

# Ranking Applicants in the 2026 Main Residency Match®

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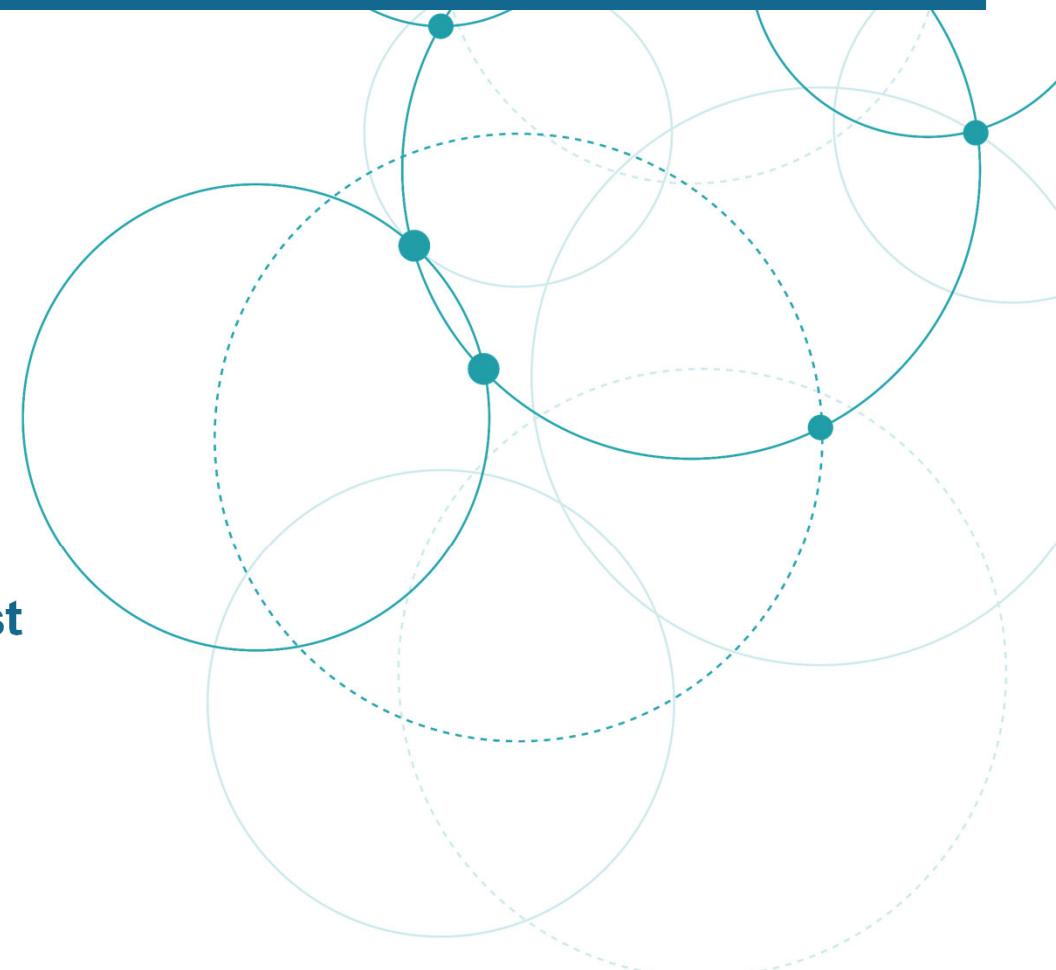
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**THE MATCH**  
NATIONAL RESIDENT MATCHING PROGRAM®

# Agenda

1. Match Calendar
2. Quota Changes and Withdrawals
3. Setting Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program® (SOAP®) Participation Status
4. Creating and Certifying a Rank Order List
5. The Matching Algorithm
6. Match Policies
7. Q & A

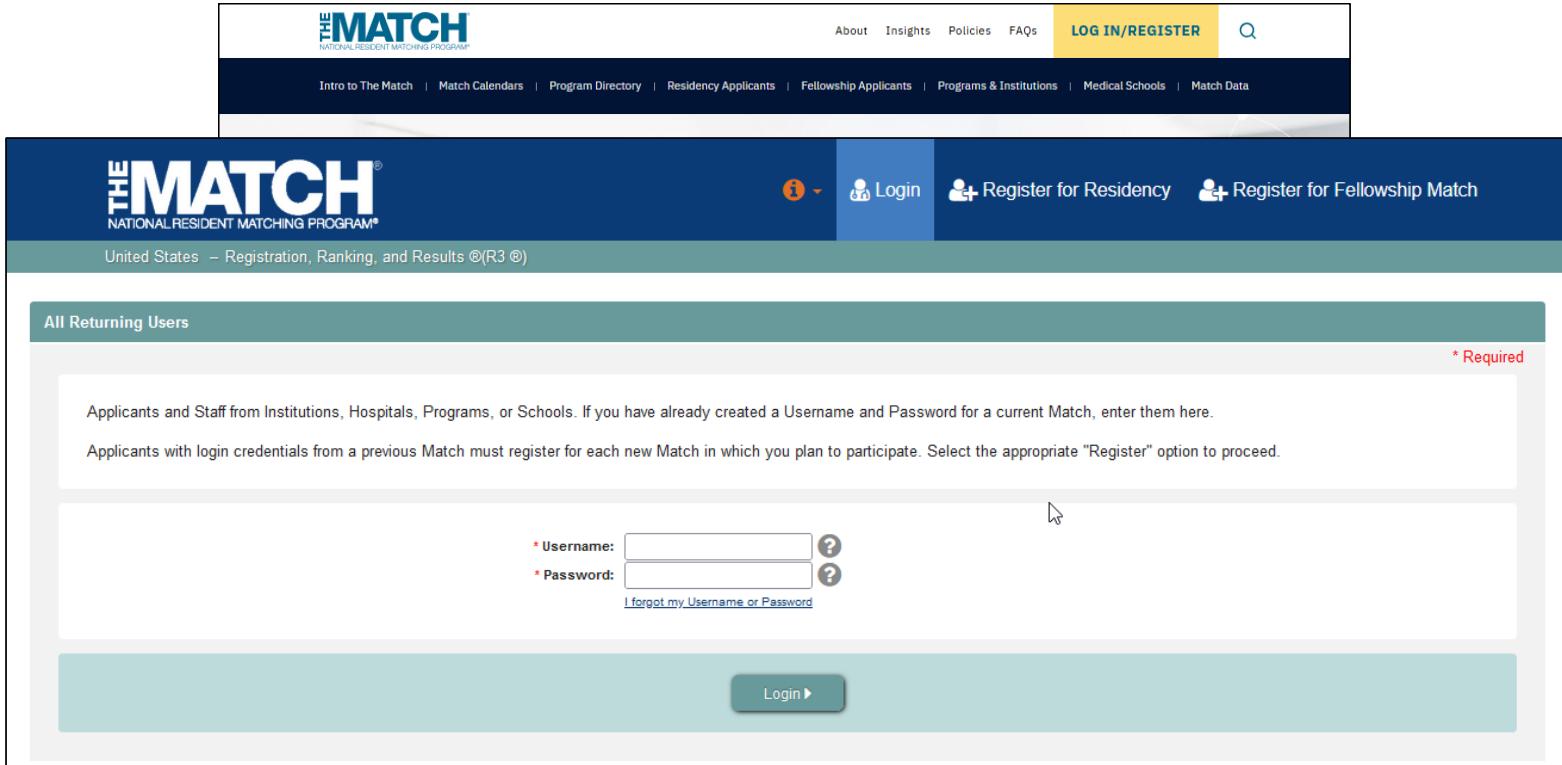


# Match Calendar

<b>Friday, January 30</b> <b>11:59 P.M. ET</b>	Quota Change, Withdrawal, & SOAP® Participation Status Deadline
<b>Monday, February 2</b> <b>12:00 P.M. ET</b>	Ranking Opens for applicants and programs
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b> <b>9:00 P.M. ET</b>	Rank Order List (ROL) Certification Deadline for applicants and programs
<b>Monday, March 16</b> <b>10:00 A.M. ET</b>	Match Week Begins Program and Applicant Match Status Released
<b>Tuesday, March 17</b> <b>8:00 A.M. ET</b>	Programs can review SOAP applications in their designated application service and begin interviewing
<b>Thursday, March 19</b> <b>9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M. ET</b>	Four SOAP Rounds
<b>Friday, March 20</b> <b>12:00 P.M. ET</b>	Match Day!



