



## 2014 National Community Games

**Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014

The National Community games athletics finals took place on Saturday & Sunday last the 23rd & 24th August. Making the trip to Athlone to represent Louth were Patricia & Patience Jumbo-Gula, Ruari, Meabh & Kate O'Connor, Ciara Cunningham, Caitlin Mulholland & Maria Smith.

Meabh O'Connor was first into action in the U8 girls 60m putting up a great performance in her heat to qualify for the semi-final. In the semi she ran another great race just missing out on the final.

Ciara Cunningham lined up for the U9 girls 80m. Once again she performed strongly to come through the heats and semifinal to qualify for the final. In the decider she ran brilliantly again using her speed to great effect to take an excellent 3rd place podium finish in a close encounter.

Patricia Jumbo-Gula was in action in the U12 girls 100m coming into the race in good form on the back of her success in the Setanta games the previous weekend. She performed well qualifying for the semifinal and just missing out on the decider

Ruari O'Connor competed in the U14 boy's javelin competition. As per usual he gave his all and although disappointed not to get a new PB gained more valuable experience.

Patience Jumbo-Gula was going for a hat trick of National titles having done the 80m/200m double at the All Ireland's in July. In the 100m she was once again brilliant winning her heat and semifinal on her way to the decider. In the final she once again showed her class with a decisive win to add to her growing reputation and another gold medal.

Caitlin Mulholland took on the girls U16 7k marathon in a very large field. Right from the gun she gave it her all showing up well all the way to finish in the top half of the field on a demanding course.

Patricia Jumbo-Gula was part of the U12 girl's 4 x 100m relay team along with Aoibhin McMahon, Hannah Reilly & Sarah Clarke who took an excellent bronze medal. Maria Smith was on duty with Kate O'Connor on standby as sub for the U14 girl's 4 x 100m squad as Patience Jumbo-Gula was nursing an injury after Saturdays exploits. Thankfully she was okay to compete and the team consisting of Maria, Shauna McMahon, Kelly Breen, Patience and sub Kate powered to a scintillating victory and the gold medal.

The club are very proud of all the young athletes who did themselves & their county proud performing against the best in Ireland. Next up is the track & field season finale on Sunday next August 31st in Ardee.

Training Tuesday & Thursday evenings in Young Ireland's GFC's grounds on Hoey's lane at 6.30pm. Follow us on Facebook "<https://www.facebook.com/StGerardsAthleticClubDundalk>" and on our web-site "<http://www.stgerardsac.org/>".