National Juvenile "B" XC Gold for Cummins, Lynch, McCutcheon & McElhinney









The Irish Life Health National Juvenile "B" Cross Country Championships took place in Carraiganore, WIT, Waterford on Sunday 12th February 2017. Munster athletes recorded 4 gold medal wins by Lucy Lynch, Carraig na BhFear A.C. in the Girls U/11, Alan McCutcheon, Dooneen A.C. in the Boys U/11, Callum McElhinney, Bantry A.C. in the Boys U/13 & Isabelle Cummins, Ferrybank A.C. in the Girls U/17. A silver medal was won by Dara Sheehy, Bantry A.C. (Boys U/11), with bronze medals for Kathryn Ryan, Killarney Valley A.C. (Girls U/11), Cal Tutty, West Waterford A.C. (Boys U/11), Con Willans, West Waterford A.C. (Boys U/13) & Connor O'Neill, West Muskerry A.C. (Boys U/15). Cork came out top in the Inter-County competition with 5 gold & 3 silver with Waterford winning 1 gold, 2 silver & 2 bronze & Clare taking home 1 gold, 2 silver & 1 bronze.

In the Girls U/11 race, there were 8 Munster athletes in the top 12 with gold for Lucy Lynch Carriag-Na-Bhfear A.C., bronze for Kathryn Ryan Killarney Valley A.C., 4th for Anna Campbell Dooneen A.C. 5th for Aoife Lillis Kilmihil A.C., 6th for Sarah Abullo Waterford A.C., 7th for Hannah Ryan Killarney Valley A.C., 8th for Gemma Galvin St. Marys (Clare) A.C. & 12th for Aoibhinn McKeogh Bandon A.C. In the Inter-Club competition, Bandon A.C. were 2nd & St. Mary's A.C. Clare 3rd. Munster Counties performed a clean sweep in the Inter-County competition with gold for Cork, silver for Clare & bronze for Waterford.

Munster athletes again charged to the front in the Boys U/11 race with 10 in the top 12. A national title went to **Alan McCutcheon Dooneen A.C.** with national silver for **Dara Sheedy Bantry A.C.** & national bronze for **Cal Tutty West Waterford A.C. Odhrán O'Sullivan Midleton A.C** was 4th, 5th

Daire Culligan Fergus A.C., 7th Patrick Walsh Midleton A.C., 8th Keith McCarthy Doheny A.C., 9^{tt} Ruaidhri Boyle Carriag-Na-Bhfear A.C., 10th Nathan MacKey Waterford A.C. & 12th Adam Quigley Iveragh A.C. West Waterford A.C. won gold in the Inter-Club competition with bronze for Clonmel A.C. Cork & Waterford took gold & silver in the Inter-County competition.

9 Munster athletes made it into the top 12 in the Girls U/13 race with a 4th place finish for Shauna McCarthy Farranfore Maine A.C., 5th Ella Collins Bandon A.C., 6th Eve Power West Waterford A.C., 7th Grace Carmody Marian A.C., 8th Ellen Murphy North Cork A.C., 9th Aoife Redmond Ferrybank A.C., 10th Lorna Ryan Dundrum A.C., 11th Lia Cunningham West Waterford A.C. & 12th Emma Hickey West Waterford A.C. There was also a clean sweep for Munster in the Inter-Club & Inter-County competitions with gold for West Waterford A.C., Carraig na BhFear A.C. & St. Mary's A.C. Clare & Cork, Clare & Waterford.

Another Munster athlete, **Callum McElhinney, Bantry A.C.** younger brother of rising star, Darragh McElhinney took gold in the Boys U/13 race with 3rd place for **Conn Willans West Waterford A.C.**, 5th for **Eoin Quirke Midleton A.C.**, 6th for **Ian Griffin Fergus A.C.**, 7th for **Dan Andrews Bantry A.C.**, 10th for **Jack Sheedy Bantry A.C.** & 11th for **Breandán O'Sullivan West Muskerry A.C.** making it 7 out of 12 for Munster. **Bantry A.C.** took the gold in the Inter-Club competition with bronze for **Fergus A.C.** with **Cork & Clare** 1st & 3rd in the Inter-County competition.

In the Girls U/15 race, our top finisher was **Aine Garry Fergus A.C.** in 5th place with **Emma Murray Coolquill A.C.** in 7th, **Grainne Egan North Cork A.C.** in 9th & **Rachel Hartigan Marian A.C.** in 11th place. **Bandon A.C.** were 3rd in the Inter-Club competition with **Clare & Cork** 1st & 2nd in the Inter-County competition.

6 Munster athletes made a top 12 finish in the Boys U/15 race with bronze for Connor O'Neill West Muskerry A.C., 6th for Fionn Harrington Bandon A.C., 7th for Callum Hurley Ferrybank A.C., 10th for Niall Desmond Bandon A.C., 11th for Gavin Kenny Bandon A.C. & 12th for Eoin Hearne Ferrybank A.C. Bandon A.C. & Ferrybank A.C. were 1st & 2nd in the Inter-Club competition with gold & silver for Cork & Waterford in the Inter-County competition.

The Girls U/17 race saw a win for Isabelle Cummins, Ferrybank A.C. with 7th for Emily Goff Ferrybank A.C., 8th for Sara Barry St. Catherine's (Cork) A.C., 9th for Kate Hickey West Waterford A.C. 10th for Natalie Nicholson St. Catherine's (Cork) A.C., 11th for Sarah Barber Ferrybank A.C. & 12th for Aoife Mitchell Midleton A.C. Top spots in the Inter-Club competition went to Ferrybank A.C., St. Catherine's A.C. Cork & West Waterford A.C. with gold & silver for Waterford & Cork in the Inter-County competition.

In the Boys U/17 race, first athlete home for Munster was **Killian Nolan, Youghal A.C.** in 5th place with 8th for **Jack O'Shea Midleton A.C.** & 12th place for **Sean O'Sullivan West Muskerry A.C. Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.** were 2nd & **Moyne A.C.** 3rd in the Inter-Club competition with **Cork** 2nd in the Inter-County competition.



