

19 Medals for Munster at SIAB Schools International



The SIAB Schools U/17 Track & Field International took place on home soil in Morton Stadium, Santry on Saturday 15th July 2017 with Munster athletes taking home 13 individual medals in total (1 gold, 5 silver & 7 bronze), almost double their medal tally from last year (7) and 6 Relay medals (1 gold & 5 bronze). There was a gold medal win for **Darragh McElhinney, Colaiste Phobail Bheantraí** in the 1500m when he ran 3.59.2. **David McNerney, Hamilton High School** also won gold in the 100m Non-Scoring race on the day with a time of 11.37.

Miriam Daly, Scoil Mhuire COS, the Irish Girls' team Captain, took home silver in the 300mH in a time of 44.62 and was also part of the Irish Girls 4 x 300m that won bronze. Silver medals were also won by **Aimee Hayde, St. Mary's Newport** in the 1500m (4.33.99), **Megan Lenihan, Hazelwood College** in the Discus (40.22m), **Caitlin Kennedy, St. John the Baptist Hospital** in the High Jump (1.71m) and **Liam McDonagh, Thurles CBS** in the 3km Walk (14.58.07). Bronze medals went to **Ailbhe Doherty, St. Flannan's College Ennis** in the 300m (40.31) and 4 x 300m; **Jo Keane, St. Flannan's College Ennis** in the 800m (2.12.19), **Ciara Kennelly, St. Brigid's Killarney** in the High Jump (1.67m), **Ciara Sheehy, St. Mary's Charleville** in the Shot Putt (14.76m), **Sophie Meredith, SMI Newcastlewest** in both the Long Jump (5.85m) and the Triple Jump (11.20m) and **Sean Mockler, Thurles CBS** in the Discus (50.13m). Several of our Munster team were also Junior athletes (Ailbhe Doherty, Caitlin Kennedy, Megan Lenihan, Aimee Hayde, Ciara Sheehy & Adam O'Dwyer) with a few years left yet to compete in this competition so the future is bright for Munster. Some schools also had multiple athletes competing at these Championships with **Thurles CBS** numbering 4 (Jack Ryan, Sean Mockler, Liam McDonagh and Adam O'Dwyer), **St. Flannan's College Ennis 2** (Ailbhe Doherty & Jo Keane), **PBC Cork 2** (Conor Morey & Colin Doyle), **SMI Newcastlewest 2** (Sophie Meredith & Niamh Foley) & **St. Mary's Newport** (Aimee Hayde & Sean Carolan). 5 of our athletes were just outside the medals with 4th places recorded by **Niamh Foley, SMI Newcastlewest** (200m 25.27), **Emma Coffey, St. Angela's Cork** (Pole Vault 3.31m), **Jack Ryan, Thurles CBS** (Shot Putt 14.24m), **Ben Donovan, Midleton College** (High Jump 1.90m) & **Colin Doyle, PBC Cork** (100m 11.29 and 200m 22.68).



In the Relay competitions, **Miriam Daly and Ailbhe Doherty** won bronze with the Irish Girls 4 x 300m Relay team (2.43.77), **Niamh Foley, SMI Newcastlewest** won gold with the Irish Girls 4 x 100m relay team (45.63) & **Conor Morey, Colin Doyle and Dave McInerney, Hamilton High School** won bronze with the Irish Boys 4 x 100m Relay team.

Other athletes who competed very well for their school & country were:-

Conor Morey, PBC Cork (5th 100m 11.37 and 200m 23.09), Sean Carolan, St. Mary's Newport (5th Long Jump 6.79m), Darragh Minitier, Ennistymon CBS (5th 110mH), Shona O'Brien, Presentation Milltown (6th 1500m 4.4853), Alannah Neff, Carrigaline CS (6th 1500m S/C 5.22.35), Tirna Cahill, Pobalscoil na Trionoide (6th Hammer 48.15m), Wymin Sivakumar, Colaiste Spioraid Naomh (6th Triple Jump 13.39m), Tommy Connolly CBC Cork (6th 1500m 4.09.42), Aisling Cassidy, Bandon Grammer (7th Triple Jump 10.66m), Adam O'Dwyer, Thurles CBS (7th Pole Vault 3.41m), Alex O'Neill, Rice College Ennis (8th 800m 2.17.37), Patrick Fitzgerald, St. Augustine's Dungarvan (8th Pole Vault 3.11m) Jake Vermeer, Comeragh College (8th 400mH 60.74) & Sean Mockler, Thurles CBS (8th Hammer).





In the Girls competition, Ireland scored 203 points to finish 2nd behind England (254) with Wales in 3rd (118) and Scotland 4th (105) while in the Boys competition, Ireland were 2nd overall on 163 points behind England on 258 points with Wales 3rd on 163 points and Scotland in 4th place on 124 points. Congratulations & well done to all our athletes.