# PBS TRAINING NEW HIRE

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# WHAT IS PBS?

- PBS stands for Preferential Bidding System.
- Navblue runs the web-based software that builds your individual monthly schedule, known as the Bid Preference System and/or PBS Scheduler.
- Schedule construction is based on your preferences, including both likes and dislikes for flying, specific pairings, and days off. The awards are in seniority order.



# Where to find all PBS information?

- Log into https://www.myenvoyair.com
- Go to **Departments**
- Click Flight Service
- Click PBS, Bidding, & Seniority Lists



# Everything PBS related can be found here



# **Bidding Tools:**



PBS Resources (updated 3/10/23)

**Bid Packets** 

#### 2. Preferential **Bidding System** (PBS) PBS System Login, news, inquiries, and

resources.

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# **Bidding Tools:**



#### 3. PBS Monthly Targets

Company targets for the upcoming bid month. This will show the number of each pre-bid option available. From here you can get an idea of how many lineholders and reserves are expected. By the **15<sup>th</sup>** the Company will update the 5% Minimum credit to be awarded.

#### 4. Bid Packets

Each bid packet contains: Bid Timeline, RBLs, RWOs, CDOs, Standby shifts, RAPs, transition trips and all bid month pairings.

#### **5. PBS Seniority Lists**

Base seniority lists; this information is updated every month on the **15<sup>th</sup>**. **Company Seniority List** This seniority list includes all FAs and is updated twice a year (January and July).

#### **PBS Targets**

PBS Targets	DFW	ORD	MIA
Total FA's	729	350	275
Total RBL's Awarded	18	9	4
CDO's Lines	0	0	0
RWO Lines	5	3	2
ZTL	0	0	0
TDY	-7	7	0
PBS FA's	699	345	269
Part-time	0	0	0
SB#	25	10	8

#### Target Information is total # per base of:

- RBL lines
- RWO lines
- Standby lines
- CD0 lines
- ZTL lines
- Part-time lines

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# **Bid Packets**



- **1. Timeline** contains contractual month dates, Pre-Bid and Bid dates and times.
- 2. Schedule Change Airline Schedule changes occur on this date
- **3. Monthly Calendar** not a contractual calendar!
- 4. Phone Numbers Crew Schedule, AVRS, and other important phone numbers.
- **5. FA Bid Summary** Lists lines available for Pre-bidding.
- 6. FA Standby Summary Lists the standby shifts available for pre-bidding.
- 7. FA Rap Summary Lists reserve availability periods for the bid month.

# **Bid Packets**



### **To Pre-bid or not to Pre-bid?**

ON THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH:

- 1. Review the Seniority Lists
- 2. Review the Targets
- 3. Review the Bid Packets: RBL, RWO, Standby shifts, ZTL, CDO & PT THEN ASK: DO I WANT ANY OF THESE OPTIONS?



#### **READY TO PRE-BID?**



#### **CLICK BIDDING SYSTEM LOGIN**

### **ON MY BIDDING (PRE-BID PAGE)**

#### **envoy** Preferential Bidding System



# **HOW TO PRE-BID**

- Click to highlight the option you want to request from the box on the left.
- Click the right-pointing arrow to move the option to the box on the right.
- Repeat the process until you have moved all your preferences to the boxes on the right (you can request as many options as you want).
- The options will be listed within the box in the same order you move them.
- If you wish to change the order, click to highlight the option and click the UP or DOWN arrow to move within the box.
- To remove an option, highlight the option and then click the left-pointing arrow to move the option to the box on the left.
- Once you are ready with all your preferences, click
- Once you click Save , you will be asked to Confirm, click Confirm
- ALWAYS save a screenshot of the confirmation window until pre-bid awards are posted.

### **Pre-bid results:**

Results are posted between the 13th of the month and the 14th of the month at noon cst



# **Bidding Timeline**



# **BID OVERVIEW**

The bidding process is to ask PBS for a block of pairings (a line) or a block of reserve. In order to be awarded either type of schedule seniority, legalities, and preference availability have to be considered.

#### Things to Remember when bidding

- Always look at the Targets before bidding to understand how seniority will affect your result.
- The bidding seniority is posted as Category Seniority on the Info Tab in Navblue. Always review it!! It will help you decide if adjustments to your bid need to be made.
- PBS DOES NOT BUILD THE PAIRINGS; the pairings are already built. All PBS does it combine them to reach the credit target.
- Holding a line of pairings once or during a certain period of time is not a guarantee that you will hold a line of pairings every month.
- For lineholders, PBS is all about credit and reaching the credit target, you have to focus on that.
- For reserves PBS is all about legality, you have to focus on that.

#### HOW TO ACCESS NAVBLUE FROM THE MAIN PBS PAGE?



#### **CLICK BIDDING SYSTEM LOGIN**

### ON THE MY BIDDING PAGE (PRE-BID PAGE)



### **BID PREFERENCE SYSTEM LOGIN**

#### The system will prompt for an **Offline Key**.

- Type **1234**
- Click Save

Offline Key	8
Please Create your Offline Key for using PBS in Offline Mode (Required to Continue)	
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# **SYNCHRONIZATION**

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- A: Automate on Start Up Check this box to automatically sync the data.
- **B:** Click Synchronize You will click it once if you select to automate on start up. If not, you will click synchronize every time you want to access Navblue.

