

Hampshire Sportshall Report 2018/19

The Hampshire Sportshall League has teams from Aldershot, Winchester, New Forest, Portsmouth, Southampton, Havant Andover & Overton participating in Under 11 & 13 age group team competitions and Under 15 Individual events. This season we had four League matches and we had two new venues to spread the events around the county. Match 1 was in October in Eastleigh Match 2 in Applemore New Forest Match 3 Hart Leisure Centre Fleet Match 4 Havant Leisure Centre. At the final League match at Havant all the medals and trophies for the team and individual awards were handed out which was an improvement from previous years when presentations have been delayed until the Hampshire Championships in May.

For the 2019/20 season Invites have been sent to Basingstoke and Isle of Wight Athletic clubs to join the Hampshire Sportshall League. Eastleigh Places Leisure (Fleming Park) has been booked for Match 1 & 2 for next season due to its positive feedback from the match this season.

This season only one Sportshall Grand Prix event was held due to Mike Coker no longer being involved in Sportshall organisation. A Championship event was held for Winchester athletes at Kings School Winchester based upon the Grand Prix format and next season Grand Prix events will be trialled at Kings School.

The Hampshire Sportshall teams that take part in the South East Regional Championships in March had coaching sessions at Kings School Winchester in preparation for the Regional event. T-shirts were given to each member of the squad for the competitions which had their initials on which went down really well with the athletes.

At the South East Regionals which took place at the Triangle Leisure Centre Burgess Hill Sussex with the Under 11 competition in the morning and Under 13/15 competition in the afternoon. The Hampshire Under 11 Girls team were 4th just out of the medals by a few points. The Under 11 Boys team were 5th. In the older age groups both girls and boys Under 13 teams were 6th with both Under 15 teams 7th in their competitions.

Thanks are extended to Richard Dean as scorer and administration organiser, Paul Smith (NFJ) who organised the Equipment for the league matches and also sorted the award winners for the final match, Phil Budd (PAC) who organised all the trophies and county t-shirts. Thanks to all the coaches, officials and team managers who assisted with various tasks and roles throughout the season.

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