2023 (Men’s) Pro Circuit Handbook Wild Card Policy

This Policy has to be read together with the Men’s Pro Circuit Handbook.

Definitions

Wild Card: Slot in a Pro Event that is directly allocated without a qualifier or underlying qualification process.

There are 2 kinds of Wild Cards:

1. Host Wild Card (“HWC”):
   Wild Card owned and allocated by the host of a Pro Event. Those HWC can be either in an own event or in another Pro Event, so called cross Wild Card (“X-HWC”). X-HWC are agreed on host contract with the respective event host, e.g. a typical X-HWC are the one ceded to the host of the World Tour Final.
   HWC are ceded by FIBA to an event host and such event host allocates the slot at its discretion, in concordance with this policy.

2. FIBA Wild Card (“FWC”):
   Wild Cards are sold and invoiced by FIBA to a specific team or a FIBA partner.

X-HWC

Time of allocation:

- Until 1 May: owner of X-HWC slots can chose the respective WT or Challenger (subject to 3 months pre-notice and availability)
- After 1 May and until 1 July: owner of X-HWC has only slot guaranteed. WT or Challenger allocation is decided by FIBA.
- After 1 July: X-HWC subject to availability

The number of X-HWC are strictly limited and linked to contracts signed before 1 May.

FWC

The number of FWC per season is limited to 5 slots in WT and 15 slots in Challengers. The maximum number of FWC that a single team can buy is 1 in WT and 3 in Challengers, however Hard Seeded Teams cannot acquire FWC. No FWC can be bought after 1 September.

Interested parties have to write to 3x3Proteams@fiba.com stating:
   - the requested slot(s) including for which specific event if relevant,
   - team (or at least nationality of the team)
   - price offered by slot,

a decision will be taken 1 March, 1 May, 1 July and 1 September based on hosting of Pro Events, conditions, universality and first arrive-first serve as tiebreaker.
Allocation principle of FWC:

- A FWC is allocated to a given Validated Team based on a first arrive, first serve logic and is not transferable. The resale of FWC is not allowed.
- FWC bought until 1 May have to be assigned to a specific Validated Team and allocated to a specific Pro Event before 1 July (subject to availability and in concordance with this policy)
- FWC bought after 1 July have to be assigned to a specific Validated Team and allocated to specific Pro Event at acquisition (and in concordance with this policy)
- No more than 2 FWC per event can be allocated (subject to availability and FIBA’s discretion)

Note: FIBA reserves right to change this policy without pre-notice.

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