# R3® System



The screenshot displays the homepage of THE MATCH (National Resident Matching Program). The top navigation bar includes links for About, Insights, Policies, FAQs, and a prominent yellow "LOG IN/REGISTER" button. Below the navigation is a secondary menu with links to Intro to The Match, Match Calendars, Program Directory, Residency Applicants, Fellowship Applicants, Programs & Institutions, Medical Schools, and Match Data. The main content area features the THE MATCH logo and navigation links for "Login", "Register for Residency", and "Register for Fellowship Match". A sub-header indicates "United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3 ®)". The "All Returning Users" section contains instructions for applicants and staff, including fields for "Username" and "Password". A "Login" button is located at the bottom of this section. At the very bottom of the page, a timeline for the R3 System is shown with three key dates: December 01, 2025, November 13, 2025, and October 30, 2025.

Match	December 01, 2025	November 13, 2025	October 30, 2025
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# Match Home Page

The screenshot shows the Match Home Page with several key areas highlighted:

- Header:** The Match logo, a bell icon with a red outline, and a user profile for "Claudia Jean Clegg".
- Header Submenu:** United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results (R3)
- Profile Section:** Institution: National Medical Center - Washington, DC; Role: Program Director; Username: cjelegg
- Program Management Section:** You currently have 2 Active Programs in the Match. Click a Program Description to manage the Program.
- Program Table:** A table showing two programs: Internal Medicine (1000140C0, ACTIVE, Director: Claudia Jean Clegg, Reversions: D0 R0, Current Quota: 3, SOAP: Pending) and Medicine-Preliminary (1000140P0, ACTIVE, Director: Claudia Jean Clegg, Reversions: D0 R0, Current Quota: 2, SOAP: Pending). A red arrow points to the "Internal Medicine" row.
- Calendar Section:** A list of dates and events:
  - Feb 01: Rank order list entry begins at 12:00 noon ET for all users
  - Feb 28: Rank Order List Deadline and deadline to withdraw from the Main Residency Match! Rank order lists must be certified no later than 9:00 p.m. ET.
  - Mar 15: Match Day! Match results released in R3® system at 12:00 noon ET.A red box surrounds the Feb 01 and Feb 28 entries, and another red box surrounds the entire calendar section.
- Footer:** Click here for the complete Main Residency Match Calendar

# Match Home Page

The screenshot shows the Match Home Page for the National Resident Matching Program. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Options, and a user profile for Claudia Jean Clegg. The main content area displays program details for National Medical Center - Washington, DC, including the NRMP Institution Code (1000), ACGME Inst Code (999999), and NRMP Program Code (1000140C0). Below this, a sidebar lists various program management sections: Status, Quota, SOAP Participation, Change Requests & Approvals, Program Director/Coord, Program Directory Information, and Reversions. Each section has a corresponding dropdown arrow icon.

**View Program Details**

**Institution:** [National Medical Center - Washington, DC](#)

**Role:** Program Director

**Username:** [cjcregg](#)

**Institution Status:** ACTIVE

**Program Name:** Internal Medicine

**Program Type:** Categorical

**Program Status:** ACTIVE

**NRMP Institution Code:** 1000

**ACGME Inst Code:** 999999

**NRMP Program Code:** [1000140C0](#)

**ACGME Program Code:** 1401223181

**SOAP Participation:** Pending

**Status**

**Quota**

**SOAP Participation**

**Change Requests & Approvals**

**Program Director/Coord**

**Program Directory Information**

**Reversions**

# Quota Changes & Withdrawals

- Quota is the number of positions to be filled in the Match.
- Quota information rolls over from the previous Match for each program.
- The Program Director (PD) is responsible for confirming the program's quota, making any changes, or withdrawing the program.
- The PD must be registered before the Quota Change Deadline to review or change the quota.
- The Institutional Official (IO) is responsible for approving all quota changes and withdrawals.

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United States – Registration, Ranking, and Results ®(R3 ®)

**View Program Details**

Institution: <a href="#">National Medical Center - Washington, DC</a>	NRMP Institution Code: 1000
Role: Program Director	ACGME Inst Code: 999999
Username: <a href="#">cjcregg</a>	NRMP Program Code: <a href="#">1000140C0</a>
Institution Status: ACTIVE	ACGME Program Code: 1401223181
Program Name: Internal Medicine	SOAP Participation: <b>Pending</b>
Program Type: Categorical	
Program Status: ACTIVE	

