

Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

Munster Juvenile Inter Club Relays

Nenagh Olympic and Templemore clubs shone bright at the Munster Juvenile Inter-Club Relays capturing gold medals at Boys U/14 and Boys U/16 level. Nenagh also won silver at Boys U/16 level while Thurles Crokes won the bronze medals in the Boys U/14 race.

The Nenagh Olympic Boys U/14 team of Tom Walsh, Cian Hodgins, Sean Hayes and Luke Purcell led from start to finish over the 4 x 500mts event to come out on top as Munster Champions. Coming through to take a fantastic third place was the Thurles Crokes team of James Doyle, Tadgh Gould, Jimmy Moloney Lahart, Darragh Minogue and John Dwan.

At U/16 level it was a one, two for Tipperary when the Templemore team of Kieran Shorley, David Quinn, Mark Carroll, Jimmy Mullins and Jack Ryan finished very strongly over the final 50mts to overtake the long-time leaders Nenagh Olympic who were represented by Josh Egan, Ted Collins, Joe Cunningham and Andre Barros. This is Templemore's second year in a row to claim the U/16 title. Well done to all three clubs on a fantastic performance.

Tipperary were also represented at U/10 level where Templemore finished 6th in the Girls event while Nenagh Olympic finished 7th in the Boys equivalent. At U/12 level Templemore finished 5th with Moycarkey-Coolcree 8th in the Girls event while Templemore also claimed a fourth place finish in the Girls U/14 race. Well done to all.

National Even Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships

The National Sports Centre, Abbotstown, Co. Dublin is the venue on Sunday next for the National Even Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships which commences with the Girls U/12 2,000mts event at 11.30am. In this race Tipperary will be represented by Millie Kelly, Dundrum who has qualified to take part as a member of the Munster region following her 10th place finish in the Munster equivalent. In the Boys event Shane Buckley, Dundrum and Ben Walsh, Nenagh Olympic are Tipperary's representatives, both competing on the Munster team following their 2nd and 4th place finishes in Munster. These excellent placings will give them plenty of confidence in their abilities to compete with the best from around the Country on Sunday.

Leah Quane, Moreabbeey Milers is our representative at U/14 level and again is representing Munster as she crossed the line in 7th place in the Munster Championship while in the Boys event representing Munster are Tom Walsh and Cian Hodgins, both of Nenagh Olympic following their 8th and 10th place finishes in the Munster championship. Tom and Cian are in fact not alone representing Munster but also Tipperary and Nenagh Olympic as the Tipperary Boys U/14 team qualified in their own right for this championships having finished third in Munster and even more impressive Nenagh Olympic are going into these finals as Munster Club Champions. Joining the two boys on the Tipperary team are Luke Purcell, Nenagh Olympic, Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Darragh Kennedy, Newport, Darragh Minogue, Thurles Crokes, Sean Hayes, Nenagh Olympic, Oisín Shelly, Moyglass and Gerard Sage, Newport.

Our final representatives at National level are three ladies in the U/16 age group. Aimee Hayde, Newport needs no introduction to athletic fans, having won numerous National, Munster and County titles and no doubt will be a leading contender for the U/16 title on Sunday. She will be leading the Munster squad and will be joined on this occasion by Emma

Murray, Coolquill and Siobhan Whelan, Clonmel who finished 6th and 11th in the Munster Championship.

We wish all our athletes travelling to Dublin the very best of luck and hopefully we will be celebrating some success on Sunday evening.