

Tipperary Juvenile Even Age Cross Country

PRO Report

After a very long wait, the cross country season kicked off in earnest last Sunday 3rd October in Newport Co. Tipperary. Newport AC played host to the only county cross country event in 2020 under very tight restrictions. Last Sunday saw a return to normality with spectators being allowed access to the competition field instead of watching their children compete on their phones via an online link while sitting in their cars. Yet again Newport AC organised the event superbly with a very good running course laid out.

The morning's races began with a fine number of eager u10 girls toeing the line. The top three finishers were Aoife Hennessy of Clonmel AC, Grace Ryan of Moycarkey Coolcree AC and Aoibheann Morgan of Newport AC. The top three teams were Newport AC A, Dundrum AC and Newport AC B. The top three boys were Jesse Julian Dundrum AC, Ben Healy Newport AC & Cian O'Donnell DBB AC. The medal winning teams were Moyne AC, Newport AC & Templemore AC.

The u12 girls' race was next up with a win for one of the county's newest clubs Dualla Ballytarsna Boherlahan AC (DBB AC) in the form of Aoife O'Donnell, followed by Caoimhe Bourke of Newport AC & Leah O'Connell DBB AC. Dundrum AC took the gold team medal followed by DBB AC & Moyne AC taking silver and gold respectively. The boys' race saw a win for Albert Maher of Dundrum AC, 2nd Darragh Healy Newport AC, 3rd Sean Sheehan of Moycarkey AC. Well done to the top three teams of Clonmel AC, Dundrum AC & DBB AC.

In the girls u14 race we saw a fine performance from Alana Spillane from Moyne AC to take the win followed by Lilly Duffy Nenagh Olympic & Emma Kingston Dundrum AC. The top 3 teams were Dundrum AC A, Moyne AC, Dundrum AC B. The boys race was competitive also with Charlie Tobin of Newport AC taking top spot, Rory Crosse DBB AC 2nd, Evan Bourke AC 3rd. Newport AC took the gold team medal with Dundrum AC taking silver.

As the age groups get older, the numbers taking part tend to reduce but the competitiveness and the quality of the runners doesn't. Putting in fine performances and taking the top 3 places were Millie Kelly Dundrum AC, Paula Quirke Dundrum AC & Aoibheann Fogarty Moycarkey Coolcree AC. Dundrum AC took the gold team medal with Newport AC taking silver. Nenagh Olympic, like Dundrum AC, pulled off a one two in the boys race with Diarmuid Moloney in 1st and Ben Walshe in 2nd, Daire O'Donnell of DBB AC was 3rd. Clonmel AC won the gold team medal and Moyne AC won the silver.

The u18 races were the final juvenile races of the day. Five runners took part. Well done to Muireann Duffy Clonmel AC, Laura Cooney Clonmel AC, Cathy Dundon Thurles AC, Ellen Bolger Carrick-on-Suir, Mary Cussen Moyne AC. It was a clean sweep for Nenagh Olympic in the boys' u18 race. Well done to Luke Purcell, Tom Walshe and Cian Hodgins, they won the gold team medal as a result of their top 3 places.