark beside the search options

Red checkmark indicates a bid preference with search options can be added  
**Think of RED = READ ... if it's RED, I transfer what I READ**



6. Click on the Award or Avoid button to add an Award or Avoid Pairings If Average Daily Credit > 003:00 bid preference
  - a. A confirmation message, with the bid preference that has been added, is displayed
  - b. Read the message to ensure the bid preference you want is added
  - c. Click OK to continue
  - d. As desired/required, check the Bid Screen to verify

### Bids added to Start Pairings bid group



### Add a Pairing Number Departing on Date Bid from the Pairings Screen

The WebApp now has the ability to add Pairing Number Departing on a Date directly from the Pairings Screen.

**Note:** As long as you don't leave the Pairings Screen before transferring multiple selections of Pairing Numbers Departing on a Dates, the WebApp WILL RETAIN THE ORDER YOU SELECTED THEM. This is important because you can then turn this bid preference into a Pairing Number Departing on a Date (Ordered) bid by editing the line on the bid screen and toggling the Ordered attribute to on.

1. Go to the Current or Default Bids screen, as appropriate
  - a. If you have a Start Pairings bid group into which you'd like to add the bid preference, select the bid preference below which you'd like to add the new one
    - i. The bid preference you select will be highlighted blue
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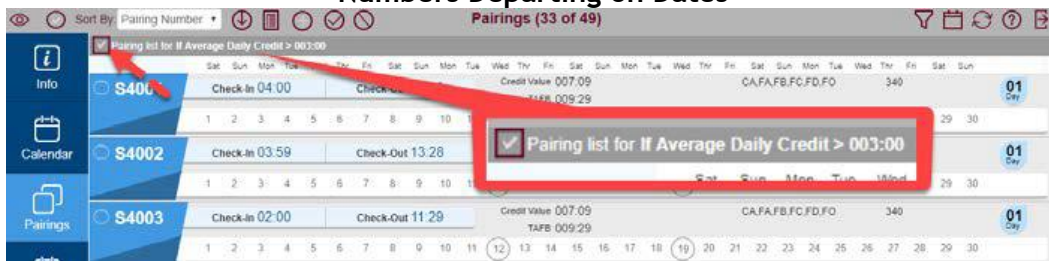
- Click on the checkmark beside the search options

**Red checkmark indicates a bid preference with search options can be added**



- Disable the pairing filtered award checkbox
  - The checkmark inside the box is grey when disabled
  - If you don't disable the checkbox the bid with search options is added

**The gray checkmark indicates that it is disabled and you are transferring Pairings or Pairing Numbers Departing on Dates**



- Click the circle beside a pairing number that you want to bid for
  - You can select one or multiple pairings
  - Notice that the background on the circled dates in pairing number 2016 has a different color than pairing number 2010
  - This indicates that you have click selected 2016
  - The dates with the green circle match the search criteria

**Pairing selected**



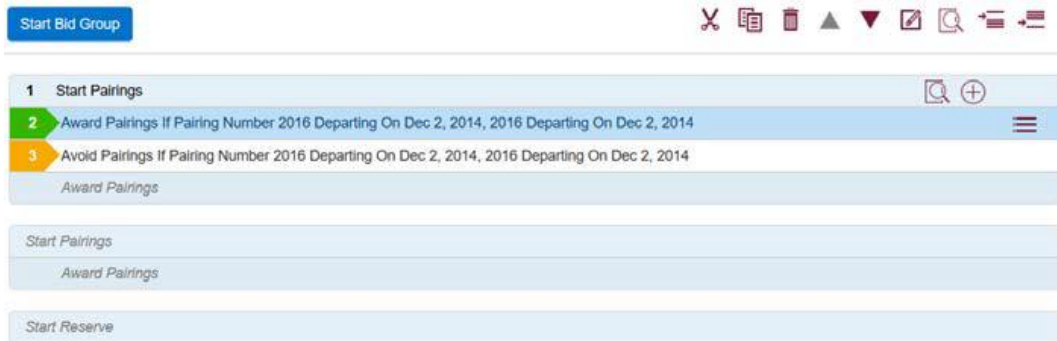
- Click on a pairing date from the dates row of the Pairing summary section for the pairing you selected in step 7
  - If you don't complete step 7 you cannot select a pairing date
  - Once a pairing date is selected, its background becomes darker
  - You can select multiple dates on one pairing, or multiple dates from multiple pairings, and as long as you don't leave the screen, it will retain and transfer them in the order they were clicked
    - If you leave the screen before transferring, they will revert to page display order

