

Schedule facilitation rules - Winter 2017 scheduling season

Hamad International airport

- **Services operated during the previous equivalent period**

Services that plan to operate unchanged from the previous equivalent season should have priority over services that plan to change time or other capacity-relevant parameter.

- **Introduction of Year Round Operations**

New operations that extend an existing operation into a year round operation should have priority over other new operations

- **Effective Period of Operation**

The schedule that will be effective for a longer period of operation in the same season should have priority over any schedule for a shorter period.

- **New Entrants**

Flights with a new entrant status will have priority, especially flights introducing new destinations. New flights with a higher seat capacity should have priority over new flights with a lower seat capacity. In addition, new flights with expected higher transfer traffic will have priority over new flights with expected lower transfer traffic.

- **Ad Hoc Operations**

Regularly planned operations should have priority over ad hoc operations.

- **Operational Factors**

Operations that are constrained by slots or a curfew period at their intended final destination, or other relevant operational factors, should have priority over other demand where the air carrier may have timing flexibility.

- **Type of Service and Market**

The balance of the different types of services (scheduled, charter and cargo) and markets (domestic, regional and long haul), and the development of the airport route network should be considered.

- **Requirements of the Travelling Public and Other Users**

Facilitator should try to ensure that the needs of the travelling public and shippers are met as far as possible. In this manner, during specific time periods of the year (e.g. national or public holidays), ad-hoc flights supporting the related seasonal traffic should have priority over other non-related ad-hoc flights.

- **Local Guidelines**

The facilitator must take local guidelines into account. Such guidelines should be approved by the Schedule Facilitation Committee.