

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

*For Women's Lacrosse Table Personnel and PA Announcer Communications*

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## **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-Releaseable**
- 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
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## **TABLE COMMUNICATION TO PA ANNOUNCER**

Relay in a **standard format**:

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

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**

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

#### **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."

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### **YELLOW CARD**

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

#### **Common Yellow Card Fouls**

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

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> yellow card therefore it is a two-minute **non-releasable** penalty.”

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### **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.”