

## **Report on the 2019 Regional Fun in Athletics Final/Regional Sportshall Athletics Finals:**

Many, many congratulations to all 3 Somerset Teams for a fantastic competition, fought with such enthusiasm and determination!

Well done to the boys Somerset Spartans on winning the final - awesome!!

A brief report follows:

Following on from tough rounds of area championships and selection trials, 3 strong teams of young athletes headed up to Bristol on the 27th Jan 2019 for the Annual Regional Championships of the Fun in Athletics Sportshall Competition.

Somerset has a strong track record in this event over recent years and the teams were looking to take on their old adversaries from Avon and Gloucestershire who narrowly beat them into second place last year. The 40 athletes had all been through an extensive but enjoyable period of training and had acquired additional skills across a wide range of running, jumping, throwing, agility and balance events, so expectations were as high as they are every year.

The teams got off to a flying start with the Spartan boys, managed by Tottie Taylor of Mendip Athletics Club, winning the first obstacle relay and then winning 4 more out of the remaining 7 relays. The girls also showed their intent narrowly finishing second in the same race, before winning the pairs 2 lap race, and coming second in two of the remaining races.

The Spartan boys also performed well in the field events, with Fox Temperley von Beningson winning both the Balance Test and the Standing Long Jump, and Tom Crowter winning the Standing Triple Jump with a jump just short of 6.00m. Many other performances came in with 2nd or 3rd places boosting the team's overall average score and which lead to them winning the event outright by 8 points!

The Saracen boys, managed by Steve Njie of Mendip Athletics Club, where many of the athletes were a year younger, also achieved many creditable results and helped their Spartan team mates in the process.

The Spartan girls, missing one of their strongest competitors through injury, battled hard all afternoon where on occasions they had unlucky incidents that cost them points. Under the watchful eye of Team Manager Madison Lewis, a year 9 student leader from Wells Cathedral School, they managed to achieve strong points across all the various events with Kayleigh Spiers and Amelia Snell coming joint first in the Javelin. Kayleigh Spiers also came second in the Standing Triple Jump.

Simon De-Wilton, Assistant Headteacher from Wellsprings Primary School who was supporting athletes at the event said "It was great to see the hard work and preparation for the competition pay off with Somerset children working so hard in their teams and performing so well."

A full set of results can be found by [clicking here>>](#)

