COMMUNITY GAME TACKLE HEIGHT DOMESTIC LAW VARIATIONS (DLVS) 2023-24 CROSS BORDER FIXTURES GUIDE

The IRFU, RFU, SRU and WRU have worked together to provide this guide for clubs, schools, colleges, universities, representative and other community rugby teams playing across Home Union borders, in regular fixtures or on tour.

As is currently the case, **all matches will be played to the Laws of the host Union**. The aim of this guide is to help teams to understand any headline differences and prepare for the new Tackle Height DLVs to which they will be playing in another country.

The DLV applies to tackles in open play only.

	TACKLER Responsibility	BALL GARRIER Responsibility	DETAILED INFORMATION AND SUPPORT Available on	COMMUNITY TACKLE HEIGHT DOES Not Apply to matches in:	LAW APPLICABLE From
IRFU	Tackles to be below the base of the sternum	No change	www.irishrugby.ie/playing-the-game/ tackle-behaviour/	United Rugby Championship, Womens interprovincial matches, Celtic Challenge	1st July 2023
England Rugby	Tackles to be below the base of the sternum	Shoulder & head above hips, no late and low dip	www.englandrugby.com/ tackleheight	Premiership Womens Rugby & Cup, Gallagher Premiership & Cup, RFU Championship & Cup	1st July 2023
SCOTTISH	Tackles to be below the base of the sternum	No change	www.scottishrugby.org/clubs-and- schools/tackle-height-hub/	United Rugby Championship, FOSROC Super Series, Celtic Challenge	5th August 2023
WEU	Tackles must now be below the base of the sternum - targeting the tummy area and underneath	Shoulder & head above hips, no late and low dip	https://bit.ly/WRUTackleHeight	United Rugby Championship, Indigo Premiership, Celtic Challenge	1st July 2023

Some individual Union age grade variation may exist to aid tackle introduction and development in younger players – please see the relevant Union detailed information for further guidance.

There is a wealth of detailed support information available on the IRFU, RFU, SRU and WRU websites. Any team due to play in another Union is strongly advised to please visit this well in advance of travelling.

