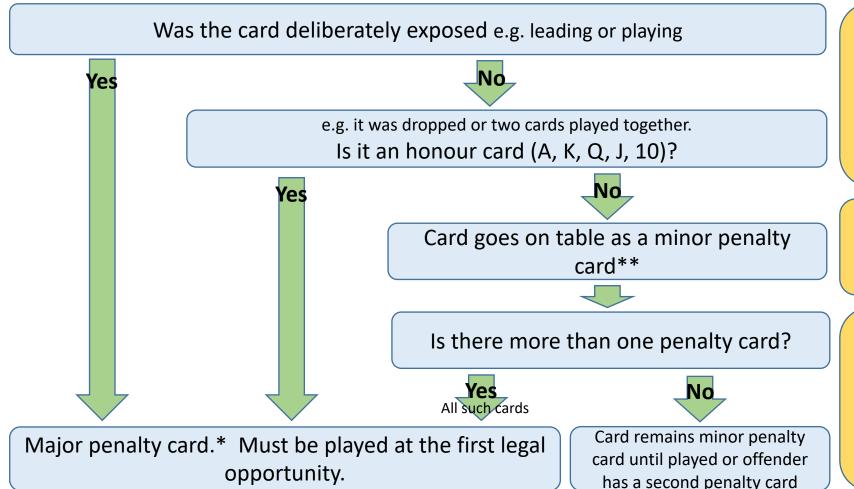


Director's Quick Reference Guide Penalty Cards (Laws 50 - 52)

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These Laws only apply to cards exposed by the defending side. The declaring side does not have penalty cards.



*MAJOR PENALTY CARD/S ON TABLE

If offender's partner gets the lead, declarer can demand or forbid a lead of any one penalty card suit, in which case all penalty cards in that suit are picked up. If no restriction is made, penalty card/s remains on table.

If there are 2 or more penalty cards

Declarer chooses which one is played - this does not override the obligation to follow suit

**MINOR PENALTY CARD ON TABLE

Offender does **not** have to play the card at the first opportunity. In playing that suit they may play an honour, but not another non-honour. If the offender is on lead, the minor penalty card does not have to be played. There are no lead restrictions on partner if they come on lead.