

Friday 13th November 2026

SPORTS LAW CONFERENCE 2026

DUTY OF CARE IN SPORT

Time: 09:30 - 13:00

Location: Malone Golf Club, Belfast

Cost: £90

CPD Hours: 3 Group Study



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The annual Sports Law Conference is now an established and anticipated conference each year. We have had many high profile and expert presenters over the years offering practitioners a unique opportunity to hear from leaders in the sporting field – and the 2026 Conference will continue in this vein.

Year on year many of our key contributors have joined us without fail, as either an attendee or guest presenter and we are grateful to our ever-growing attendee base. We will celebrate another year in sport with our Conference Partner the NI Sports Forum - the recognised umbrella organisation for the voluntary sector of sport in Northern Ireland.



Programme

CPD In-Person Event

09:15 - 09:45 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

10:00 - 10:05
Introduction
Ken Nixon

10:05 - 10:15
Conference Welcome
Senior Judicial Figure

10:15 - 10:40
Chair's Opening Remarks: Sport in Transition, Athlete Welfare and Rights
Keith McGarry - Sports Law NI & Conn & Fenton, Solicitors

10:40 - 11:20
Matters Affecting Global Sport
Professor Jack Anderson

11:20 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 12:10
Concussion – Protocols and Developments in sport/ head injuries and duty of care, where science, welfare and liability collide.
Dr. David Irwin, Trevor Ringland and Mark Orr KC

12:10 - 12:35
The Rise in Online Safeguarding Risks and Impacts on Everyone Involved in Sport
Paul Stephenson - NSPCC Sport

12:35 - 13:00
Key Developments in the World Anti Doping Code 2027 and Impacts for Athletes
Wendy Henderson, SportNI

13:00 - 13:10
Closing Remarks
Marc Scott, Chair NI Sports Forum

13:15 - 14:00 LUNCH AND DISCUSSION / NETWORKING