

Sports organisations at Farrer & Co

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"Farrers are the paradigm of a governing body firm: they understand exactly how governing bodies work and are excellent"
Chambers & Partners, 2012



The sports law practice at Farrers is rooted in our relationships with and our work for governing bodies of sport, including, amongst others, British Rowing, the British Olympic Association, the Lawn Tennis Association, the Rugby Football Union and UK Athletics. We are proud that these relationships stretch back over many years, which we believe is testament to the service we provide.

We have a highly rated understanding of the sports sector, and currently act, as set out above, for a wide range of national and international governing bodies and sport and recreation associations. We are rated particularly highly for our sports regulatory, employment, equality, commercial, reputation management and charity expertise.

Uniquely, we are able to draw together specialists from across the firm's wide legal practice areas within a dedicated sports group, the members of which are able to deploy their legal expertise with an in-depth understanding of sport. The group consists of highly experienced and "rated" individuals who together form one of the country's top sports law practices – as recognised by the leading legal directories, *Chambers & Partners* and *The Legal 500*.

In the main we help national governing bodies and sport and recreations associations and clubs in the following areas:

- [Governance](#), including the incorporation of companies and advising on board membership and constitutional issues
- [Rules and regulations](#) including drafting and enforcing codes of conduct, selection policies and anti-doping
- [Finance & funding issues](#), including advising on the terms of UK Sport and Sport England funding
- [Brand & reputation management](#)
- [Compliance & regulatory](#), including [data protection](#) and health and safety
- Welfare and child protection issues
- Stadium and [venue hire & event management](#), including applying for and staging major sporting events
- Establishing [charities](#) and charitable foundations and advising on [CR](#) & grass roots initiatives
- [Disciplinary hearings and dispute resolution](#)
- [Commercial contracts](#), including business critical contracts with suppliers and service providers
- [Sponsorship](#), merchandising and other exploitation of rights, as well as ambush marketing and intellectual property rights enforcement
- [Employment issues](#), including advising on equality, disciplinary and other matters
- [Property](#)

**Our Relationship Partner: David Hunt**

David is a senior member of the firm's sports group and is deeply involved in sports law issues, having worked for governing bodies such as the RFU, the LTA, UK Athletics, the BOA, England Netball, the English Women's Golf Association and the Amateur Rowing Association. He will oversee the firm's relationship with governing bodies instructing the firm through the framework and shall ensure that they receive the high level of service they deserve. He will also ensure that they are offered the full range of the free added value services the firm is committed to providing to framework clients. Whilst David is primarily an employment and equality law specialist, he will be able to refer prospective clients onto the relevant expert within the firm who can advise on the matter in question.

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The areas of law we cover:

We advise on all the legal areas required as part of the Panel except for Immigration law. These areas are listed below:

Admin /Public Law
Bidding & Staging Major Events
Charity & Trust Law
Child Protection/Vulnerable Groups
Contract/Grant Agreements
Corporate
Law/Governance/Constitution

Commercial
Data Protection /Privacy
Employment Law
Equality & Diversity
Competition Law
Intellectual Property Law
Insolvency Law
Litigation/Dispute Resolution

New Media/IT Broadcasting
Property
Planning
Construction Law
Publishing Law/Media Law
Regulatory/Disciplinary

Our fees

We are committed to delivering value and are supportive of the aims of the Panel. Value is a function not just of our headline rates but also the experience of our lawyers. We aim to provide flexibility yet predictability on costs and so have offered a range of fee structures (including significant discounts) as part of our appointment.

We are also available to advise initially through the free 20 minute Telephone Helpline service.

Our location

We are based in London, but our clients and services are delivered throughout the UK. We regularly travel to our governing body clients who are based outside London, to attend meetings, deliver training and sit on panels and committees.

Further information

Please contact David Hunt to discuss how we can help you and to hear more about our offering through the Panel. Alternatively please visit [our website](#) or click on the links set out on page one to find out more.