

Munster Juvenile PRO Report

9 National Juvenile & Youth Combined Events Medals for Munster

The Woodie's DIY AAI Juvenile & Youth Combined Events Championships took place on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th August 2012 in Morton Stadium, Santry. Munster featured strongly in the various age groups with 23 athletes from 7 different Munster Clubs taking part from the Counties below:-

Clare:- St. John's A.C. (2)

Cork:- Belgooly A.C (6), Carrig Na Bhfear A.C (1), Old Abbey A.C. (2) Youghal A.C. (4)

Tipperary:- Moycarkey Coolcree A.C (1), Nenagh Olympic A.C. (7)

Munster athletes acquitted themselves well winning 3 National titles, 4 Silver & 2 Bronze over the weekend with Daniel Ryan, Moycarkey Coolcree A.C. taking Gold by a big margin in the Boys U/14 Pentathlon, Deirbhile Ryan, Nenagh Olympic A.C. winning Gold in the Girls U/16 Pentathlon to add to her National Silver Indoor medal in this event & Dan Finnerty, Nenagh Olympic A.C. winning Gold in the Youth Boys (U/17 & U/18) Octathlon to add to his National Silver in Boys U/18 Indoor Pentathlon.

In the Boys U/15 Pentathlon, Tom Deasy, Belgooly A.C. went one place better than the Bronze medal he won at the National Indoor Combined Events earlier this year to win Silver. In the Girls U/16 Pentathlon, Rachel Clancy, St. John's A.C. moved up 2 positions from her 4th place in the National Indoors to win her Silver National medal. Belgooly A.C. athletes Grace McKenzie & Sam Healy both won Silver medals in the Youth Girls & Boys (U/17 & U/18) Octathlons. Bronze medals went to Laura Cussen, Old Abbey A.C. in the Girls U/15 Pentathlon to add to her National Indoor Combined Events Bronze medal & Michael Quilligan, Nenagh Olympic A.C. in the Boys U/16 Pentathlon who added bronze to his National Boys U/16 Indoor Combined Events title.

Ciardha Maher, Nenagh Olympic A.C. (Girls U/15 Pentathlon) & Ferghal Curtin, Youghal A.C. (Boys U/15 Pentathlon) both just narrowly missed out on the medals when they placed 4th in their competitions with Avril Braham, Carrig na Bhfear A.C. & Paul White, Nenagh Olympic A.C. both finishing in 5th place. Other athletes who performed very well were Leah Deasy & Molly Healy, Belgooly A.C. who were 8th & 12th in the Girls U/14 Pentathlon, Emma Hennessy, Nenagh Olympic A.C., Clíodha Blake, St. John's A.C. & Jennifer Hennessy, Youghal A.C. who were 8th, 11th & 12th in the Girls U/15 Pentathlon, Eoin Hurley, Old Abbey A.C. who was 11th in the Boys U/16 Pentathlon, Jayne Pennefather, Belgooly A.C. who was 6th in the Youth Girls Octathlon with Faye O'Brien, Youghal A.C. also competing in the same event & Tom Hennessy, Nenagh Olympic A.C. who was 7th overall in the Youth Boys Octathlon

with Jack Daly, Youghal A.C. also competing in the same event. Congratulations & well done to everyone.

Don't forget the following Open Sports Days which are coming up over the next few weeks:-

- Liscarroll A.C. Open Sports on Sunday 1^{2th} August in Liscarroll GAA Field at 1pm. Further information at www.liscarrollathletics.org.
- DMP A.C. Open Sports on Wednesday 15th August in Sinnottstown Lane Drinagh Wexford. Registration at 5.30pm with start at 6pm. More information on DMP AC Facebook.

There are lots of Coaching & Development Workshops in various disciplines coming up over the next few months in Munster. Full details can be found on the "Coaching" page of www.munsterathletics.com.