Community Games Success for Munster

The National Community Games Athletic Finals were held in AIT, Athlone on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th August 2013. Celebrated as a weekend festival of fun, there is also serious competition in both track & field events & any medals awarded are well earned. Munster athletes came to the fore with Clare doing particularly well.

Clare athletes were the top scorers for the province taking home 14 individual medals (9 gold, 1 silver & 4 pewter). In the Relay competitions, Clare won gold in the Boys U/12, silver in the Boys U/14 & 4th place in the U/10 Mixed competition. Caoimhe Harvey (St. John's A.C.) & Sean Collins (Ennis Track A.C.) performed a double for their County when they both won gold in the Girls & Boys U/16 7km Marathon with Elaine Shannon (Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.) in 4th place & Clare winning both the Girls & Boys team event. Other Clare athletes to the fore were Samuel Olaoye (Ennis Track A.C.) who won the Boys U/8 60m & Tony Odobote (Ennis Track A.C.) who took gold in the Boys U/14 100m & Niamh Conlon (Kilmihil A.C.) who was 4th in the Girls U/12 100m. In the middle distance events, Alex O'Neill (St. Cronan's A.C.) won gold in the Girls U/14 800m, Kevin Mulcaire A.C. (Ennis Track A.C.) won gold in the Boys U/16 1500m while Aisling Kelly (St. John's A.C.) won silver in the Girls U/16 1500m. In the Field Events, Kevin Caulfield (Tulla A.C.) took gold in the Boys U/14 Shot Putt, Luke Callinan (St. Mary's A.C.) was 4th in the Boys U/14 Long Jump & Kaderi Karimu was 4th in the Boys U/16 Triple Jump. Alannah Ryan also won gold in the Girls U/14 Long Puck while Orla O'Brien took gold in the Girls U/12 Ball Throw.

For Cork athletes, there were 10 individual medals in total won (5 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze & 3 pewter). Cork also won silver in the Boys U/12 4 x 100m Relay, bronze in the Girls U/12 & the Mixed U/10 Relays. Individual medal winners were:- Ella Scott (Leevale A.C.) gold in Girls U/10 60mH; Maeve O'Neill (Doheny A.C.) gold in Girls U/10 200m; Padraig Healy gold in the Boys U/12 100m; Fiona Everard (Bandon A.C.) gold in Girls U/16 1500m; Aoife Hurley (Grange Fermoy A.C.) gold in the Girls U/16 Javelin; Vickie Cusack (Liscarroll A.C.) 2nd in Girls U/14 80mH; Grace Coyle, 3rd in Girls U8 60m; Emily Linehan (Liscarroll A.C.) 4th in Girls U/12 Ball Throw; Eoin Redmond (Riverstick/Kinsale A.C.) 4th in Boys U/12 600m; Alan O'Donovan (Riverstick/Kinsale A.C.) 4th in Boys U/14 Javelin.

Tipperary athletes also performed very well winning 9 individual medals in total (4 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze & 3 pewter) & bronze team medals in the Boys U/16 7km Marathon. There were gold medal wins for David Ryan (Moycarkey Coolcroo A.C.) in the Boys U/14 Long Jump; Daniel Ryan (Moycarkey Coolcroo A.C.) in the Boys U/16 100m; Kyle Shelly (Moycarkey Coolcroo A.C.) in the Boys U/12 Long Puck & Maria Carey (Newport A.C.) in the Girls U/16 Triple Jump with silver medals going to Emma Hennessy (Nenagh Olympic A.C.) in the Girls U/16 High Jump, Caoimhe Power (Carrick-On-Suir A.C.) in the Girls U/10 100m & Aolib Hassen (Roscrea A.C.) in Boys U/12 100m. Emily Nolan (Carrick-On-Suir A.C.) won bronze in the Girls U/14 100m & Aaron Egan, Anthony Tobin (Clonmel A.C.) & Kieren Hennessy (Moycarkey Coolcroo A.C.) won team bronze in the Boys U/16 7km Marathon. Pewter medals for 4th place were won by Sharlene Mawdsley (Newport A.C.) in Girls U/16 100m, Lauren Moylan (Nenagh Olympic A.C.) in Girls U/14 80mH & Caoimhe Perdue (Cashel) in Girls U/14 Long Puck.

Limerick athletes won a total of 10 individual medals (2 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze & 3 pewter). In the Relay competitions, They also enjoyed great success in the Relay events winning gold in the Girls

U/12 & U/14 4 x 100m, silver in the Boys U/16 & bronze in the Girls U/16 & U/13 Mixed competitions. Athletes who were in medal winning form were Nathan Cremin (St. Mary's A.C.) who won gold in the Boys U/10 200m; Sophie Meredith (St. Mary's A.C.) gold in Girls U/14 Long Jump; Niamh Foley (St. Mary's A.C.) 2nd in Girls U/12 100m; Laura Frawley (North Cork A.C.), 2nd in Girls U/10 100m; Holly Meredith (St. Mary's A.C.) 3rd in Girls U/12 Ball Throw; Ciara Neville (Emerald A.C.) who won bronze in the Girls U/14 80mH; Dearbhla Egan, 3rd in Girls U/14 Long Puck; Angela Alfred who was 4th in the Girls U/8 60m; Ciara Sheehy (Liscarroll A.C.) 4th in Girls U/14 Shot Putt & Sean McCarthy (Emerald A.C.) 4th in Boys U/14 100m.

Kerry athletes won a total of 7 individual medals (1 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze & 2 pewter) with **Aoife Doyle (Star of the Laune A.C.)** taking gold in the Girls U/16 Discus; **Sean Fitzmaurice (Tralee Harriers A.C.)** 2nd in Boys U/16 Discus; **Sinead Warren (Gneeveguilla A.C.)** 2nd in Girls U/14 Shot Putt; **Rachel Bowler (Tralee Harriers A.C.)** 2nd in Girls U/14 Long Jump; **Cathal O'Reilly (Tralee Harriers A.C.)** 3rd in Boys U/16 Triple Jump; **Sarah Leahy (Spa Muckross A.C.)** 4th in Girls U/14 100m & **Louis Ryle,** 4th in Boys U/16 1500m. In the Relay competitions, Kerry won gold in the U/13 Mixed Relay, silver in the Girls U/16 7km Marathon, silver in the Mixed U/15 4 x 100m & bronze in the Girls U/14 & 4th place in the Girls U/16 Relays.

For Waterford athletes, there were 3 individual medals (2 silver & 1 bronze) & 4th place medals in the Boys U/14 4 x 100m Relay. **Dylan Conway** was 2nd in Boys U/10 60mH, **Emily O'Mahony, West Waterford A.C.** was 2nd in Girls U/12 600m & **Shane Monagle (Tramore A.C.)** won bronze in the Boys U/14 80mH.

Congratulations & well done to all athletes. Full Results can be found at www.communitygames.ie.