**Status**

**Quota**  

**SOAP Participation**

**Change Requests & Approvals**

**Program Director/Coord**

**Program Directory Information**

**Reversions**

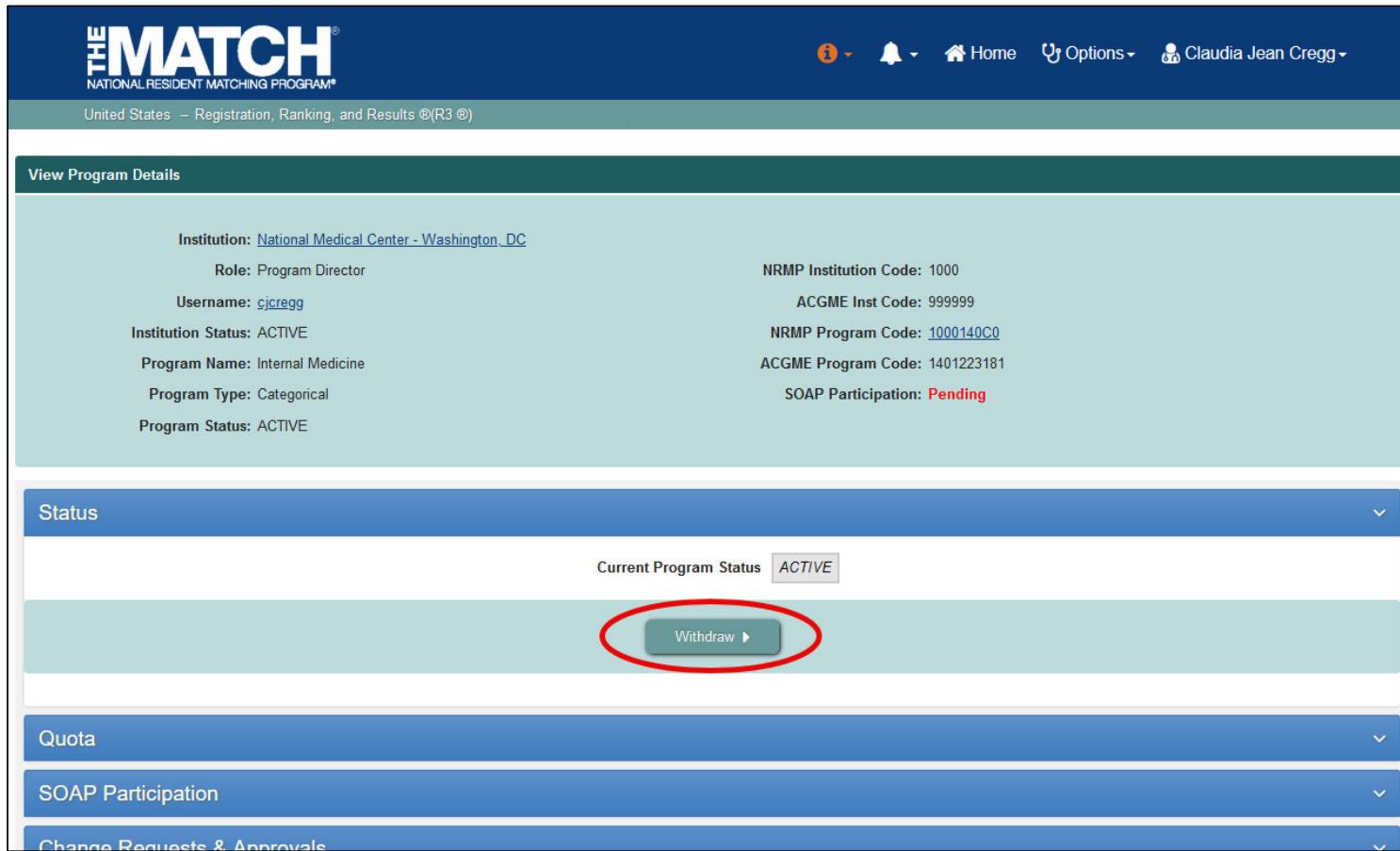
Quota

You may change current quota here, or go to the [Reversions](#) tab to donate potential unfilled positions to other programs.

Initial Quota

Current Quota





The screenshot shows the THE MATCH program details page for a program at National Medical Center - Washington, DC. The page includes the following information:

Program Details	NRMP/ACGME Codes
Institution: National Medical Center - Washington, DC	NRMP Institution Code: 1000
Role: Program Director	ACGME Inst Code: 999999
Username: cjcregg	NRMP Program Code: 1000140C0
Institution Status: ACTIVE	ACGME Program Code: 1401223181
Program Name: Internal Medicine	SOAP Participation: Pending
Program Type: Categorical	
Program Status: ACTIVE	

The 'Status' section shows the 'Current Program Status' as 'ACTIVE'. A 'Withdraw' button is visible in this section, and it is circled with a red line.

Other sections visible on the page include 'Quota', 'SOAP Participation', and 'Change Requests & Approvals'.

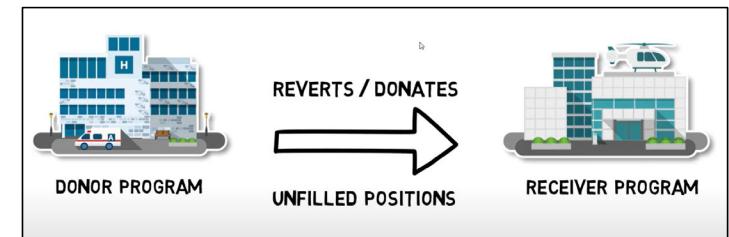
# Joint A-P and Reversions

## Joint Advanced-Preliminary

- Link an advanced (A) program with a preliminary (P) program to create a full course of training for applicants.
- Only applicants ranking the A program on their primary ROL can rank the joined P program on the attached supplemental ROL.
- Must be entered and approved by January 30th, before ranking opens.

## Reversions

- Donate unfilled positions in one program or track to another during the matching process.
- Reversions do not roll over. Must be created and approved by the ROL Certification Deadline.



# Setting SOAP Participation

- SOAP Participation status should be set in the R3 system by the January 30 Quota Change Deadline.
- Programs electing to participate in SOAP agree to offer unfilled positions ONLY through SOAP.
- Programs electing not to participate in SOAP are prohibited from extending any offers until after SOAP concludes on Thursday of Match Week.



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View Program Details

Institution: [National Medical Center - Washington, DC](#)  
Role: Program Director  
Username: [cjcregg](#)  
Institution Status: ACTIVE  
Program Name: Internal Medicine  
Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: ACTIVE

NRMP Institution Code: 1000  
ACGME Inst Code: 999999  
NRMP Program Code: [1000140C0](#)  
ACGME Program Code: 1401223181  
SOAP Participation: [Pending](#)

Status

Quota

**SOAP Participation**

Change Requests & Approvals

Program Director/Coord

Program Directory Information

Reversions

Quota

SOAP Participation

Will this program participate in the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP)?

Yes, the program will participate in SOAP to fill available positions during Match Week  
 No, the program opts out and will not extend offers for any unfilled positions until after Match Week



Change Requests & Approvals

Program Director/Coord

Quota

SOAP Participation

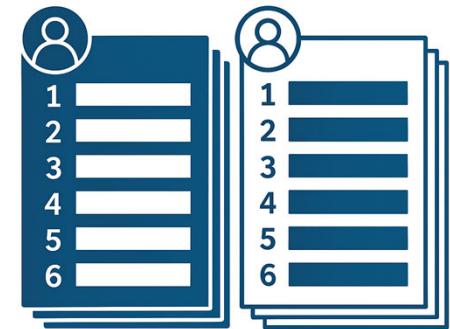
Change Requests & Approvals

Pending Program Change Requests

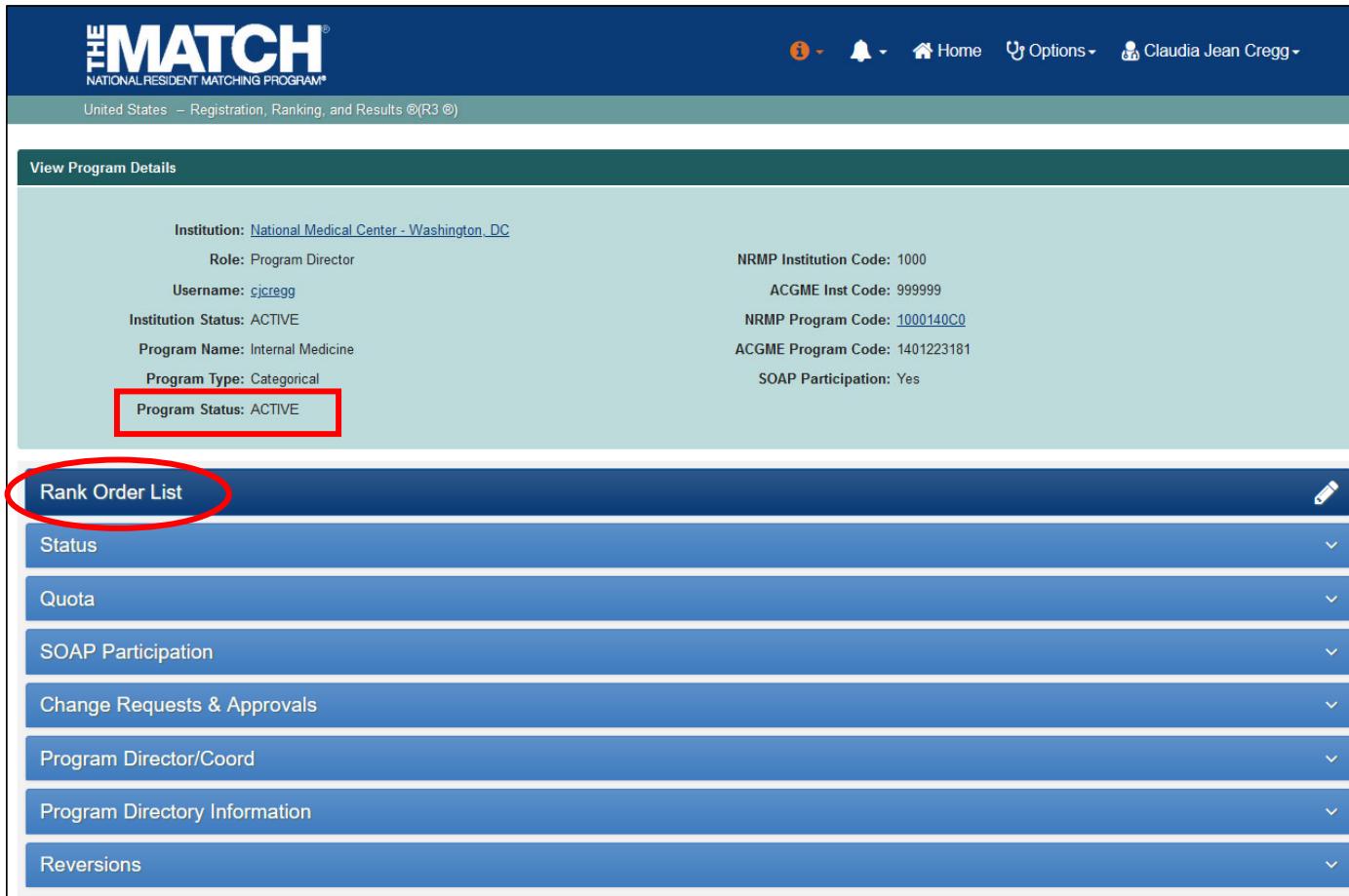
Change Requested By:	Change Type	Old Value	New Value	Change Request Date	Change Decision
Claudia Jean Clegg	SOAP Participation	P	Y	19 Jan 04:03:41	PENDING
Claudia Jean Clegg	Quota Change	3	5	19 Jan 04:04:35	PENDING

