

Co. Galway juvenile athletes dominate Connacht Track and Field Championships

WITH golden sunshine blazing down on the tartan track in Dangan, Galway's young juveniles put in top class performances in the Connacht Track and Field Championships for the U-9 to U-12 age groups.

Competition got underway with the relays at 10.30am and the Galway athletic clubs excelled – winning all but one of the eight relays, led by some excellent Craughwell teams who won five relays.

Athenry, Ballinasloe, Craughwell, GCH and Inis Mór were to the fore in the individual events, winning 12 Connacht titles between them. Results of the day and qualifiers for the All-Ireland finals on July 16/17 are as follows.

U9 Girls 4x50: 1 Craughwell A (36.4) Sarah Mullins, Dandy Murray, Sinead Treacy, Ellen Fitzpatrick, Molly Bracken; 2 Tuam (37.6) Liza O'Regan, Caitlin Moloney, Claire Dooley, Laura Anne Costello; 3 Craughwell B (38.1) Emma Byrne, Grace Kelly, Rachel Tierney, Ashling Connolly,

U9 Boys 4x50: 2 Craughwell (36.19) Cillian McDaid, Cian Greaney, Eoin Lally, Christopher McDonnell. **U10 Girls 4x50:** 1 Craughwell (33.82) Sarah Molloy, Claire

Ryder, Ailbhe Greaney, Ella Bryan; 2 GCH (34.11).

U10 Boys 4x50: 1 Craughwell A (33.88) Darragh Greaney, Brian Tarpey, Liam Sheehan, Evan Cannon; 3 Craughwell B (34.92) Conor Tarpey, Patrick Phillips, Christopher O'Connor, Michael Roche.

U11 Girls 4x50: 1 Craughwell (30.92) Mairead McCan, Sinead Gaffney, Rachel Mullins, Siobhán Gardiner; 2 GCH (31.18) Aedin Hanahoe, Emma Johnson, Aislinn Newell, Roisín Ni Chonghaile.

U11 Boys 4x50: 1 Craughwell A (31.47) PJ Kelly, Jack Raftery, James Greaney, Brendan Gallagher; 3 Craughwell B (32.41) Conor Lally, Peter Treacy, Paul Fitzpatrick, Brendan Farrell.

U12 Girls 4x100: 1 GCH (58.61) Ailbhe Goulding, Nicola Conlon, Georgina Healy, Deirdre Lally, Ruth O'Sullivan; 3 Craughwell (62.55) Siobhan Gardiner, Debbie Kenny, Linda Porter, Katie O'Donoghue, Mairead McCan.

U12 Boys 4x100: 1 GCH (60.56) Colm Horgan, Harry Goulding, Ronan Dobey, Colm O'Muircheartaigh, Ben Cooney; 2 Inis Mór (61.35) Barry Joyce, Conal Herson, Colm MacDonagh, Eamon Flaherty; 3 Craughwell (61.59)

Cormac Dillon, David Concannon, Luke Cormican, David Farrell.

U9 Girls Combined Events: 2 Laura Costello, Tuam; **U10 Girls Combined Events:** 1 Ella Bryan, Craughwell; 2 Aine May Bourne, Ballinasloe; 4 Niamh Cunningham, GCH. **U11 Girls 60m:** 2 Marie Cooney, Athenry (9.1); 3 Orla McGrath, Athenry (9.4); 4 9.7 Michelle Mullen Inis Mór.

Long Jump: 1 Orlaith Dirrane, GCH (3.42); 2 Siobhan Gardiner, Craughwell (3.36); 4 Sinead Gaffney, Craughwell (3.20). **Ball Throw:** 1 Maria Touhy, Athenry (27.39); 2 Marie Cooney, Athenry (23.27); 3 Roisín Ni Chonghaile, GCH (21.76).

600m: 1 Maria Touhy, Athenry; 2 Orla Flaherty, Inis Mór; **U12 Girls 80m:** 2 11.58 Ailbhe Goulding, GCH; **600m:** 1 Linda Porter, Craughwell; 3 Ruth O'Sullivan, GCH. **Long Jump:** 2 Nicola Conlon, GCH (3.56); 4 Deirdre Lally, GCH (3.27); **High Jump:** 4 Katie O'Donoghue, Craughwell (1.05).

Shot Putt: 2 Niamh O'Halloran, Craughwell (5.61); 4 Tara McNamara, Craughwell (5.30). **Ball Throw:** 1 Leticia Collins, Athenry (30.04); 4 Natalie Hehir, GCH (23.52);

U11 Boys 60m: 4 Peter Treacy, Craughwell; **Long**

Jump: 1 PJ Kelly, Craughwell (3.72); 2 Jack Raftery, Craughwell (3.71); 4 Peter Treacy, Craughwell (3.44). **Ball Throw:** 1 Eoin McCormack, Ballinasloe (38.02); **600m:** 2 Eoin McCormack, Ballinasloe.

U12 Boys 80m: 2 Colm Horgan, GCH (11.67); 3 Luke Cormican, Craughwell (12.12); 4 Harry Goulding, GCH. **600m:** 1 Richard Cummins, GCH; 2 Conal Herson, Inis Mór; 3 David Concannon, Craughwell.

Long Jump: 2 Colm Horgan, GCH (3.90); 3 Harry Goulding, GCH (3.76) **High Jump:** 1 Pádraic Tobin, Craughwell (1.20); 3 Harry Goulding, GCH (1.15); 4 Ross Haverty, Craughwell (1.15). **Shot Putt:** 1 Peadar Gill, Inis Mór (7.22). **Ball Throw:** 1 Colm McDonagh, Inis Mór (44.02).

Also at the weekend, Sarah Finnegan (Craughwell) won the gold in the Junior Women's Combined Events in Tullamore.

And back in Galway, race walkers Olive Loughnane and Ann Loughnane competed in the 10000m walk in Dangan, setting the pace for Laura Reynolds from Mohill who achieved the qualifying time for the European U23 Championships.