



MEMORANDUM

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TO: NCAA Women's Lacrosse Head Coaches and Officials.

FROM: Pat Dillon, secretary-rules editor  
NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee.

SUBJECT: Interpretation – New Carding Procedure.

This mailing is intended to clarify the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Rules policy on carding procedures.

The committee has been presented with questions regarding when a card will count towards the three card limit before a team will play short handed. While the rule book reads that the cards that count are for on-field offenses, certain fouls committed by players in the bench area will also count towards the cards a team will receive and then play without a substitute.

For example, if a player who has been carded or called for a foul leaves the field and goes to her bench area but continues with a very blatant dissent about the call and receives a card, that card will count. If one of her teammates on the bench commits this same type of offense and receives a card, that card will count. A dangerous play on the field that is carded AND bad behavior by the players that is carded, no matter where it occurs, will all count towards the three card limit.

The types of cardable offenses that will not be added to the card count include procedural offenses such as entering the game before the 3-minute penalty time has expired, or a non-playing team member leaving the team bench area during the game. Cards given to the coaching staff or non-playing team personnel (manager, trainer, etc.) will also not be added to the card count.

If a teammate who is on the bench receives a card after the three card limit has been reached, the head coach will select a player from those on the field who will leave the game with no substitute allowed for three minutes. The player from the bench who received the card may not enter the game for three minutes of elapsed playing time. The player designated by the coach to leave the game may substitute for another player once play resumes.

A number of approved rulings are listed below to help illustrate:

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