# Creating a Rank Order List (ROL)

- Ranking function opens in the NRMP R3 system at 12:00 p.m. ET on Monday, February 2.
- ROLs can be entered by either the PD or PC.
- PD is responsible for certifying the list.
- Applicants are ranked in order of preference, with the most preferred applicant ranked first.
- Multiple methods are available in the R3 system to enter and edit a ROL.



## Add by NRMP ID



The screenshot shows the THE MATCH National Resident Matching Program website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Options, and a user profile for Claudia Jean Clegg. The main content area displays 'View Program Details' for the National Medical Center - Washington, DC. Key program details shown include:

- Institution: National Medical Center - Washington, DC
- Role: Program Director
- Username: [cjcregg](#)
- Institution Status: ACTIVE
- Program Name: Internal Medicine
- Program Type: Categorical
- Program Status: ACTIVE
- NRMP Institution Code: 1000
- ACGME Inst Code: 999999
- NRMP Program Code: [1000140C0](#)
- ACGME Program Code: 1401223181
- SOAP Participation: Yes

A red box highlights the 'Program Status: ACTIVE' field. Below this, a red circle highlights the 'Rank Order List' button, which is part of a horizontal navigation bar. The other items in the bar are: Status, Quota, SOAP Participation, Change Requests & Approvals, Program Director/Coord, Program Directory Information, and Reversions. Each item has a dropdown arrow icon to its right.

# Add by NRMP ID

Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: ACTIVE

Program Rank Order List

• You may add Applicants to the list by entering their NRMP ID or AAMC ID below, searching for them on the "Find & Add Applicants" tab, or entering multiple IDs in the "Import Applicant List" tab.  
• Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move an Applicant's rank.  
• Select the red X on any Applicant record below to delete them from the list.  
• Do not open or edit Rank Order Lists in multiple tabs or browsers simultaneously.

**Find & Add Applicant**   **Certify List**   **Import**  
**Cancel Changes**   **Save**   **Search my List**   **Print**   **Delete All**

Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
1		N1000954					<b>Add Applicant &amp; Save</b>

# Add by NRMP ID

Program Name: Internal Medicine      ACGME Program Code: 1401223181

Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: **RANKING**

Program Rank Order List

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• Click, drag and drop the icons in the "Drag & Drop" column to move an Applicant's rank.

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Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
	1	<a href="#">Hayes, Ainsley Alexandria</a>	Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	ACTIVE	N1000954	44599873	

**Buttons:**

- Find & Add Applicant
- Certify List
- Import
- Cancel Changes
- Save
- Search my List
- Print
- Delete All

2      Applicant NRMP ID or AAMC ID      Add Applicant & Save

# Find & Add Applicants

Program Name: Internal Medicine      ACGME Program Code: 1401223181

Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: RANKING

Program Rank Order List

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# Find & Add Applicants

Program Name: Internal Medicine  
Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: RANKING  
ACGME Program Code: 1401223181

**Find & Add Applicants**

NRMP ID:   
AAMC ID:   
USMLE/ECFMG ID:   
First Name: Julia  
Last Name: Jones  
Medical School Name:   
+ Select a School

Reset **Search** (The 'Search' button is highlighted with a red box)

Cancel Add Selected Applicants to ROL & Save

Import Delete All

ID	AAMC ID	Remove
12345	44599873	X

Drag & Drop Rank Apply

Cancel Changes Save Search my List Print Delete All

2 Applicant NRMP ID or AAMC ID Add Applicant & Save

# Find & Add Applicants

Role: Program Director

Username: [cjgregg](#)

Institution Status: ACTIVE

Program Name: Internal Medicine

Program Type: Categorical

Program Status: **RANKING**

NRMP Institution Code: 1000

**Find & Add Applicants**

NRMP ID

AAMC ID

USMLE/ECFMG ID

First Name

Last Name

Medical School Name

[+ Select a School](#)

[Reset](#)

[Search](#)

There are 1 applicants matching your query. Click any column header to sort by that column.

□	Applicant	School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	USMLE/ECFMG ID
<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Jones</a> <a href="#">Julia</a>	University of Alabama School of Medicine	ACTIVE	N0957794	87314594	5-555-555-5

[« First](#)

1 to 1 of 1 rows

[Last »](#)

[Cancel](#)

[Add Selected Applicants to ROL & Save](#)

# Find & Add Applicants

Program Status: **RANKING**

**Program Rank Order List**

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Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
	1	<a href="#">Hayes, Ainsley Alexandria</a>	Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	ACTIVE	N1000954	44599873	
	2	<a href="#">Jones, Julia</a>	University of Alabama School of Medicine	ACTIVE	N0957794	87314594	

**Find & Add Applicant**   **Certify List**   **Import**

**Cancel Changes**   **Save**   **Search my List**   **Print**   **Delete All**

**Cancel Changes**   **Save**   **Search my List**   **Print**   **Delete All**

3      **Add Applicant & Save**

# Importing Applicants

Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: ACTIVE

Program Rank Order List

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- Select the red X on any Applicant record below to delete them from the list.
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**Import** (button highlighted with a red box)

Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
1							Add Applicant & Save

# Importing Applicants

In addition to entering a rank order list rank by rank, you can import a comma delimited, text file into the R3 system to create a rank order list.

The file must contain both the applicant's rank number and one of the three identifiers (NRMP ID, USMLE ID, or AAMC ID). The NRMP ID is the preferred identifier for the ROL import since it is the only required identifier for applicants in the R3 system. The applicant's rank number and one identifier MUST be the first two elements, and each element MUST be separated by a comma. Only one rank per line is permitted.

From ranking data created in an Excel File:

- Save the Excel file as Comma delimited type (.csv)
- Open the saved file in Notepad
- Select the identifier you are using in the file from the options below. NRMP ID is recommended for the most comprehensive results.
- Copy and paste the contents of the file from Notepad in the File Contents box. See example below.
- Click "Upload Applicants and Save List"

All applicants you intend to rank may not be found using the import function. Applicants who are not found may not have registered yet with the NRMP or may not have entered the identifier you selected. Please review your imported ROL carefully and search for individual applicants who may not have been imported in the "Find and Add Applicants" function to add them to your ROL.

