

Legal support

Scottish Gymnastics is committed to ensuring staff and volunteers are supported to run clubs as effectively as possible. One of the benefits of being one of our member clubs is that we are partnered with Morton Fraser who support us with guidance on all club legal matters.

Who are Morton Fraser?

Morton Fraser is an independent, top ten Scottish law firm with offices in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Clarity is Morton Fraser's guiding principle. This directs the way it communicates, the way it advises, the way it conduct relationships with its clients and the way it is completely transparent and upfront about its charges. This applies to all Morton Fraser's services from the straightforward to the more complex.

What legal services can Morton Fraser provide to gymnastic clubs?

Morton Fraser regularly provides sports clubs and participants with a number of legal services including the following:

- **Legal status and structure**
 - Advice on legal form (e.g. unincorporated association, company, partnership, sole trader etc)
 - Assistance with incorporation as a limited company or a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) including preparation of the relevant application form and supporting documents
- **Governance**
 - Review of club constitution
 - Advice on club policies such as data protection
- **Real estate**
 - Assistance with the purchase or lease of club premises
 - Review and negotiation of a lease
- **Employment**
 - Preparation or review of contracts of employment or consultancy agreements for coaches
 - Advice on employment law issues such as dismissal or redundancy
- **Data protection**
 - Advice on how to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

- **Sponsorship agreements**
 - Preparation and/or negotiation of sponsorship agreements
- **Litigation**
 - Advice on a wide range of disputes
 - Representation in court actions

In addition, Morton Fraser regularly prepares e-bulletins for Scottish Gymnastics which cover a number of legal topics which are of interest to member clubs. These bulletins are made available to member clubs at <https://www.absorb.scot/>.

How much will legal advice cost and who do we contact?

As part of its partnership with Scottish Gymnastics, Morton Fraser can provide general information on a wide range of ad hoc legal issues without charge. This may be sought by contacting Paul Geoghegan by email or by telephone using the contact details set out below.



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In the event that bespoke legal advice is required, Morton Fraser would provide you with a detailed scope of work and a fee quote for acceptance. The fee quote would be based upon reduced hourly rates which Morton Fraser has agreed will apply to work undertaken on behalf of Scottish Gymnastics' member clubs.