

Tipperary Juvenile Track and Field Report 2020

2020 started out with much hope and great vigour within the clubs of Tipperary as the upcoming Track and Field season was set to be one of the busiest yet. Unfortunately, as things panned out 2020 was to be the shortest season of all as athletics like many other sports in both Ireland and abroad was to fall foul of the Covid 19 pandemic. However, while it may have been a shortened season there were some athletics activity with Munster combined events, National combined events, Munster indoors from u9 to u11 and u12 to u19 events taking place. Also, in March the national walking championships took place in Raheny Dublin.

The first group of athletes into action were the combined eventers on 5th of January 2020 in Nenagh in the Munster combined events. Results were Cara Ryan Clonmel was 1st in girls u11, Donal Ryan Templemore AC 3rd in boys u11 & Ellen o Dwyer Nenagh Olympic Ac 3rd in Girls u16 event. Other to take part were Matthew Hardy Borriskane Ac u16 boys, Jay O Gorman Carrick on Suir Ac u12 boys, Karl Boland Nenagh Olympic Ac u11 boys, Eleanor Boland Nenagh Olympic Ac u12 Girls and Niamh Boland Nenagh Olympic Ac u14 girls.

On the 18th of January 2020 Eleanor o Dwyer Nenagh Olympic Ac finished 7th in the Girls u16 National Combined event at the Athlone institute of Technology indoor arena.

Nenagh indoor stadium was the venue for days 1,2&3 of the 2020 Munster Juvenile indoors with over 800 athletes from across Munster entered and the top 4 qualifying for the National finals in March & April competition was of a very high standard across the 3days. Tipperary were very much to the fore across all 3days.

Day 1 was held on Saturday the 15th of February with the u9 to u11 age groups also including the walks. Tipperary medal winners results as follows

Day 1				
Age/Event	Name	Club	Result	Position
u9 Girls Long Jump	Nora Clifford	Nenagh Olympic Ac	3.01m	3rd
u10 Boys Long Jump	Matthew Power	Newport Ac	3.55m	2nd
Girls u11 Long Jump	Cora Ryan	Clonmel Ac	4.15m	1st
u11 Girls Long Jump	Ruby Norris	Carrick On Suir Ac	3.77m	2nd
u11 Boys long Jump	Donal Ryan	Templemore AC	3.88m	3rd
u11 Girls Shot Putt	Maria Doyle	Moyne AC	5.84m	3rd
u11 Boys Shot putt	Donal Ryan	Templemore Ac	6.70m	2nd
u14 Girls 1km Walk	Maebh Meegan	Clonmel Ac	6.24.44mins	3rd
u16 Boys 1.5km Walk	Sean O Sullivan	Clonmel Ac	7.47.77mins	1st
u16 Boys 1.5km Walk	Aaron Mc Laughlin	Moyne Ac	8.36.98mins	2nd
u17 Girls 1.5km walk	Grainne O Connor	Clonmel Ac	8.11.48mins	2nd

Day 2 and 3 where held on the 22nd & 23rd of February with the u12-u19 age groups. Tipperary medallists' results.

Day 2&3				
u12 Boys 60m Hurdles	John o Meara	Carrick on Suir Ac	10.88secs	2nd
u13 Boys 60m	Joe Bourke	Templemore Ac	8.26secs	2nd
u12 Boys 600m	Colm Ryan	Newport Ac	1.49.33mins	2nd
u13 Boys 600m	Ruairi Walsh	Nenagh Olympic AC	1.47.86mins	3rd
u14 Boys 60m	Aaron Dunford	Templemore Ac	7.94secs	2nd