**Example:**

```
1,N0123456
2,N0234567
3,N0345678
4,N0456789
5,N0567890
```

Please indicate which of the 3 identifiers you are using in the file. You can only use one of these identifiers.

NRMP ID  USMLE ID  AAMC ID

**File Contents:**

```
1,N0957794
2,N1000954
3,N0995392
4,N1001104
5,N0967622
```

**Buttons:** Cancel, Clear Contents, **Upload Applicants & Save List**

# Importing Applicants

Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: RANKING

**View ROL Import File**

The following applicants were found in the Import file. Only applicants with an "OK" in the message will be imported. You may continue to import this list and make additional changes manually, or you may select Cancel to re-enter and fix the import file and perform this operation again.

Record #	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	USMLE ID	Name	Message
1	N0957794	87314594	5-555-555-5	Julia Jones	OK
2	N1000954	44599873	5-555-555-5	Ainsley Hayes	OK
3	N0995392	62749781	5-555-555-5	Oscar Sanchez	OK
4	N1001104	75482133	--	Timothy Majersky	OK
5	N0967622	64479123	5-555-555-5	Emma Filali	OK

**Import**  **Cancel**

# Importing Applicants

Program Rank Order List

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• Select the red X on any Applicant record below to delete them from the list.  
• Do not open or edit Rank Order Lists in multiple tabs or browsers simultaneously.

**Find & Add Applicant** **Certify List** **Import**

**Cancel Changes** **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

Drag & Drop	Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID	Remove
	1	<a href="#">Jones, Julia</a>	University of Alabama School of Medicine	ACTIVE	N0957794	87314594	X
	2	<a href="#">Hayes, Ainsley Alexandria</a>	Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University	ACTIVE	N1000954	44599873	X
	3	<a href="#">Sanchez, Oscar</a>	State University of New York Upstate Medical University	ACTIVE	N0995392	62749781	X
	4	<a href="#">Majersky, Timothy</a>	Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific	ACTIVE	N1001104	75482133	X
	5	<a href="#">Filali, Emma</a>	University of Utah School of Medicine	ACTIVE	N0967622	64479123	X

**Cancel Changes** **Save** **Search my List** **Print** **Delete All**

6  **Add Applicant & Save**

## Other Features

Program Rank Order List

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- Select the red X on any Applicant record below to delete them from the list.
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# Certifying the ROL

Program Rank Order List

Institution: [National Medical Center - Washington, DC](#)  
Role: Program Director  
Username: [cjcregg](#)  
Institution Status: ACTIVE  
Program Name: Internal Medicine  
Program Type: Categorical  
Program Status: **CERTIFIED**

NRMP Institution Code: 1000  
ACGME Inst Code: 999999  
NRMP Program Code: [1000140C0](#)  
ACGME Program Code: 1401223181

Program Rank Order List

Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status	NRMP ID	AAMC ID
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Print List **Edit List**

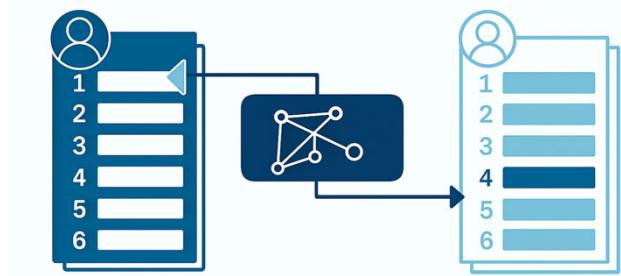
Print List **Edit List**

# The Matching Algorithm

**The algorithm is applicant proposing - the process begins with an attempt to match an applicant to the program ranked #1 by that applicant.**

**A tentative Match occurs if the program also ranked the applicant:**

- and the program has unfilled positions  
OR
- the program is filled but the applicant is ranked higher than another applicant already matched tentatively to the program.



# How the Algorithm Works



# The Matching Algorithm (cont.)

## **There is NO match if:**

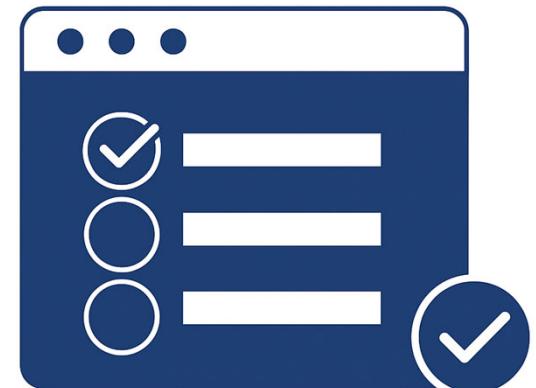
- the applicant did not rank the program, OR
- the program did not rank the applicant, OR
- the program and applicant ranked each other but the program filled with other applicants more preferred by the program.

## **Matches are FINAL when:**

- the algorithm completes its cycle through all applicant rank order lists and tentative matches are confirmed.

## **Couples match when:**

- the algorithm can place BOTH partners in their highest ranked pair of programs on the primary list.



# Reversions?

- Donate unfilled positions in one program or track to another during the matching process.
- The donor program reverts a specific number of its positions to a receiver program.
- The rank order list of the recipient program is used to fill the donated positions.
- Positions revert to the receiver program **only** if they do not fill from the donor program's ROL.

# Ranking Wisdom

Provide applicants your NRMP Program Code(s).

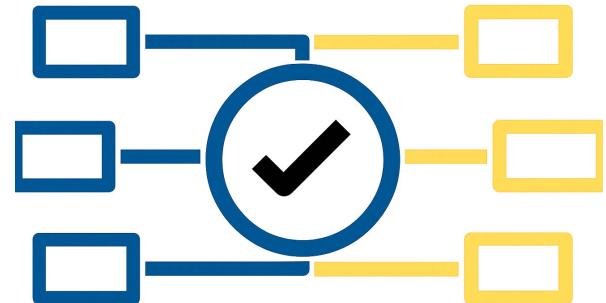
Rank applicants in the order of your true preference.

Rank only applicants who meet institution and program appointment requirements.

Placing an applicant on your ROL creates a binding commitment if a match occurs.

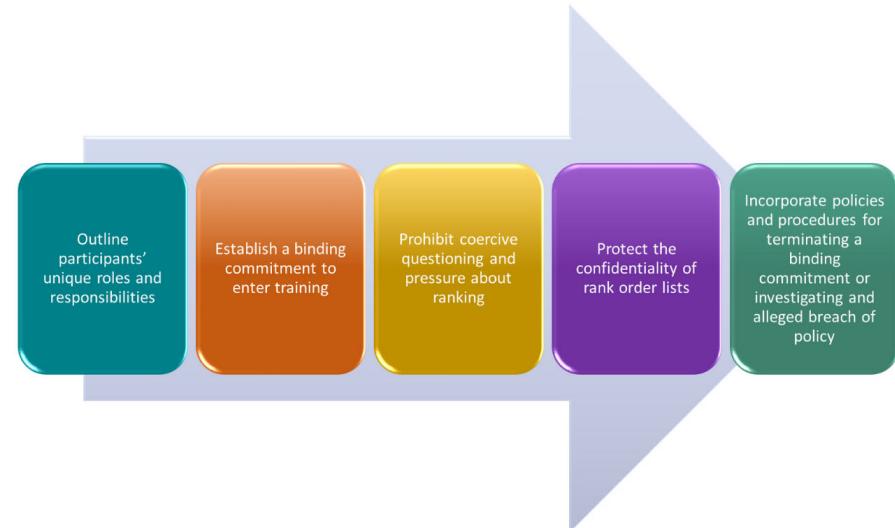
The program director is responsible for certifying the ROL or editing a certified ROL.

NRMP will not enter or modify rank order lists.



