

NCAA / NAIA Women's Lacrosse Game Day Card Communication Guide

For Women's Lacrosse Table Personnel and PA Announcer Communications

PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

This guide, created by the IWLCA, ensures that **cardable penalties** issued by officials are communicated accurately, quickly, and clearly to the PA announcer so that spectators receive correct information consistent with NCAA language standards.

INFORMATION FLOW

On-Field Umpire → Table Personnel → PA Announcer → Audience

ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Officials

- Signal the card color
- Provide player number + team + foul + penalty time
- Indicate if penalty is **releasable / non-releasable**
- For yellow: alert if it triggers **team limit (4th card)** or **second to player**

B. Table Personnel

- Receive & record info:
 - **Card Color – Number – Team Color – Foul – Penalty Time – Releaseable/Non-Releasable**
- Clarify any missing details before official leaves area
- Relay to PA announcer in correct format
- Track penalties on NCAA sheet

C. PA Announcer

- Receive info
- Use official script & phrasing to announce card

TABLE COMMUNICATION TO PA ANNOUNCER

Relay in a **standard format**:

Card Color – Number – Team Color – Foul – Penalty Time – Releaseable/Non-Releasable

This gives the PA everything needed to read the correct script.

PA announcer reads standard language.

NCAA/ NAIA WOMEN'S LACROSSE PA ANNOUNCER CARD & PENALTY GUIDE

This guide, created by the IWLCA, explains **cardable offenses** in college women's lacrosse, including the **card color, penalty, and typical reasons a card is issued**.

*** Table personnel will relay the card type, the player number, team, foul and penalty so that the PA Announcer can relay this information to the fans.***

GREEN CARD

- 1:00 Player Down
- Releasable (if opponent scores a goal during penalty)

Green Card Fouls

• Blocking/Illegal Picks	• Embellishment /Flopping	• Illegal Video Review
• Cross-Check	• Illegal Substitution	• Non-Engagement
• Holding	• Illegal Stick Procedures	• Foul
• Illegal Use of the Stick	• Illegal Timeout	• Repetitive Self Starts
• Offsides		
• Delay of Game		

PA Standard Language Example:

"A green card has been issued to #24 on Duke for delay of game. This is a one-minute releasable penalty."

YELLOW CARD

- 2:00 Player Down
- Releasable or NON-Releasable (NR)
- Note - 2nd yellow issued to the same player results in dismissal
- Note - 4th yellow issued to a team results in subsequent yellow cards being NON-RELEASABLE

Common Yellow Card Fouls

• Dangerous Follow-Through	• Dangerous Stick in the Sphere	• Dangerous Contact (NR)
• Dangerous Propelling	• Illegal Stick (not pocket depth)	• Suspended Player Substitutes (NR)
• Slash	• Misconduct	

PA Standard Language Examples:

"A yellow card has been issued to #24 on Tufts for dangerous propelling. This is a two-minute releasable penalty.

"A yellow card has been issued to #3 on Maryland for dangerous contact. This is a two-minute **non-releasable** penalty."

***Once team hits Yellow Card Limit** - "A yellow card has been issued to #24 on Tampa for a slash. This is Tampa's 4th yellow card therefore it is a two-minute **non-releasable** penalty."

RED CARD

- **Player ejected for the remainder of the game**
- **5:00 Player Down**
- **Non-releasable penalty**

Common Red Card Offenses

- **Illegal Body Ball in the Goal Circle**
- **Flagrant or Repeated Violations of the Rules**
- **Excessive or Dangerous Misconduct**
- **Abusive Language**

PA Language Example:

"A red card has been issued to #3 on Gettysburg for excessive misconduct. The player has been ejected from the game and Gettysburg will serve a five-minute non-releasable penalty."