

# Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

## County Even Age Cross Country Championships

Moycarkey-Coolcree hosted the first day of the County Cross Country Championships in Middlepiece, Two-Mile-Borris on Sunday last and with glorious weather, a perfect course and plenty of manpower everything was set for a great day of competition.

The host club got the day off to a blistering start with two great victories at U/10 level. Both Sophie Coughlan in the girls and Daire O'Donnell in the boys strode to victory from fields of more than 50 athletes. Abigail O'Regan of Carrick-on-Suir finished runner-up to Sophie while Ava O'Dwyer of Thurles Crokes won the bronze medal for her third place finish. Jane Corcoran, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Maeve Healion, Templemore and Aisling Decruis, Dundrum finished fourth, fifth and sixth. Moycarkey-Coolcree pulled out all the stops to clinch the County U/10 title on 30pts from Thurles Crokes on 37pts and Templemore on 42pts. In the boys event Charlie Tobin, Newport finished second just ahead of Matthew Downey, Clonmel with Killian Doran, Moycarkey-Coolcree in fourth, Shane Ryan, Moyglass in fifth and Fred Perry, Clonmel in sixth. Moycarkey-Coolcree were one again the winners of the team event on 45pts from Clonmel on 51pts and Moyne on 58pts.

The U/12 titles went to opposite ends of the County with Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers showing a clean pair of heels to her rivals while Cian Hodgins, Nenagh Olympic showed his strength over the final metres to capture the Boys title. Dundrum supplied 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Girls event in the form of Kate Ferncombe and Orla Ryan with Helen Cleere, Moyne, Saoirse Walsh, Newport and Ruby Carroll, Clonmel filling 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places. Little or nothing separated Moyne and Newport in the team event with Moyne taking the honours on 51pts to 53pts for Newport with Dundrum winning the bronze medals on 63pts. Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree put up a sterling performance to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Boys event followed by Odhran McGrath of Clonmel. Fourth place went to Shane Buckley, Dundrum, fifth to Oisín Shelley, Moyglass and sixth to Aaron McLoughlin, Moyne. The winners of the team event were Clonmel on 49pts followed by Moyne on 61pts and Thurles Crokes on 66pts.

Two further clubs featured on the winner's rostrum at U/14 level with the highly talented Aimee Hayde dominating the Girls race and Sean Phillips, Thurles Crokes the Boys event. Emma Murray, Coolquill took the silver medal while Ailbhe O'Neill, Nenagh Olympic won the bronze. Kate Burke, Moyglass finished fourth, Lorna Ryan, Dundrum fifth and Laura Purcell, Moycarkey-Coolcree sixth. Clonmel and Newport finished level on points for the team title with Clonmel securing victory on count back. Both teams finished on 48pts with Moyne in third on 52pts. Brendan Quinn, Newport secured the silver medal in the Boys event just ahead of Philip Hayes, Moyne who collected the bronze medal. Thurles Crokes athletes finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with Darragh Minogue and Jack O'Meara while Gavin Ryan, Moyne finished 6<sup>th</sup>. Thurles Crokes won their first team title on the day on 17pts from Moyne on 37pts and Clonmel on 67pts.

Newport and Nenagh secured their second individual victories of the day in the U/16 category with Aifric Walsh winning the Girls event and Ted Collins the Boys event. Aifric was followed home by the Clonmel duo of Siobhán Whelan and Molly Keane with Ava Fennessy also of Clonmel finishing fourth, Sarah Ryan, Moreabbey Milers fifth and Michelle Sage, Newport sixth. Clonmel were the only club to supply teams in this event and finished first on 9pts and second on 27pts. Adam Ryan, Newport won the silver medal in the Boys event from Daniel Slattery, Clonmel. Colin Coleman, Newport finished fourth ahead of his teammate Michael O'Brien with Dylan McLoughlin, Moyne in sixth. Newport were the winners of the team event on 11pts from Moyne on 23pts.

Newport claimed their third individual title of the day in the Girls U/18 event when Emma Fagan strode to victory ahead of Ciara O'Neill, Clonmel and Roisin Daly, Moyne. Moya Whelan, Clonmel finished fourth, Nuala Fitzgibbon, Thurles Crokes fifth and Lucy O'Donnell, Clonmel sixth. Clonmel were the winners of the team title on 12pts. Thurles Crokes added a second individual title when Fred Crowley broke clear of the field over the final stages to clinch victory in the Boys U/18 race. TJ Quigley, Clonmel finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with James Cummins, Moreabbey Milers in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fourth place went to Nathan Bowe, Moyne, fifth to Ben Coughlan, Moreabbey Milers and sixth also to Moreabbey Milers Ewan Cunningham. Moreabbey Milers were the winners of the team event.

Individual wise Newport were the top club with three victories in the Girls U/14, Girls U/16 and Girls U/18 followed by Thurles Crokes, Nenagh Olympic and Moycarkey-Coolcree with two each and Moreabbey Milers with one. In the team categories Clonmel headed the field with four victories at Boys U/12, Girls U/14, Girls U/16 and Girls U/18 with Moycarkey-Coolcree on two victories and one each for Moreabbey Milers, Moyne, Thurles Crokes and Newport.

Congratulations to all of the juveniles that turned out for their clubs and supporting these championships and they can all look forward to the Un-Even Age Championships in Moyglass on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## County Juvenile Cross Country Relays

A big crowd is expected to converge on Thurles on Sunday next when the County Juvenile Cross Country Relays take place in the Thurles Crokes grounds. Races for U/10, U/12 and U/14 Boys and Girls and at U/16 level it is a mixed relay with at least 2 girls on the team. The first race is away at 12 noon and entries for this event will be taken on the day.

## Cross Country Fixtures

For a full list of all County, Munster and National Cross Country Championship fixtures please check out the details on the Tipperary Athletics website – [www.tipperaryathletics.com](http://www.tipperaryathletics.com)