# Why Policy Matters

- NRMP policies promote a fair and equitable Match experience
- Participants can consider all options before making commitments
- Participants are prohibited from engaging in coercive or unwarranted pressure
- An impartial venue exists for matching participants' preferences
- Participants are held accountable for ethical and professionally responsible behavior



# Match Participation Agreement

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Before you accept the terms of the following Match Participation Agreement ("Agreement"), the NRMP urges you to read it thoroughly. Once you execute the Agreement and the NRMP accepts your registration, the Agreement becomes a binding contract. **Failure to comply with all the terms and conditions of the Agreement, which include the terms and conditions of the Match, will result in the cancellation of your application and the imposition of penalties.**

**You are responsible for reading this Agreement.** The following areas are highlighted in this Important Notice:

- Programs participating in the Match, including the positions in the Match or another program held by senior students ("sponsored applicants") (Section 3.2)
- The National Resident Matching Program's established positions (Section 18.0)
- All programmatic requirements ("Certifications") applicable to the application (Section 4.0)

### 18.0 General

If any provision of this Agreement is found in any arbitration proceeding or by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, that provision shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to achieve the purpose originally intended, if possible, and the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions will not be affected or impaired and are to be enforced to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law. If any remedy set forth in this Agreement is determined to have failed of its essential purpose, then all other provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

Failure of any party to act or exercise its rights under this Agreement upon the breach of any other terms hereof by any other party, is not to be construed as a waiver of such a breach or prevent such party from later enforcing compliance with any or all of the terms hereof. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the Matching Program and its results. Any representations, promises, or conditions not incorporated in this Agreement will not be binding upon any of the parties. No modification of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and executed by the party against whom it is to be enforced.

By entering your password and clicking I Accept, you agree that you have read and understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the Match Participation Agreement.

I ACCEPT    CANCEL



## Match Participation Agreement for Programs

### Match Participation Agreement for Programs and Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP®) TABLE OF CONTENTS

Participants by the Rank Order List  
would be pertinent to an application  
limited to a copy of the contract  
or appointment, including visa  
Section 4.0)

# Match Policy

## Binding Commitment (Section 9.0)

Upon conclusion of the Main Residency Match, programs:

- Are in binding commitment with an applicant and must offer an appointment as matched or offered.
- Must begin training applicants on the start date specified in the appointment contract with the intent to complete the applicant's training.

## Applicant Match History (in the R3 system)

Determine whether an applicant is eligible for appointment prior to offering interviews or has a waiver/violation history.

- Available in the R3 system year-round.
- Applicants who have not participated in an NRMP Match will not appear in search results.

# View Applicant Match History

To conduct a single search, please enter search criteria below. If searching only by name, you must enter at least part of the First and Last Names.  
 To conduct a bulk search, click on the "Search for Multiple Applicants via Bulk Upload" button at the top of the screen. The bulk search option offers an option for exact matching.

NRMP ID (#####)	<input type="text"/>
AAMC ID (#####)	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text" value="el"/>
Last Name	<input type="text" value="doolittle"/>
School Name	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Click to Find School"/>	
<input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>	

There are 7 Applicants Matching your search query. Click any column header to sort by that column.

Name	School Name	NRMP ID	AAMC ID
Adams-Doolittle, Benjamin	Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Virginia Campus (621)	N0260354	13038469
Doolittle, Derrick	University of Nebraska College of Medicine (149)		12622160
<b>Doolittle, Eliza</b> <span style="color: red;">!</span>	National School of Medicine and Health Sciences - Test School (100)	N0211942	11507822
Doolittle, Jeffery	University of Mississippi School of Medicine (147)		10175812
Doolittle, Matthew	University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign (903)		10210986
Doolittle, Ohnel	Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (810)		12292729
Doolittle, Rose	McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (809)	N0141224	12965993

1 to 7 of 7 rows

Definition of alert symbols:  
! This Applicant was found to be in violation of the NRMP Match Participation Agreement. For further information, please view the Applicant Match History.

Search for Multiple Applicants via Bulk Upload   !

Aplication Agreement prohibits a program from discussing, interviewing for, or offering a position to an applicant who has obtained a concurrent year position in another program who is ineligible as the result of a denied waiver or a confirmed violation. Applicants whose waiver requests are denied or who are found in violation of the Match Participation ed from accepting or starting a position in any program sponsored by a Match-participating institution, regardless of the program's Match participation status, if that position has a r from the date of the NRMP's decision. Any program that discusses, interviews for, or offers a position to that applicant to commence training during the one-year period will be Participation Agreement.

uss with an applicant or offer any potential position unless the program first has determined that the applicant is eligible for appointment. NRMP institutional officials and program e the applicant's eligibility by verifying the applicant's PGY-1, PGY-2, or fellowship appointment status in the Applicant Match History. The Applicant Match History also will indicate s a waiver or violation history. Sanctions levied as the result of a denied waiver or a confirmed violation will be reflected in the Applicant Match History for one to three years or ned by the NRMP. Term limits of any sanction(s) are included to identify the length of time the sanction is in effect.

Any can be used to conduct single or bulk searches of applicants:

ingle search, please enter search criteria below. If searching only by name, you must enter at least part of the First Name and at least two characters of the Last Name.  
 To bulk search, click on the "Search for Multiple Applicants via Bulk Upload" button at the top of the screen. The bulk search option offers an option for exact matching.

NRMP ID (#####)	<input type="text" value="N"/>
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First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
School Name	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Click to Find School"/>	
<input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input type="button" value="Search"/>	

# Match Policy-Eligibility for Ranking

## Section 7.3.1 Applicant Eligibility for Ranking

Before certifying the rank order list, programs should:

1. Determine each applicant's eligibility by verifying the applicant's match status in the Applicant Match History available through the R3 system or by contacting NRMP support;
2. Confirm the institution's willingness and/or ability to sponsor the visa type requested or intended by any non-U.S. citizen applicant ranked; and
3. Ensure each ranked applicant meets requirements for licensure, as published by the programs state Licensure Board.

# Match Policy-Accurate Information

## Section 6.3 Complete, Timely, and Accurate Information

*Programs must provide complete, timely, and accurate information to applicants interviewed, including a copy of the contract and all institutional policies and requirements to successfully onboard.*

- *Pre-employment testing (e.g., illicit drug screening), background checks (e.g., criminal, financial, etc.), Visa sponsorship, and any other requirement(s)*
- *This must be provided prior the Rank Order List Certification Deadline*
- *Must be able to demonstrate the information provided to the applicants*
- *Must demonstrate Attestation from Applicant*
- *Applicants must provide Complete, Timely, and Accurate Information*

# Match Policy-Persuasion

## Section 6.5 Restrictions on Persuasion

*Programs cannot*

- 1. Request applicants reveal names, specialties, geographic locations, or other identifying information about programs to which applicants have or may apply or have signaled.*
- 2. Request applicants reveal information pertaining to the interviews offered, accepted, declined, or attended. Programs cannot request applicants' ranking intentions.*
- 3. Solicit verbal or written statements implying a commitment to rank the program.*  
*Programs may voluntarily communicate that an applicant is viewed favorably and will be ranked.*

***Ensure all recruitment team members are aware of policies.***

# Match Policy-Submission of Rank Order List

## Section 7.3 Submission of Rank Order Lists

- Before certifying your rank order list, programs should:
  - Ensure applicants meet state Licensure Board requirement to begin training.
  - Confirm visa type and sponsorship
  - Communicate, in writing, all institutional policies regarding eligibility criteria (e.g. expected credentials, pre-employment screenings, background checks, etc.) applicants must meet if matched to the program.

