
Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

All Ireland Un-Even Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships

Once again our young athletes kept the flag flying for Tipperary athletics with some great performances at the All Ireland Un-Even Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships held on Sunday in Dundalk IT.

Aimee Hayde, Newport again underlined her ability with a great display of running in the Girls U/15 event. Competing in an age group above her own age she more than held her own against these older athletes to win the bronze medal following her third place finish. Aimee also played her part in helping Munster to win the gold medals in the Inter-Provincial event.

Another young athlete to star on the day was Shane Buckley, Dundrum in the Boys U/11 event. Going into this event as Munster Champion brought about its own pressure but Shane dealt with this in a very easy manner in a fast paced race to keep in contention throughout to cross the line in 7th overall and win a national bronze medal for his huge effort. Shane was also part of the Munster team that just finished out of the medals in 4th place.

The County qualified a team in the Boys U/13 event and each of the seven athletes who performed on the day gave it their all. In an action packed race where places were at a premium and athletes tumbling over, all seven managed to keep out of trouble and run to the best of their ability despite what for many of them was in an upper age group. First home for the team was Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree who just missed out on an individual medal following his 17th place. Darragh Minogue, Thurles Crokes finished 59th with Philip Hayes, Moyne 64th. Dara Kennedy, Newport finished 82nd, Oisín Shelly, Moyglass 107th, Aaron Moore, Moyne 115th and Aaron McLoughlin, Moyne 121st. The team combined to finish 12th overall in the Inter-County Competition.

Our final athlete on the day competed in the Girls U/19 event. Eimear Loughman, Dundrum and Munster ran a very solid race to finish 39th and help the Munster squad to 2nd team in the Inter-Provincial event.

Congratulations to all the athletes on their performances on the day and huge thanks must also go to all the parents and club mentors who supported the athletes on the day.

Sunday rounded out the Juvenile Cross Country Season for this year. The All Ireland "B" Cross Country takes place in February 2017 and with some of our athletes just missing out here in Dundalk and recently in Abbotstown there could be even further success for Tipperary should the athletes decide to travel to Waterford.