

Sporting Champions Needed!

From its origins in 1976, Sportshall Athletics continues to be one of the UK's most well attended sports for children 11 years and younger. Despite this, it is not as widely known as other sports such as netball, rugby, swimming etc. Two fairly recent household names from the world of senior athletics, Jess Ennis-Hill and Mark Lewis Francis, both started their world class careers in Sportshall Athletics; locally many of the current Somerset and regional U13, U15 and U17 champions first competed in this form of the sport.



Somerset has been competing in the Regional U11 championships for well over 20 years, and have regularly produced great team performances: in Jan 2017, the girls team comprehensively won their competition after several years of finishing second. There is every reason to believe that Somerset can find the next generation of sporting athletes to repeat the success in 2018.

There are two area trials, held in Wells and Yeovil, which double up as the county championships, followed by two training events before the actual Regional Competition in Bristol on 28th Jan 2018. Entries are invited from any year 5 or 6 boy or girl (or a year 4 if the child will be 9 on or before the 28th Jan 2018), where the only requirement is being committed to participating in all running, jumping and throwing events, alongside those that require balance, agility and coordination.

All details can be found on the ACE Athletics website, which includes an online entry form in the Sportshall Section. <http://www.aceathletics.co.uk/>