



## **Independent Chair**

### **Steven Henry Beacom**

Steven Beacom is a sports consultant, freelance sports writer and broadcaster. Appointed in 1996 as the Football Correspondent of the Belfast Telegraph, Steven soon established himself as the number one writer in his field in the country. He covered World Cup finals, European Championship finals, international matches, Champions League finals, Premier League games and Irish League football.

Renowned for his straight talking and breaking stories, Steven became a popular pundit on UTV programme The Football Show and made regular appearances on other television and radio shows. He took over as Sports Editor of the Belfast Telegraph in 2005 and also took charge of the organisation of the Belfast Telegraph Sports Awards making them a huge success in terms of prestige and finance. While determining the content of the sports pages and online, Steven continued to write and covered the Olympics, Ryder Cup, Commonwealth Games, Rugby World Cup, Wimbledon and a host of other major sporting events. Prior to his time with the Belfast Telegraph, he worked for the Irish News newspaper, covering all sports, and as a freelance radio producer and reporter for BBC Radio Ulster.

Steven has also been the chairman of the Northern Ireland Football Writers' Association and a judge on numerous panels for various sporting awards ceremonies across Ireland. In the mid 2000s he was a regular guest on the Eamonn Holmes Saturday morning show on Radio Five Live and has continued to appear on radio, television and social network programmes speaking about various sporting issues. In 2016 Steven decided to leave the Belfast Telegraph to seek new challenges. Since then he has supplied material for numerous national newspapers including the Daily Mail, Daily Express, Daily Mirror, Sunday Times, Mail on Sunday and Daily Record. He continues to write for the Belfast Telegraph in Northern Ireland, and has contributed to international sports magazines such as L'Equipe. He is now a football pundit on Cool FM's Irish League show.

Moving into sports consultancy, he has worked for various Northern Ireland companies offering guidance and advice as well as setting up and hosting events. Throughout the last two decades he has worked with politicians, governing bodies, business people and sporting heroes and is a respected figure across sport in Northern Ireland.