

## **Mini League Sports Hall Season 2021/22**

### **AGM Report**

Mini League Sportshall made a welcome return for the 2021/22 season following the disruption caused by Covid in 2020 and early 2021. The format was tweaked slightly with one less fixture, and two age group specific matches in an attempt to reduce athlete numbers in the October and November fixtures.

Participant numbers were down across the board, however all clubs seemed to be suffering the same issue, with the exception of Newark and Mansfield who both fielded some very strong teams. Rushcliffe have always been well represented at Sportshall, so the drop in numbers was likely down to continued nervousness around Covid (particularly in an indoor setting in the autumn and winter months), and also, the shortage of U11's within the membership caused by the breaks in training and inductions in 2020. Nevertheless, I think there is still more we can do within the younger 'multi events' groups to promote it to our athletes as a viable winter competition option.

The season kicked off in with an U11's only Octathlon and we fielded 7 athletes. Isaac Wright placed a fantastic third overall with an excellent all-round performance.

In November it was the turn of the U13's and U15's before the full timetable (U11 – U15) returned in December & January.

The February fixture was used as a County Team selection and training fixture, meaning that the competitive season was extremely condensed. Rushcliffe finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall with 4 of our athletes being selected for the county team. Adam Paget, Tarun Balamarugan, Stirling Evans and Ruben Alexander all went on to represent Nottinghamshire in the Regional Event in Grantham.

Rachel Wright will be joining the Sportshall management team for the 2022/23 season to support Harvey as we look to grow our athlete numbers for next winter.

**Harvey Sugden**

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