

Mandatory Trial Tackle Law

2023 Experimental Domestic Safety Law



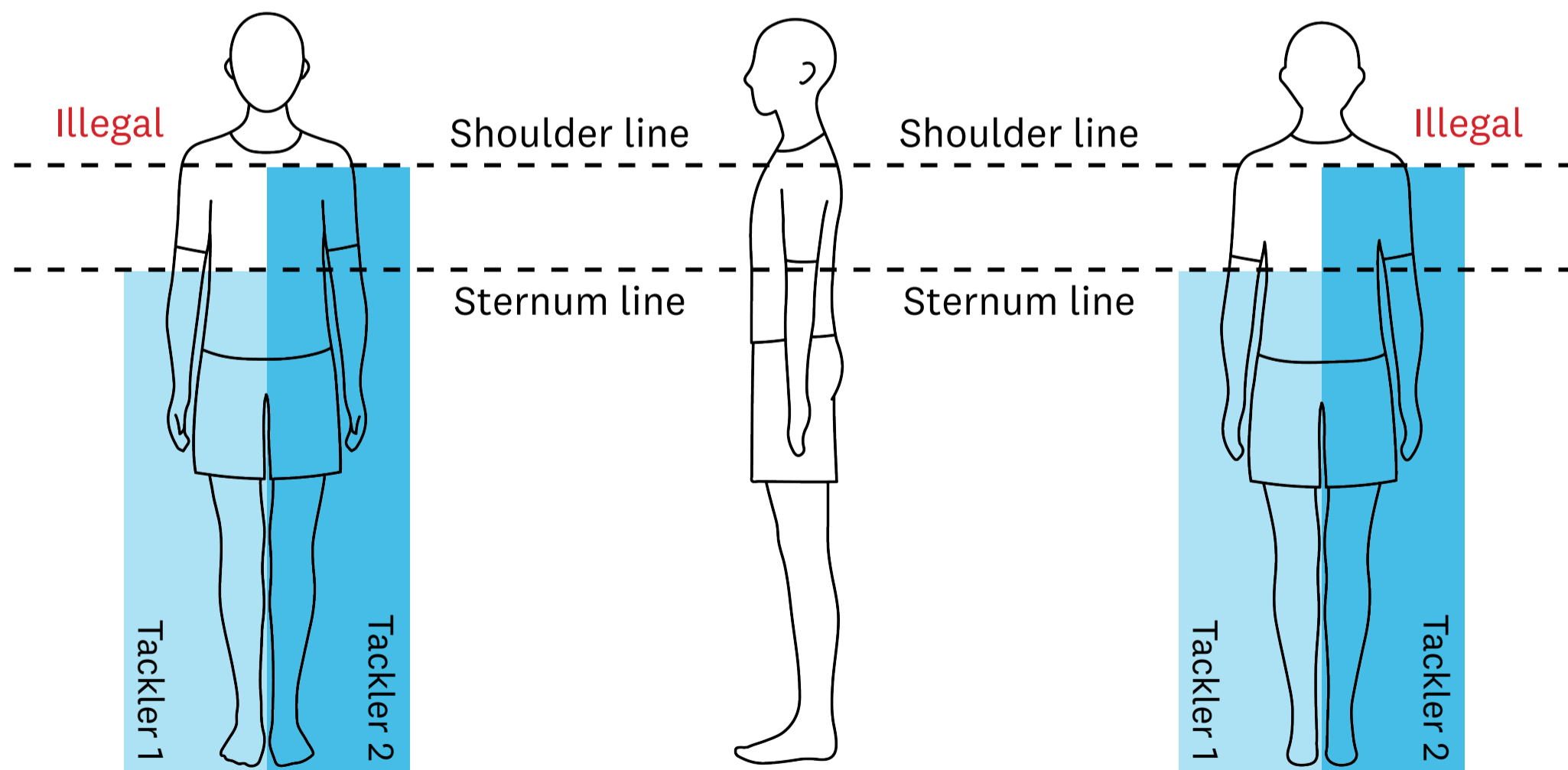
What are the changes?

- The first tackler must tackle below the sternum line.
- Senior and Teenage – Subsequent tacklers may tackle anywhere below the shoulder line.
- Small Blacks – Subsequent tacklers may tackle anywhere below the armpit.

Why are we making changes?

When the tackler's head is below the sternum it is more than four times less likely to result in a head injury.*

Lower tackle height = Safer tackles.



*Otago University ORCHID Study 2023

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