# **NAVIGATION TABS**



### **INFO TAB**



- 1. Bidder Name and Employee Number
- 2. Bid Period, Bid Period Start and Bid Period End dates
- 3. Pie Chart with Pairings distribution based on Pairing length
- 4. Bidding information and Bidder Category Seniority (Bidding Seniority)
- 5. Displays upcoming activity, transition trips, absences, and restricted locations.

# **CALENDAR TAB**



- The Calendar displays your activities for the month.
- You can toggle between the Horizontal and Vertical view of the Calendar. To switch views, click on the calendar button in on the gray bar.
- This calendar will only display the PBS awards. For schedule updates and changes refer to DECS, FOS, or CCI.



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# **PAIRINGS TAB**



- In this tab you can view all the pairings available for the bid month.
- You can filter the pairings to narrow the search for specific pairings.
- For now, you will not use this tab, but if you want to learn more refer to the full PBS presentation on afaeagle.com

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## **RESULTS TAB**

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Results



- The Results Tab has two sections, **Awards** and **Reasons**
- Awards will display a list of your awards for the bid period.
- Reasons Report explains how PBS handled each of your bid preferences. For details on the reasons report, review the full PBS guide online.

### **BIDS TAB**

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Here you will enter, edit, and submit your Monthly Bid using either the Current or Default bid. Click on the tab with the name of the bid to start adding or editing your preferences.

# **BID TYPES**

CURRENT BID	DEFAULT BID
<ul> <li>Can be submitted only between the 15th and 20th of the month (1200 CST)</li> <li>Does not carry over. It will erase each month</li> <li>If created, it will always be read; even if a default bid exists</li> <li>White Background</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can be submitted at any time</li> <li>Carries over from month to month unless the FA transfers, goes on a leave, or on TDY</li> <li>Will only be used if no current bid exists</li> <li>Yellow background</li> </ul>



NOTE: PBS does not read both bids and does not jump from one bid to the other. Default bid will be used only if no Current bid exists.

# **USE YOUR DEFAULT BID !!!**

YOU WILL BE USING YOUR DEFAULT BID, BECAUSE YOU WILL MAKE VERY FEW CHANGES TO IT DURING THE FIRST MONTHS

## IMPORTANT!!!





### **STARTING A PAIRINGS BID GROUP**





## WAIVE BID PREFERENCES

Waivers are used to allow certain pairing combinations that otherwise would be not possible due to contractual restrictions. Their use is optional and it is the bidder's choice to use some or all of them.

#### 1. Click Waive

2. Select the waiver you want to use, one at a time

3. Each time clicking Apply

Minimum 2 Days Off In<br/>A RowWaive the required 2 days off every time you are awarded a day<br/>off. This reduces the minimum days off from 2 to 1.No Same Day PairingsAllows PBS to award a pairing beginning the same day another<br/>pairing ends, providing you meet all legalities.1 Day Off in 7Allow 24 hours free from duty in lieu of a calendar day in<br/>domicile per 7-day period.

#### WAIVERS

MINIMUM 2 DAYS OFF IN A ROW

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NO SAME DAY PAIRING

1 DAY OFF IN 7

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# **SET CONDITION**

1. Select Set Condition

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- 2. Select Minimum Credit Window
- 3. Click Apply

- PBS has three credit targets: Minimum credit (65), Normal Credit (75), and Maximum Credit (91)
- The credit window is the target of hours PBS must reach to complete your pairings block
- The lowest number of minimum credit lines awarded will never be less than 5% of the domicile population. But depending on the targets it may be awarded to more than 5%.
- That is why it is so important to include Set Condition Minimum Credit in your pairings bid group.
- This will not guarantee that you will hold a line, but it does increase the chances.

# **AWARD PAIRINGS**

1. Select Award Pairings



 Then Select Average Daily Credit (average of hours per day on a pairing)

	Aircraft Type
	Average Daily Block
	Time
. /	Average Daily Credit

3. Click - Select-



6. Change the credit hours 000 to 006

Apply

- 7. Click Apply
- 8. Change the 006 to 005 and Apply
- 9. Change 005 to 004 and Apply
- **10.** Change 004 to 003 and

### **AWARD PAIRINGS**

8. Click on 🖌 Back To Award Pairings

9. Then Click on the check mark von Average Daily Credit to deselect it

10. Scroll down to Pairing Check-In and click Station

Apply

11. Click on None Selected -

\*\*Example: MIA

**Click** apply

13.

12. Click on the base so it turns dark gray, with a check mark

- This is how your bid should look if you used all waivers
- If you did not use all the waivers, it should be similar but without 2, 3, and 4



- Your Pairings Bid is complete, let's Submit so we do not lose the work done
- Click on the Submit symbol

### Now that your Pairings Bid is ready...

Submit

# ... let's do your... ...RESERVE BID

#### **Remember:**

RBL and RWO lines can only be bid during the **Pre-Bid** process. This section only refers to creating a **Reserve Bid Group** within your bid in the PBS Scheduler (Navblue).