# Policy Resources

Policy Highlights for Programs

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PROGRAMS ARE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE COMPLETE, TIMELY, AND ACCURATE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION, INTERVIEW, AND MATCHING PROCESSES

PROGRAM TOPICS REQUIRING FULL DISCLOSURE, BUT AREN'T LIMITED TO:

- VISA REQUIREMENTS
- PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING POLICIES
- INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES
- PROGRAM CONTRACT

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## Policy Videos

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**Policy Corner: November 2024 – Communication Between Applicants and Programs**

November 21st, 2024

If you still have questions, our team is available to assist you. Contact us for additional support.

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The NRMP recently convened its Transition to Residency conference in Louisville, and a question posed to NRMP leadership during the Town Hall focused on communication between Match applicants and programs. We thought it would be good to review communication-based policy with the broader community as interview season gains momentum.

A cornerstone of the Match is that participants should be able to move through the process without undue burden and coercion. Section 4.5 of the [Match Participation Agreement for Programs](#) provides that right for programs but also dictates how programs should protect and provide those rights for applicants.

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**Match Code of Conduct for Programs**

**Purpose**

The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) ensures high professional standards in the conduct of its Matching Program and expects all Match participants to conduct their affairs in an ethical and professionally responsible manner. To that end, this Code of Conduct should serve as a guide for residency and fellowship program directors and all members of the recruitment team participating in a Match.

**Code**

To promote the highest ethical and professional standards, program directors and members of the recruitment team participating in a Match must:

- Accept responsibility for the actions of all recruitment team members

Program directors and other members of the recruitment team must comply with Match policies and ensure that all interactions with applicants are in an atmosphere that is safe, respectful, and free of harmful bias. Program directors accept responsibility for the actions of the entire recruitment team.

## Codes of Conduct

**Help & Support**

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51 Results Returned

**Policies & Compliance**

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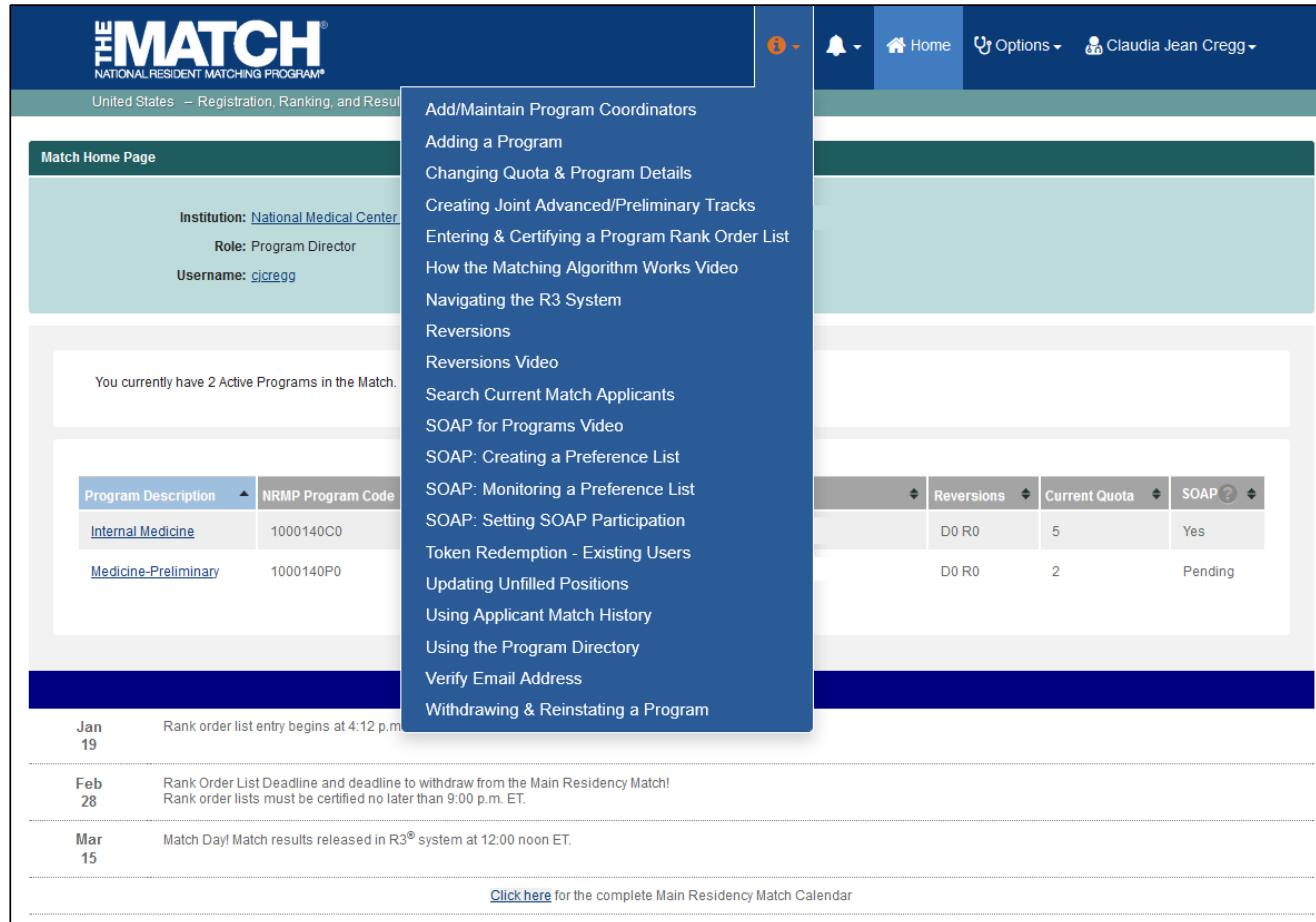
Can Our Three-Year Medical Education Pathway Program Inform Students That They Will Have A “Direct Progression” To A Residency Specialty Once They Complete The Three-Year Medical Education Program?

Applicants, schools, and Match-participating residency training programs may not enter into verbal or written agreements with students for positions outside of the Match. “Direct progression” implies that the school and program “guarantee placement” in a Match position. Please refer to Section 4.5 of the [Match Participation Agreement for Programs](#) for more information.

## FAQs

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# Video Resources & Support Guides



The screenshot shows the NRMP Match Home Page. On the left, a sidebar lists program details: Institution (National Medical Center), Role (Program Director), and Username (cjcregg). It also lists active programs: Internal Medicine (1000140C0) and Medicine-Preliminary (1000140P0). The main content area displays a sidebar with various video links and a table showing current data for a program. The table includes columns for Reversions, Current Quota, and SOAP status. The sidebar links include: Add/Maintain Program Coordinators, Adding a Program, Changing Quota & Program Details, Creating Joint Advanced/Preliminary Tracks, Entering & Certifying a Program Rank Order List, How the Matching Algorithm Works Video, Navigating the R3 System, Reversions, Reversions Video, Search Current Match Applicants, SOAP for Programs Video, SOAP: Creating a Preference List, SOAP: Monitoring a Preference List, SOAP: Setting SOAP Participation, Token Redemption - Existing Users, Updating Unfilled Positions, Using Applicant Match History, Using the Program Directory, Verify Email Address, and Withdrawing & Reinstating a Program. At the bottom, a calendar shows events: Jan 19 (Rank order list entry begins at 4:12 p.m.), Feb 28 (Rank Order List Deadline and deadline to withdraw from the Main Residency Match! Rank order lists must be certified no later than 9:00 p.m. ET.), and Mar 15 (Match Day! Match results released in R3® system at 12:00 noon ET.). A link to the complete Main Residency Match Calendar is provided.



