

LEGAL TACKLE HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT TRIAL



- EFFECTIVE FOR 2023/24 AND 2024/25 SEASONS
- APPLIES TO ALL ADULT AND AGE-GRADE AMATEUR RUGBY

BELOW THE STERNUM

For this trial, World Rugby Law 9.13 will be applied as follows:

“Dangerous tackling includes, but is not limited to, tackling or attempting to tackle an opponent above the line of the sternum even if the tackle starts below the line of the sternum.”

BELLY TACKLE
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SAFEST TACKLE



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RESOURCES AT IRISHRUGBY.IE**

www.irishrugby.ie/playing-the-game/tackle-behaviour

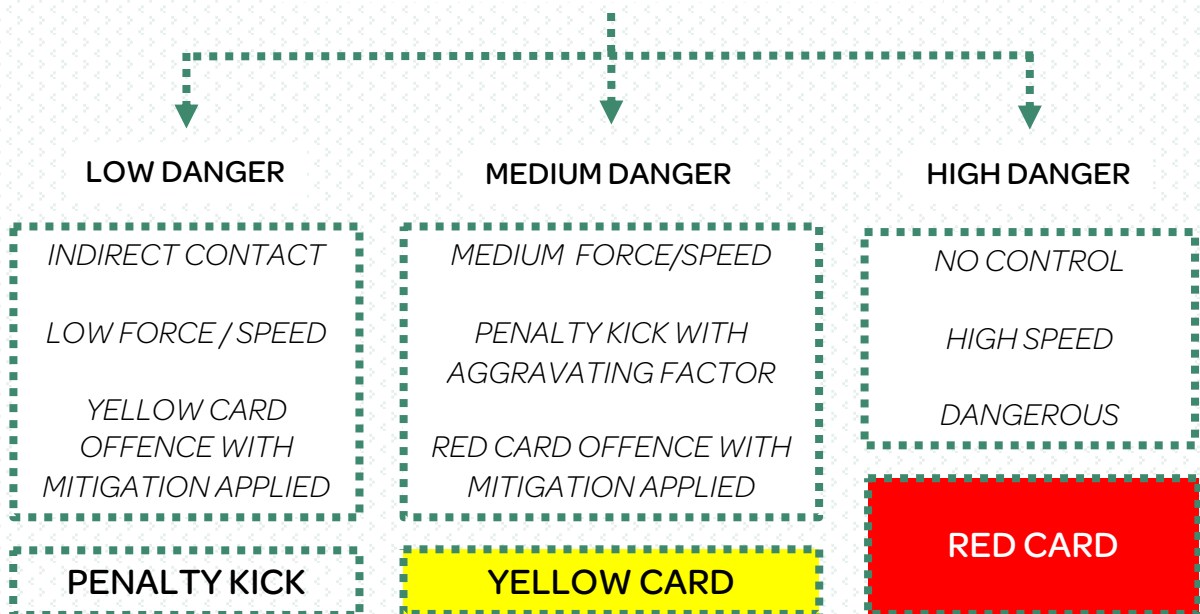
LEGAL TACKLE HEIGHT DECISION MAKING FRAMEWORK

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HAS THERE BEEN CLEAR & OBVIOUS CONTACT ABOVE THE LINE OF THE STERNUM?



WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF DANGER?



Match Official Notes:

- Referee communication should match what has occurred and the level of sanction
- Keep it simple: Explain clearly and concisely
- If a tackle is not clear and obviously above the line of the sternum, a referee should use downtime to remind players of the law

Mitigation:

- Sudden / significant drop in height
- Sudden / significant change in direction
- Mitigation cannot be applied if the tackle was always 'illegal'



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