

Hampshire Sportshall League Report 2019/2020

This season saw the League expand to include Fleet & Crookham AC and they competed with great success as a new club to Sportshall. Invitations were made to both Basingstoke and Isle of Wight to join the League but due to organisational and financial reasons both clubs declined the invite. Hopefully for 2020-21 both clubs will be able to participate.

The first League Match was held at the very spacious Place Leisure Centre in Eastleigh and had over 250 athletes in the Under 11, 13 and 15 age groups taking part. There was a great atmosphere at the event and the venue and event received good feedback.

The second League match was again at Eastleigh and again had well over 200 athletes taking part and we reintroduced Balance Test into the programme after a few seasons absence.

After a problem with Andover Leisure Centre as a venue for Match 3 the event was changed to Hart Leisure Centre in Fleet much to the pleasure of Fleet and Aldershot due to the nearby location. The hall was smaller than Eastleigh but the event went off well with a bit of track and field organisation.

The final match took place at Havant Leisure Centre and was a very busy match as it included all the trophy and medal presentations so inevitably the timetable overran but in the end all presentations were made to the league winners both individual and teams.

From the first two league matches as Hampshire Sportshall team manager I selected the Hampshire teams for the South East Regional Championships that will be held at Burgess Hill on 22nd March. Two Hampshire team training sessions took place in February at Kings School which were successful sessions. We all wish the Hampshire team's great success at the event at Burgess Hill. I must pass on my thanks to all the coaches and helpers who turned up at the training sessions.

There are many individuals from Hampshire Athletics and the clubs that I would like to thank that make the League a success especially the officials who give up their own time to make sure the athletes have successful matches.

I would like to single out Richard Dean who attends every match and does the scoring tirelessly and produces the results on the day and puts them on the website and at Match 4 this year had a very stressful time trying to get the results printed off for the presentations.

I would also like to make a special mention to Phil Budd from Portsmouth who organises the medals/trophies and county t-shirts/hoodies. Also a big thank to Paul Smith who sorted out the medal/trophy winners list this year.

Steve Torrance Hampshire Sportshall Secretary

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