**Access NRMP  
Support Resources**

# Voluntary Locking Functionality for Program Rank Order Lists (ROL)



Internal Medicine,  
Pediatrics, and Vascular  
Surgery Programs  
announce their intention  
to participate in the pilot



Lock implemented voluntarily by  
a program anytime after ranking  
opens and either before the first  
post-interview or by **Feb.9**

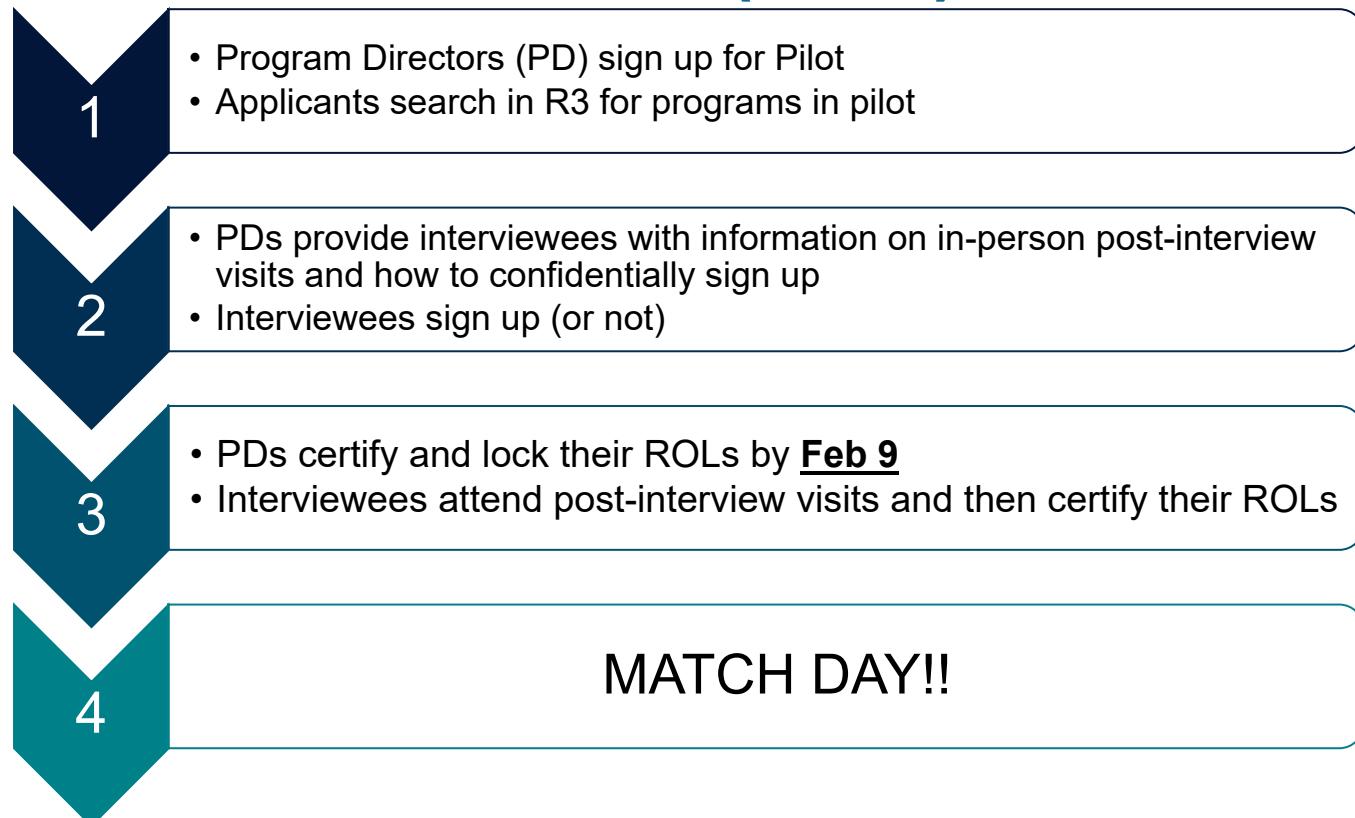


Program's participation and lock  
status will be indicated to  
applicants and medical schools  
in the NRMP's R3 system



ROL must be certified before  
being locked and once locked,  
the ROL cannot be changed.  
Locking is irreversible.

# Voluntary Locking Functionality for Program Rank Order Lists (ROL)



# Program Directors: Locking your ROL

✓ Your Rank Order List has been saved and certified.

**Program Rank Order List**

Username: [oondorff](#)  
 Institution Name: [Health Center - City, AZ](#)  
 Institution Status: ACTIVE  
 Program Name: Internal Medicine  
 Program Type: Categorical  
 Program Status: **CERTIFIED**

Match Year: 2026

Once you've certified your ROL, you can then lock your ROL

[Print List](#) [Edit List](#) [Lock ROL](#) 

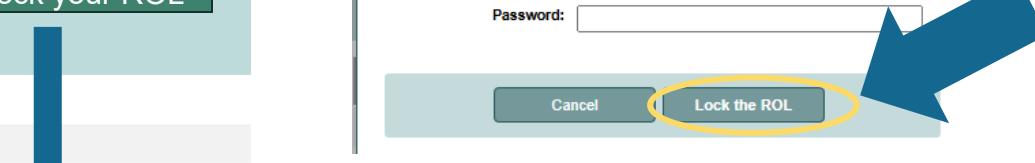
Rank	Applicant Name	Medical School	Status
1	Smith, A	University of Alabama School of Medicine	ACTIVE

**You Are About To Permanently Lock Your ROL!**

By entering your password below and clicking Lock the ROL, you acknowledge that this Rank Order List (ROL) lock action cannot be undone. Once locked, no changes can be made to your certified ROL. **You will be unable to unlock or uncertify to edit your ROL.**  
 Please enter your password and click the Lock the ROL button to lock your ROL.

Password:

[Cancel](#) [Lock the ROL](#)



Clicking “Lock ROL” will take you to this pop-up. You will then enter your password and click Lock ROL. This step is final!

# Program Directors: Locking your ROL

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing a program's Rank Order List (ROL). At the top, a green bar displays the text "Program Status: CERTIFIED & LOCKED" with a small padlock icon. Below this, a dark green header bar contains the text "Program Rank Order List". The main content area is a white box containing the following text:  
**This rank order list (ROL) is locked.**

- This ROL cannot be edited, unlocked, or uncertified.
- Applicants can see the ROL lock status.

At the bottom right of this box is a green "Print List" button. To the right of the main content area, a green sidebar contains the following text:  
Now the program's ROL will show as Certified & Locked. You can print the list still, but can't make any changes

## Check out additional resources and contact [pilot@nrmp.org](mailto:pilot@nrmp.org) with questions



### NRMP's Voluntary Program Rank Order List (ROL) Lock

#### FAQs

This document addresses commonly asked questions regarding the NRMP's Voluntary Rank Order List (ROL) Lock for Programs, with the partnership of the Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Vascular Surgery specialties. Programs in those three specialties will have the opportunity to participate beginning with the 2026 Main Residency Match® cycle.

This pilot will make it possible for the NRMP, and participating programs, to explore the merits of a voluntary functionality that would allow programs to "lock" their rank order lists in the NRMP's Registration, Ranking, and Results® (R3®) system. If a program voluntarily locks its ROL prior to the certification deadline, this allows the program to establish a window when interviewees could visit—or not—the program without concern that the program might alter its ranking preferences afterward.

For more information regarding the background and rationale for this initiative, please see the report from the NRMP's [Match Summit Meeting](#).

For information regarding the process and timeline, resources are available on the [Voluntary ROL Lock webpage](#).

Click on any of the below to jump directly to the FAQs developed for that user type:

Applicants

Program  
Directors

Designated  
Institutional  
Officials (DIOs)

Medical School  
Officials



<https://www.nrmp.org/voluntary-program-rank-order-list-lock-pilot/>



## **Navigating Match Week and SOAP Webinar**

Registration information coming soon

**Wednesday, February 25  
1:00 pm, ET**

# Questions?



# Save the Date!

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Thanks, and good luck in the Match!

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