U14 Girls 800m	Jennifer o Leary	Nenagh Olympic AC	2.30.92mins	3rd
u14 Boys High Jump	Joshua Simpson	Carrick on Suir Ac	1.40m	3rd
u14 girls High Jump	Clodagh Donohue	Newport Ac	1.50m	1st
u14 Boys Long Jump	Joshua Simpson	Carrick on Suir Ac	4.43m	3rd
u15 Boys 200m	Killian Bergin	Templemore Ac	25.17secs	2nd
u15 Boys 800m	Shane Buckley	Dundrum Ac	2.11.83mins	1st
u15 Girls Shot putt	Ceola Bergin	Templemore Ac	11.04m	2nd
u15 Boys High Jump	Cathal Ryan	Templemore Ac	1.65m	1st
u16 Girls 800m	Kate Ferncombe	Dundrum Ac	2.29.31mins	1st
u16 Boys 800m	Dara Kennedy	Newport Ac	2.15.83mins	1st
u16 Girls 1500m	Ellen Bolger	Carrick on Suir Ac	5.15.76mins	1st
u16 Girls 1500m	Orla Ryan	Dundrum Ac	5.17.28mins	2nd
u16 Girls 1500m	Hazel Brennan	Clonmel Ac	5.37.97mins	3rd
u16 Boys 1500m	Cian Hodgins	Nenagh Olympic AC	4.31.62mins	1st
u16 Boys 1500m	Tom Walshe	Nenagh Olympic AC	4.39.19mins	3rd
u16 Girls Long Jump	Emma o Neill	Carrick on Suir Ac	5.12m	2nd
u16 Girls Long Jump	Ellen o Dwyer	Nenagh Olympic AC	4.85m	3rd
u16 Girls High Jump	Ellen o Dwyer	Nenagh Olympic AC	1.45m	3rd
u17 Boys 200m	Tom mc Cutcheon	Nenagh Olympic AC	24.59secs	3rd
u17 Girls Long Jump	Lorna o Shea	Carrick on Suir Ac	9.49secs	2nd
u17 Boys 800m	Sean Hayes	Nenagh Olympic AC	2.12.05mins	3rd
u17 Boys 1500m	Sean Hayes	Nenagh Olympic AC	4.35.50mins	3rd
u17 Girls Long Jump	Lorna o Shea	Carrick on Suir Ac	5.19m	2nd
U18 Boys 60m Hurdles	Armand Schoeman	Templemore Ac	8.66secs	2nd
u18 Girls 60m Hurdles	Lynn Verneer	Carrick on Suir Ac	9.54secs	2nd
u18 Boys 60m	Armand Schoeman	Templemore Ac	7.22secs	1st
u18 Girls 200m	Kellie Bester	Carrick on Suir Ac	27.50secs	3rd
u18 Boys 200m	Lewis Doyle	Nenagh Olympic AC	23.74secs	2nd
u18 boys 400m	Kyle Dooley	Templemore Ac	53.64secs	1st
u18 boys 400m	Lewis Doyle	Nenagh Olympic AC	56.34secs	3rd
u18 Girls 400m	Gillian Hughes	Clonmel Ac	1.04.37mins	2nd
u18 Girls 800m	Aibhe o Neill	Nenagh Olympic AC	2.22.06mins	1st
u18 Girls 800m	Gillian Hughes	Clonmel Ac	2.25.43mins	2nd
u18 Girls 1500m	Aibhe o Neill	Nenagh Olympic AC	4.54.44mins	1st
u18 Boys 1500m	William Tyrell	Clonmel Ac	4.42.64mins	1st
u19 Girls 60m	Marian Gilman	Carrick on Suir Ac	8.38secs	3rd
u19 Girls 200m	Katie Bergin	Moyne Ac	26.92secs	3rd
u19 Girls 800m	Sarah Lane	Nenagh Olympic AC	2.19.37mins	1st
u19 Girls 60m Hurdles	Anna Ryan	Moycarkey Coolcree AC	9.53secs	1st
u19 Girls 60m Hurdles	Rachel o Shea	Carrick on Suir Ac	10.58secs	2nd
u19 Girls 1500m	Siobhan Whelan	Clonmel Ac	4.49.34mins	1st
u19 Girls Long jump	Anna Ryan	Moycarkey Coolcree AC	5.19m	2nd
u19 Girls Long jump	Rachel o Shea	Carrick on Suir Ac	4.45m	3rd

Numerous other athletes qualified for nationals indoors with a 4th place finish at the Munster Indoors these were to take place in March and April in Athlone institute of Technology indoor arena championships but as the Covid 19 pandemic was at its highest rate back in March and April of 2020

these championships were cancelled. Our own indoors championship followed and the entire outdoor season was eventually cancelled as it was unsafe to take place under Covid 19 restrictions.

In March Irish life National Walking championships took place in St Anne Park Raheny in the Juvenile Girls 5km Grainne O Connor took 5th place in 28.50mins and club mate Sam o Sullivan was 1st in the Juvenile Boys 5km

A lot of hard work has been put in behind the scenes by clubs and coaches throughout 2020 to help our athletes achieve their potential and keep training going under the restrictions placed upon them due to the pandemic I would like to commend their work and dedication.

With 2021 now up and running Tipperary Juvenile athletics will continue to be to the fore at provincial, national and even international level. Participation levels continue to stay at a steady level throughout the county with other sports vying for time it is no easy task to keep hold of our athletes. In time Athletics will return, spectators will return and most importantly the athletes will return and when that time Tipperary Juveniles will be raring to go.

Yours in Sport

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