**Pairing on date selected**



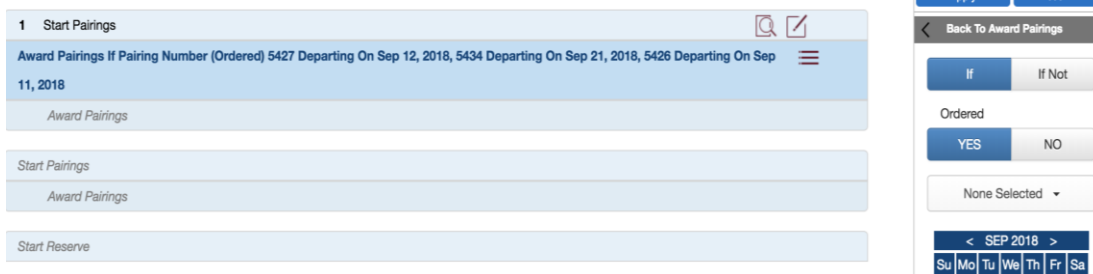
9. Click on the Award or Avoid button to add an Award or Avoid Pairings If Pairing Number XXXX If Departing On Date XXXX bid preference
  - a. A confirmation message with the bid preference that has been added is displayed
  - b. Read the message to ensure the bid preference you want is added
  - c. Click OK to continue
  - d. As desired/required, check the Bid Screen to verify

### Bids added to Start Pairings bid group



10. If you desire to ORDER the bid line you just created
  - a. Select the Bid Screen
  - b. Click the three lines on the right side of the bid line you would like to order
  - c. Click on Award (should have a green checkmark next to it)
  - d. Scroll down to and Click on Pairing Number Departing On (should have a green checkmark next to it)
  - e. Click on Ordered (Turns blue)
  - f. Read the bid line and verify that (Ordered) now is part of the bid line
  - g. Click Apply

### Pairing Number Departing on Date Changed to Ordered



**PLEASE RECALL:** There are only two places in PBS that have a left to right priority logic:

- **Award Pairing Number Depart on Date, but only when you select Ordered**
- **Prefer Off dates**

### Confirmation Numbers when Bidding is Closed

A pilot can change and submit his Default or Training bid at any time, even if Current bidding is closed. Now, when Current bidding is closed, a pilot receives a message that his Current bid was not submitted but his Default and Training was (as show below).

The following bids were submitted successfully with confirmation #1497457949

- Training Bid
- Default bid for Category SEA-340-FA

However, The following bids were not submitted because bidding is closed for these categories:

- Current bid for Category SEA-340-FA



OK

In the past, a confirmation number was displayed in the Current, Default and Training tabs even if a pilot changed his Current bid while bidding was closed. The confirmation number was displayed because his Default and/or Training bids had been submitted.

**CAUTION:** *If using the Chrome browser on the iPad or iPad mini, this warning is truncated. The submission logic is all still valid, only the warning is affected. At this time the PBS Committee recommends using Safari on iPads with the WebApp software until this can be addressed.*

**CAUTION:** *In some Firefox and IE11 configurations, when showing this warning the browser will give the user the option to suppress further dialogs. Pilots should NOT click the box to suppress further dialog, as this will prevent the browser from displaying the popups which tell you which bids have been submitted vs saved.*

## Summary

This update provides three enhancements in version 18-5:

- The ability to add a bid (Award or Avoid) directly from filters created on the Pairing Screen
- The ability to add Pairing Number(s) Departing on (a) Date(s) directly from the Pairings Screen to a Current or Default Bid, and then edit that bid line on the Bid Screen to make it an ordered bid function
- Enhanced warnings in the browser dialog boxes advising exactly what bids were submitted and what was save in the case where the Current bid is closed at time of submission. **Remember: Saving your bid is not the same as submitting your bid. If you are online, submit your bids frequently. This will save your bids locally to your browser cache as well as on the server.**

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