

Mini League Sports Hall Season 2019/20

AGM Report

Participant numbers have been down this year in comparison to recent years and some age groups have been particularly underrepresented, specifically Under 13 (boys and girls) and Under 15 boys, none of which have managed to put out a relay team all year.

There has been a trade off in some age groups however. For example, last season we had a strong U13 Girls team but hardly any U15 Girls. With Phoebe Clayton, Kate Ridgeway, Bella McCormack and Emily Disney all moving up together the U15's have been a major force and actually won their age group this season, but it has left the U13's under-represented.

Sports hall is arguably more popular amongst the younger age groups and this has shown with Under 11's being reasonably well attended with the boys more so than the girls. It is still U11's where we need to focus recruitment as they will hopefully stay with the team throughout their years at the club.

A total of 39 athletes represented the club at sports hall this season with 9 of them completing all 5 fixtures. We also had 16 U11's take part in the Octathlon event in January.

Overall RAC finished 4th in the league with the U11 Boys finishing second and the U15 Girls finishing first in their respective age groups. Despite low numbers in other age groups U11 Girls were 6th, U13 Girls were 5th, U13 Boys were 4th and U15 Boys were 5th.

In the Under 11 Girls Amy Clayton was the top points scorer making the most of her final year at this level before moving up to U13 next season. The U11 Boys were in great form with Tarun Balamurugan and Marcus Wootton weighing in with massive points totals. The two of them joined by Adam Paget and James Sugden also forged an explosive relay team, going unbeaten all season with a 100% record of five wins from five fixtures.

In the Under 13 Girls Freya Sugden was flying the flag solo most of the year, weighing in with an impressive 58 points and making the county team in the process. Annelise French also scored some valuable points particularly in shot where she recorded a PB of 5.34 in the final fixture. Ruben Alexander, Ewan Collier and Stirling Evans all moved up to U13 this season and were therefore at the lower end of the age group but still posted some impressive performances.

The U15 Girls were the stars of the show with Phoebe, Bella, Kate and Emily all moving up from U13 last season. Despite being lower age group they completely smashed it and won the age group overall. They also recorded an awesome 100% record in the relay with 5 wins from 5. Megan Davis bowed out of mini league at the end of this season as she moves up to U17 but still weighed in with points contributions in shot.

Aiden Wootton also called time on his Mini League career with an impressive attendance record across all events and disciplines, hardly missing a sports hall, Cross Country or Track & Field fixture over the last 5 years. He flew the U15 Boys flag pretty much solo this year and scored 57 points in the process.

Nine RAC athletes have been selected for the County Sports Hall Team which takes place in Grantham on 15th March.