



Critical Care Anesthesiology Fellowship Match 2024

Match Exceptions Policies

SOCCA Program Director's Advisory Council (PDAC)

SOCCA Match Exceptions



- The SOCCA PDAC acknowledges the use of the SF Match for the Fellowship Application and Matching Process.
- SOCCA recognizes an “Exception Agreement” process that may occur before the date on which rank lists are due but before the agreed-upon date by the SOCCA Program Director’s Advisory Council.
- There are six agreed-upon instances where a program and an applicant may agree to use an Exception Agreement.
- All programs and applicants must still register and complete their rank list in the SF Match.

Match Exception Approved Instances



Applicants who meet the following requirements may participate in a match exception agreement with a single program:

1. Active military service at the time of application
2. Making a commitment to come to the institution of the ACCM fellowship for more than one year (second fellowship year for EM, ACTA, or any other approved second year)
3. Enrolled in an anesthesiology residency outside of the USA at the time of the application
4. Reside outside of the USA at the time of the application or who are not eligible for ABA certification due to non-US training.
5. The spouse or partner is applying for a GME-approved post-graduate training program in a medical specialty in the same region as the ACCM fellowship.
6. Internal candidates (i.e., applicants who are currently in the anesthesiology or emergency medicine residency program at the same institution as the ACCM fellowship)

The Match Exception Agreement Process



- The Match Exception Agreement Process Opens on **April 1st, 2024**
 - **Discussions regarding offers between a candidate and a program are prohibited before this date.**
- On or after 04/01/2024, a Program Director can contact applicants who meet the criteria to offer an exception.
 - **Programs are required to offer the candidate a minimum of 72 hours to accept or decline the offer.**
- If an applicant chooses to accept the offer, the Program Director will submit a **Program Exception Agreement Form** on the SOCCA Webpage.
- The applicant will receive a confirmation email with a link to complete the **Applicant Exception Agreement Form**.
- **Once both forms are complete, each party will receive an email confirmation that the Process is Complete.**
 - The agreement is not finalized until each party has submitted the completed agreement form AND each party has received a confirmatory email from [SOCCA](https://socca.org)
- Completed match exceptions will be visible online on the SOCCA webpage: <https://socca.org/fellowships-overview/>

Match Exception Agreement within SF Match



- It is important to note that the agreement solidifies a guaranteed match between the program and the applicant.
 - Both parties are committed to ranking each other to match in the SF Match.
- Agreements Must Be Offered and Completed Within the Following Timeframe: **April 1st– May 11th, 2024**

Tips for Candidates



- Review the rules for the Match Exception Agreement Process. If you meet the criteria for an exception agreement, alert the program at the time of your interview.
- Ask Program Directors if they participate in the Match Exception Agreement Process.
 - Not all programs will use this process and will proceed with standard SF Match timelines and rules.
 - Some programs may only offer exception agreements for certain instances but not others. Please clarify with each program.
- If you plan to participate in a match exception agreement process, be prepared on 04/01/24 to discuss the offers you receive and respond in a timely fashion.
 - You are offered 72 hours to finalize a decision with a program. Please recognize that if you are entertaining multiple exception offers, this may prevent someone else from getting an offer in a timely fashion.
- Discussing this process with PDs on the day of the interview is acceptable, but no offers can occur before the opening date (04/01/24).
- If you do not meet the criteria for a match exception agreement process, it is encouraged for you to inquire with individual programs regarding how many positions in the match they offer through the exception process and the agreement process. Please note that once exceptions are offered and finalized, they will be posted on the SOCCA website for all candidates and programs to view after 04/01/24. <https://socca.org/fellowships-overview/>

Clarifications



- Match Exception Agreements were developed to prioritize applicants with extenuating circumstances limiting full involvement in the Match.
- Match Exception Agreements are not “out of the match” positions. The SOCCA PDAC does not endorse “out of the match” positions and encourages all programs to use the SF Match process.
- Match Exception Agreements are not considered “match violations” if completed within the rules and policies of the Match Exception Agreement outlined in this document and located on the SOCCA webpage.
- Applicants and Programs are encouraged to report or inquire about instances that do not align with the SF Match rules and/or the SOCCA Match Exception Rules.

Information



- Please refer to the SOCCA website for a full description of the Match Exception Process: <https://socca.org/fellowships-overview/>
- Please reach out to the following people with concerns or questions:
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