

National Titles for Hayde, Harrington & Mulcaire



The GloHealth AAI Juvenile Even Age Cross Country Championships took place in Dundalk I.T. on Sunday 23rd November 2014. Munster athletes won 26 individual medals in total with top 3 finishes by the following athletes:- **Aimee Hayde, Newport A.C.**, gold in Girls U/12 race, **Caoimhe Harrington, Bantry A.C.**, gold in the Girls U/16 race, **Kevin Mulcaire, Ennis Track A.C.** gold in the Boys U/18 race, & bronze medals for **Jake Bagge, Ferrybank A.C.** in the Boys U/14 & **Rhona Pierce, Leevale A.C.** in the Girls U/18. Like last year, our strongest age group of the day was the Girls U/12 where 5 Munster athletes featured in the top 12 with Munster winning Inter-Regional silver, **Cork & Clare** winning gold & bronze in the Inter-County competition & **Ennis Track A.C.** taking silver in the Inter-Club competition. Our Boys U/12, U/14 & U/18 teams did almost as well with 4 in the top 12.

In the Inter-Club competition, there were National medals for **Ennis Track A.C.** (1st Boys U/12 & U/16, 2nd Girls U/12), **West Waterford A.C.** (1st Girls U/14) & **Leevale A.C.** (1st Girls U/18).

In the Inter-County competition, our top two counties were Cork & Clare. **Cork** won 7 sets of medals (1st Girls U/12, 2nd Girls U/14, Boys U/14, Girls U 18 & Boys U/18, 3rd Boys U/12 & Girls U/16) & **Clare** won 4 sets (1st Boys U/12, 2nd Boys U/16, 3rd Girls U/12 & U/14).

In the Inter-Regional competition, **Munster** won 7 sets of medals in total - 1 gold (Boys U/12), 4 silver (Girls U/12, Boys U/14, Boys U/16 & Boys U/18) & 2 bronze (Girls U/16 & U/18).

Oisín O'Riordan, West Waterford A.C. was 6th in the Boys U/12 race with **Niall Murphy, St. Cronan's A.C.** in 7th place, **Mark Hanrahan, Ennis Track A.C.** in 8th place & **Dylan Casey, Ennis Track A.C.** in 11th place with 158 athletes in the race. With 4 runners in the top 12, Munster won gold in the Inter-Regional competition with **Clare** 1st & **Cork** 3rd in the Inter-County competition & **Ennis Track A.C.** winning the title in the Inter-Club competition.

In the Boys U/14 race, there was a national bronze medal for **Jake Bagge, Ferrybank A.C.**, 5th place for **Cian O’Riordan, West Waterford A.C.**, 10th place for **Cian McDonagh, Ennis Track A.C.** & 12th for **Jake McCarthy, Youghal A.C.** **Cork** were second in the Inter-County competition with Munster also winning silver in the Inter-Provincial race.

In the Boys U/16 race, there were top 12 places for **Darragh McElhinney, Bantry A.C.** in 5th place, **Charlie O’Donovan, Leevale A.C.** in 8th & **Michael Power, West Waterford A.C.** in 9th with 122 in the race. With 3 runners in the top 12, that was enough to win Munster a silver Inter-Regional medal with **Clare** winning silver in the Inter-County competition & **Ennis Track A.C.** winning gold in the Inter-Club competition with a clear lead of 92 points with the next team on 170 points.

In the Boys U/18 race, it was gold for **Kevin Mulcaire, Ennis Track A.C.** with **David Fox, Leevale A.C.** in 6th place, **Luke Horgan, Leevale A.C.** in 8th place & **Fearghal Curtin, Youghal A.C.** in 12th place. Munster won silver in the Inter-Regional competition with **Cork** winning silver in the Inter-County competition.

In the Girls U/12 race, there was gold for **Aimee Hayde, Newport A.C.** with a 5th place finish for **Sarah Morrison, St. Nicholas A.C.**, 6th place for **Mallaidh O’Neill, Skibbereen A.C.**, 8th place for **Megan Carr, St. Catherine’s A.C.** & 12th for **Ellie Pike, Ennis Track A.C.** with 167 athletes in the race. Munster won silver in the Inter-Regional competition with gold for **Cork** & bronze for **Clare** in the Inter-County competition. **Ennis Track A.C.** won silver in the Inter-Club competition.

Ursula Bluett, North Cork A.C. was 10th in the Girls U/14 race with **Lucy Holmes, West Waterford A.C.** in 11th. **West Waterford A.C.** won gold in the Inter-Club competition with silver for **Cork** & bronze for **Clare** in the Inter-County competition & 4th for Munster in the Inter-Provincial competition.

There was gold & a National title for **Caoimhe Harrington, Bantry A.C.** in the Girls U/16 race with **Aisling Kelly, St. John’s A.C.** **Clare** the only other Munster athlete in the top 12 in 5th place. Munster won bronze in the Inter-Regional competition with **Cork** winning bronze in the Inter-County competition.

In the Girls U/18 race, there were individual medal wins for **Rhona Pierce, Leevale A.C.** who placed 3rd & **Ciara Cummins, Nenagh Olympic A.C.** in 10th place. **Leevale A.C.** took gold in the Inter-Club competition with **Cork** winning silver in the Inter-County & Munster taking home bronze in the Inter Provincial competition. Congratulations to all our athletes who took part & especially to the medal winners. Good luck to **Kevin Mulcaire, Ennis Track A.C.** & **Rhona Pierce, Leevale A.C.** who have both been selected for the Irish Junior teams who will compete at the European Cross Country Championships in Samokov, Bulgaria on Sunday 14th December.

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