
Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

Munster Juvenile “B” Cross Country Championships

On another great day for cross country running the County was well represented in Clarecastle for the Munster Juvenile “B” Cross Country Championships with clubs from Dundrum, Newport, Moyne, Carrick-on-Suir, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Clonmel, Moyglass and Moreabbeey Milers filling teams for the County and their clubs with some great success. TJ Quigley, Clonmel, claimed the Boys U/17 title and also led the Boys U/17 team to Munster gold. 12 club athletes secured individual medals with three other Tipperary teams winning bronze medals and Dundrum claiming a medal in the Girls U/9 club event.

The day began brightly for the County when the Girls U/9 team secured the bronze medals with Roisin Ferncombe, Dundrum leading the team home and also winning an individual bronze medal having finished 9th overall. Sara Carmody also of Dundrum was the next across the line and in finishing 12th also collected an individual medal. Aoibheann McNamara, Newport finished 19th with Ruby Kelly, Dundrum 28th followed by her team-mate Emma Kingston in 29th and Orla Duggan, Moyne completing the team in 36th. Dundrum won the silver medals in the club competition. Just four athletes represented the County in the Boys event but Jack Reddan, Moyne kept the County flag flying finishing 9th overall to win a Munster bronze medal. Cathal Heney, Dundrum finished 19th, Conor Kennedy, Dundrum 31st and Shane Burke, Moyne 51st.

The Girls U/11 race saw 18 young athletes representing the County with Abigail O’Regan, Carrick-on-Suir having a storming run to finish second and collect a Munster silver medal. Sarah Corcoran, Moycarkey-Coolcree also had a great race to finish 6th to win a bronze medal and she was followed home by Ciara Ryan, Newport in 17th. Amy Reddan, Moyne finished 22nd followed by Millie Kelly, Dundrum in 27th and Jane Corcoran, Moycarkey-Coolcree 29th to complete the County team and in the process all six athletes helped the team to bronze medals. Also competing from the County were Aine Finn, Newport 30th, Jade Collins, Dundrum 41st, Paula Quirke, Dundrum 42nd, Aisling De Cruis, Dundrum 44th, Emma Corcoran, Moycarkey-Coolcree 49th, Rachel Buckley, Clonmel 53rd, Emma Walsh, Carrick-on-Suir 62nd, Jessie Collins, Dundrum 63rd, Blathnaid Lloyd, Moyne 69th, Saoirse Doran, Moyne 72nd, Una Duggan, Moyne 78th and Ailin Kennedy, Newport 86th. Moyne finished 9th in the club competition.

The Boys U/11 team finished just out of the medals in fourth place and they were led home by Shane Ryan, Moyglass in 18th. Ryan Bargary, Dundrum finished 24th, followed by Jack Heffernan, Dundrum 25th, Kieran Proven, Clonmel 29th, Cathal Guilfoyle, Moyne 40th and Tom O’Driscoll, Dundrum 45th. Also competing on the day were Frank Doyle, Moyne 46th, Adam Phelan, Moyne 48th, Lorcan Burke, Moyne 56th, Adam Spillane Leane, Moyne 61st and Matthew Buckley, Clonmel 81st. Moyne finished 7th in the club competition.

The Girls were once again to the fore for the County in the U/13 race finishing third in the Inter-County Competition with Orla Ryan, Dundrum in 14th place leading them home. Muireann Duffy, Clonmel finished 20th followed by Sinead Blackburn, Moreabbeey Milers 34th, Ruth O’Regan, Carrick-on-Suir 40th, Kate Ralph, Moycarkey-Coolcree 57th and Laura Quinn, Newport 62nd. Eugenia Debaco Medina, Dundrum finished 68th with Anna Keane, Dundrum 72nd.

The Boys U/13 team finished 4th with James Doyle, Thurles Crokes winning an individual bronze medal having finished 9th overall. Pauric Walsh, Carrick-on-Suir finished 29th, closely followed by team-mate Conor O'Brien in 32nd. Ronan O'Dwyer, Moycarkey-Coolcree finished 41st, Gerard Sage, Newport 50th and Liam Ryan, Moyne 55th to complete the team.

Three girls competed for the County in the U/15 race with Aifric Walsh, Newport having a great run to finish 3rd overall and in the bronze medal position. Molly Keane, Clonmel finished 13th just one place short of a medal while Michelle Sage, Newport came through for 28th. In the Boys race the County was again represented by only three athletes with Dylan McLoughlin, Moyne and Gavin Ryan, Moyne finishing strongly to take 6th and 8th places respectively and win individual bronze medals with team-mate Eanna Guilfoyle crossing the line in 22nd overall.

In the Girls U/17 race Aoibheann Duggan, Moyne was unfortunate to finish just out of the medal in 13th place while it was in the Boys event that Tipperary came to the fore to completely dominate the race and claim individual and team victory. TJ Quigley, Clonmel and Thomas O'Brien, Newport dictated the pace at the head of the field and though threatened on occasions it never looked like they would be overhauled with TJ pushing for home on the last lap to cross the line for a great victory. Thomas also ran strongly over that last lap to secure the silver medal with Nathan Bowe, Moyne sprinting clear over the final 400mts to finish 4th while Ben O'Dwyer, Moycarkey-Coolcree fought hard over the final metres to finish 10th. Both athletes winning bronze medals for their efforts. Daniel Slattery, Clonmel moved through the field to finish 15th with anchor man Gerry Hayes, Dundrum crossing the line in 17th place to secure the team gold for Tipperary. A great performance from all six athletes.

Well done to each of the athletes who performed so well on Sunday and congratulations to those who achieved individual, county and club honours.

All Ireland Un-Even Age Juvenile Championships

This event gets underway on Sunday next at 11.30am in the grounds of Dundalk IT with Tipperary represented by our Boys U/13 team of Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Darragh Minogue, Thurles Crokes, Oisín Shelly, Moyglass, Philip Hayes, Moyne, Dara Kennedy, Newport, Aaron Moore, Moyne and Aaron McLoughlin, Moyne and we wish them all the very best of luck as they strive to bring back national medals to Tipperary.

Competing for Munster at this event are Shane Buckley, Dundrum who enters this Championship as Munster U/11 champion as does Aimee Hayde, Newport at U/15 level. Ben Walsh, Nenagh Olympic (U/11), Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers (U/13), Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree (U/13), Ted Collins, Nenagh Olympic (U/15), Emma Fagan, Newport (U/17), Fred Crowley, Thurles Crokes (U/17) and Ciara O'Neill, Clonmel (U/19) are also representing Munster and again all athletes are wished the best of luck on Sunday.