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SUBJECT: 2012 Season Reminders

Included in this memorandum are several rules and procedure reminders that officials and coaches should pay particular attention to as the 2012 season begins.

1. New carding form: The carding form is being used again this season. An updated form with a [new survey link](#) is available on both the NCAA and US Lacrosse web sites. Please be sure that this form is being used at all games, and that information is reported using the survey link provided.

2. Carding procedures: The carding rules for NCAA and US Lacrosse are different this year. Officials working NCAA games should be sure to review the NCAA carding policies and rules. A team receiving its fourth card will not play short for the remainder of the game. This is a US Lacrosse rule only.

3. Carding – additional information: Any player receiving a card, either a first yellow, second yellow or red card, must enter the penalty area and serve the penalty time. Once the penalty time is over or the player has been released on a goal, they may either return to the game or return to their team bench area depending on the type of card received.

Once a player has entered the Penalty Area she must sit or kneel and may not block the view of table personnel. While not required to do so, schools may provide chairs and place them in the rear of the Penalty Area

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If two players from the same team each receive a yellow card at the same time/during the same stoppage of play they will serve concurrent penalties. They will be released together should the other team score a goal before the end of the two minute penalty.

If a player from each team receives a yellow card at the same time/during the same stoppage of play, any release will depend on which team scores a goal. Only the player from the team not scoring will be released should a goal be scored during penalty time.

If the goalkeeper is carded and the team has a second dressed goalkeeper who will enter the game, by rule the coach must remove a field player to serve the two minute penalty. In this instance both the carded goalkeeper and the field player who has been removed will enter the Penalty Area. They will both remain there until the penalty time is over or they are released.

4. Signals: We remind officials about the importance of using clear and visible foul signals each time a foul is called. Give the signal out and away from the body; make the signal big; hold the signal long enough to be seen; and position your body in such a way that your partners, the coaches, and the players can see the signal. It is a good technique to give the signal more than once if possible.

5. Pregame field/goal check: When possible, the officials for each game should check the field set up and the goals upon arrival at the game site and prior to going to the locker room. This will allow time for corrections that will not interrupt team warm ups. If this early check is not possible and problems are identified closer to game time, every effort should be made to wait until after team warm ups are completed before making corrections.

6. Team with fewer than twelve players: Per Rule 5, Section 6 teams must have five players (if on attack) or four players (if on defense) when the ball is below the restraining line. The only exception will be if a team is playing with fewer than twelve players due to injury or other circumstances not related to carding, in which case they may have fewer players behind the restraining line. However, they must still play short the appropriate number of players below the restraining line should they receive any cards.