

County Juvenile Even Age Cross Country Championships Report

The Tipperary Athletics cross country season got off to a flying start last Sunday 6th. It has been a number of years since the county cross country has been held in Nenagh but the county board were delighted when Newport AC offered to host an event this season. Newport AC laid out a good, testing route with ups and downs on a very well laid out course. The ground was dry despite the heavy rain the previous day. The sun shone down on all the eager juveniles who descended on the field behind Lacken GAA grounds for the Even Age Cross Country with races from u10 to u18 boys and girls.

Some winners on the day were Aoife O'Donnell Moycarkey Coolcree AC in the u10 with Moyne AC taking team gold. Sean Sheehan also of Moycarkey Coolcree AC won the boys u10 race with the home club of Newport AC taking team gold here. Alana Spillane of Moyne AC won the girls u12 race and Dundrum AC won team gold. Ruairi Walsh of Nenagh Olympic had a great win in the boys u12 race and Newport AC took another team gold in this race. Moving up to the teenage races, Millie Kelly from Dundrum AC won the girls u12 race and her team took the gold medal. Millie's clubmate Shane Buckley won the boys u14 race and Clonmel AC ran well to win the team gold here. Clonmel AC's Laura Cooney won the girls u16 race with her team convincingly winning the team gold. Cian Hodgins was in flying form winning the boys u16 race and his teammates followed him in 2nd and 3rd place ensuring the gold medal for them. Aimee Hayde was the convincing winner of the girls u18 race with Clonmel AC taking the gold team medal here. William Tyrell of Carrick-on-Suir AC was the winner of the boys u18 race.

Congratulations to all competitors on the day and the county board would like to thank the landowners for allowing the event to take place there and thanks to Newport AC for hosting a very well organised event.

We move straight onto the Uneven Age & Junior Cross Country this Sunday 13th which will take place in Moyglass, Co. Tipperary.

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