

## Hampshire Sportshall League Report 2025/26

The first Sportshall League match took place in October at the usual venue of Eastleigh Places Leisure. The next two league matches were in November with the final league matches held in February.

The events for the Under 11 athletes were 1 Lap race and 3 Lap race using reversa boards. In the field they compete at Speed Bounce Chest Push Histepper Standing Long Jump or Standing Triple Jump.

The U13 and 15 athletes face the 2 Lap and 4 Lap races with field events Speed bounce, Standing Long Jump, Standing Triple Jump, Shot or 2kg Chest Push.

The numbers of U11 athletes taking part this season averaged out at 75-80 for Under 11 boys and 70-75 for Under 11 girls per match which is on par with recent seasons so interest is still healthy for Sportshall. Clubs are capped for the number of U11 athletes taking part so matches do not overrun.

The number of U13 and U15 athletes taking part has also maintained on average the same as previous seasons which is good to see.

The clubs taking part in the league are Winchester, Southampton, Portsmouth, Aldershot & Farnham New Forest Juniors, Andover, Havant Fleet & Crookham with Isle of Wight rejoining the League after many years not taking part.

The overall Winners of the League were-

U11 Boys Individual-Alex How Southampton

U11 Boys Team Southampton.

U11 Girls Individual- Fearn Strong.

U11 Girls Team Portsmouth.

U13 Boys Individual- James Gallon Southampton

U13 Boys Team Southampton

U13 Girls Individual- Leah Schembri Fleet & Crookham

U13 Girls Team Fleet & Crookham

U15 Boys Individual- Rory Boyce Portsmouth.

U15 Girls Individual- Kena Nwena Fleet & Crookham.

This season we have included non scoring relays at each match within the schedule which the athletes have seemed to enjoy.

On March 1st I team-managed the Hampshire Sportshall teams at the South East Sportshall Regional match at Burgess Hill Sussex. The opposition for the county teams was provided by Kent, Surrey, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Sussex and Oxfordshire.

The Under 11 boys did the best of the teams finishing 3rd overall and winning team medals.

The U11 boys had several 1st places in both the track and field.

The Under 11 girls finished 5th and performed really well just lacking strength in depth in the field.

Unfortunately the Regionals include events which Hampshire do not include in their League matches such as Balance Test, Target Throw, Soft Javelin, Obstacle Relay and so our athletes have to sometimes compete at events they have had a chance to try before.

The Under 13 and 15 teams performed admirably at the SE Regionals with U13 Girls 5th

Under 15 Boys 6th Under 13 Boys 7th and Under 15 Girls 7th.

I must add a big thank you to all the officials who have given their own team this season to make the Hampshire Sportshall League another success.

We look forward to another enjoyable season in 2026/27.

Steve Torrance  
Hampshire Sportshall Secretary