- **The Start Reserve** bid instructs the PBS Scheduler to build you a reserve schedule.
- The PBS Scheduler does not move back to your previous bid groups. All preferences must be restated in each bid group.

# What can I prefer for when bidding Reserve?

Reserve bidders will only have the option to prefer for Days off

When preferring for days off, the bidder can use:

- The default 4-3-2-2 days off combination
- A specific combination other than 4-3-2-2
- Set condition combinations with or without date range

# **PREFER OFF BID NOTES**

The PBS Scheduler takes the listing order into consideration when honoring the Prefer Off Bid Preferences.



# RGO - <u>R</u>ESERVE <u>G</u>OLDEN <u>O</u>FF

- To have PBS assign RGOs to the prefer off days of your preference, they must be listed first on a single bid line, separate from other prefer off days.
- RGOs must be three consecutive days off.
- RGOs must begin on the first day of a block of days off.
- RGOs will be placed according to the flight attendant's bid, if possible.
- If none of the prefer off bids can be contained within RGOs, RGOs will be placed according to coverage needs.
- If there are no prefer off bids, RGOs will be placed according to coverage needs.
- If there are no blocks of three or more days off, no RGOs will be awarded.

### PARAMETERS FOR DAYS OFF ON PBS

PBS is defaulted to build a Reserve block with:

- One block of 4 days off in a row
- One block of 3 days off in a row
- Two separate blocks of 2 days off in a row

Meaning that if a FA does not request any days off or does not request a different arrangement of days off the system will assign the 4-3-2-2 combination. However, said combination could be adjusted by the bidder. Most times waivers will be required if a special combination of days is preferred for.



#### PARAMETERS TO BUILD A RESERVE LINE

- **Two Blocks Of 2 Days Off** The 2 blocks of 2 **can't be waived**. They may be contained in a group that is exactly a block of two or a larger group.
- **6 Working Days** No block of working days may exceed 6 days in a row. They may be less, but no more.
- **Single reserve days** Will not be honored, unless that day is adjacent to workdays from the previous month, or a pre-planned work day like Training Day.
- **11 days off** Reserve blocks will contain 11 days off. When requesting days off you may select less than 11, not more. If more are selected, some will be denied.
- **Single days off** If single days off are preferred for the "Waive minimum 2 Days Off" must be inserted in the bid group.
- Block of 4 Days Off If the bid group does not contain a block of 4 days off, the "Waive Block of 4 Days Off" must be inserted in the bid group.
- Block Of 3 Days Off If the bid group does not contain a block of 3 days off, the "Waive Block of 3 Days Off" must be inserted in the bid group.

### **RESERVE BIDDING WAIVE OPTIONS**



- Minimum 2 Days Off In a Row: Allows your schedule to be completed with instances of single days off.
- Block of 4 Days Off: Allows your schedule to be completed without a block of 4 days off.
- Block of 3 Days Off: Allows your schedule to be completed without a block of 3 days off.

### **The Questions:**

We have put together a series of questions that will help you make sure that your bid for Reserve Prefer Off is Correct. Always ask the first question first, the other questions do not have to be in the same order.

- •Do I have 2 blocks of 2? If no, fix it
- •Do I have single working days? If yes, fix it
- •Do I have more than 6 consecutive working days? If yes, fix it
- •Do I have more than 11 days off total? If yes, fix it
- •Do I have a block of 3? If no, use the waiver
- •Do I have a block of 4? If no, use the waiver
- •Do I have single days off? If yes, use the waiver

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- •Do I have 2 blocks of 2? If no, fix it
- •Do I have single working days? If yes, fix it
- •Do I have more than 6 consecutive working days? If yes, fix it
- •Do I have more than 11 days off total? If yes, fix it
- •Do I have a block of 3? If no, use the waiver
- •Do I have a block of 4? If no, use the waiver
- •Do I have single days off? If yes, use the waiver

WE WILL WORK WITH YOU MAKING SURE THAT YOU HAVE LEGAL BLOCKS TO SUBMIT. IF YOU CARE FOR A DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENT, LET US KNOW, TO SEE IF IT WOULD WORK. **ONCE WE ARE DONE PLEASE SUBMIT** YOUR BID AND TAKE A PICTURE OF YOUR CONFIRMATION NUMBER

(ALWAYS DO!!)

- If selecting specific dates:
  - Go to Prefer Off
  - Select Date list
  - Click on your desired days off
- If selecting a number of days with no specific dates:
  - Go to Set Condition
  - Select Consecutive Days Off
- Once you are done, we need to make sure it is a legal preference. How do you know? Ask the questions:
  - Do I have 2 blocks of 2?
  - Do I have more than 6 work days in a row?
  - Do I have single working days?
  - Do I have a block of 3?
  - Do I have a block of 4?
  - Do I have single days off?
  - Do I have more than 11 days off?