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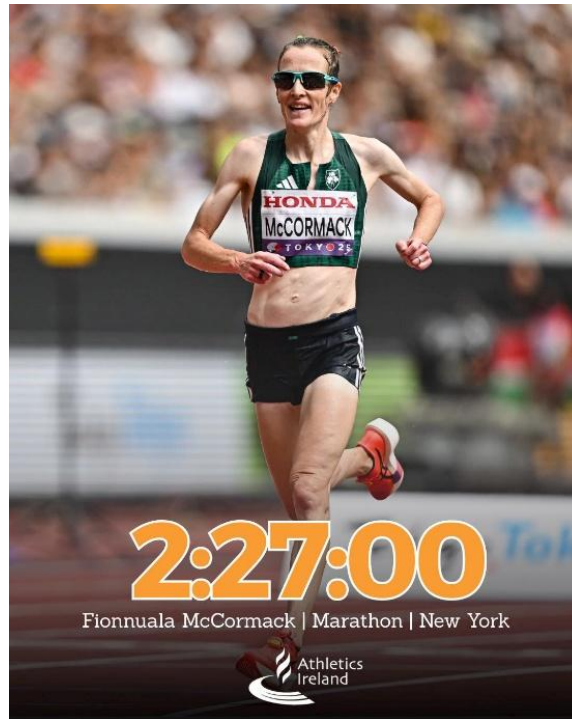
Shankill Tennis Club

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More Milestone for Fionnuala McCormack in 2025



[Picture Courtesy of Athletics Ireland]

Fionnuala McCormack marked further milestones in her glittering athletic career in 2025. She clocked up her 46th Irish cap when competing at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo in September, just two short of Terry McHugh's all-time record of 48 Irish caps. In searing heat and humidity on day 2 of the championships she achieved her highest ever placing in a global championship by finishing 9th in the marathon in a time of 2:30:16. She had no idea that she had secured a top ten finish only that she had been picking off as many athletes as she could see in front of her during the race. All this just a few weeks short of her 41st birthday.

Just seven weeks later our Garden County legend toed the line in the Pro Women's race in the New York City Marathon. It was no ordinary race with several Olympic medalists from Paris 2024 competing. Fionnuala clocked her 5th ever fastest marathon time of 2:27.00 in placing 10th, the best placing of any Irish woman in this event and a fantastic performance so soon after Tokyo. Her time averages out at 5 min 37 sec per mile.

Fionnuala's success and high-profile achievements continue to act as an inspiration for all young athletes in Co Wicklow. Athletics Wicklow extends its congratulation to Fionnuala for bringing Co Wicklow to the attention of athletics fans worldwide. Fionnuala has not ruled out competing at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 2028. She was disappointed with her performance in Paris and believes that she is capable of better at the pinnacle of athletic sport, the Olympic Games. Everyone in Co Wicklow wishes Fionnuala well wherever her future in athletics takes her.



Contae Chill Mhantáin – Meanma Saor

County Wicklow – Free Spirits

Welcome to the Shankill Tennis Club for the presentation of the Athletics Wicklow Annual Star Awards 2025 and the Athletics Wicklow Special Recognition, Volunteer, International Achievement and International Recognition Awards 2025. My thanks to Bray Runners A.C. for hosting the 2025 ceremony. This booklet brings together many of the highlights of 2025 not only from Regional and National perspectives, but also internationally. Garden County athletes have flown the flag for Wicklow in Belgium, England, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain and Wales in European, World, British and Irish Championships.

The star awardees of 2025 reflect the talents of Co. Wicklow athletes across many disciplines within athletics – track and field, cross country, combined events, road running, and mountain and trail running – and recognise the breadth of the achievements of Co. Wicklow athletes during the past year. The 2025 recipients have all shown excellence in their disciplines. On behalf of the Co. Board, I congratulate all those receiving awards this evening. While tonight we celebrate the achievements of the awardees, I would like to extend the sincere congratulations of the Co. Board to all Co. Wicklow athletes who have gained individual and team medals at Leinster and National levels in 2025 and also to those who have achieved Competition Records and Personal Bests. Athletics Wicklow feels justifiably proud of the achievements of all its athletes.

Choosing the awardees for 2025 was as usual a difficult task in several categories.

Finally, I extend a most sincere thank you to the many dedicated officials and volunteers who officiate at County, Provincial and National levels for their professionalism, dedication and service. I thank club coaches who are responsible for training the athletes whose achievements are being celebrated tonight. To all the parents who support and nurture their athletic sons and daughters I express my appreciation of your encouragement. I thank all the officers of the Co. Board for their dedication and hard work and all those who volunteered their services at Wicklow Championships and the Juvenile League during 2025.

Bill Porter, Chairperson, Athletics Wicklow

Athletics Wicklow
Under 13 – Under 16 Girls Star Award 2025
Jessica O'Connor – Roundwood & District A.C.



Jessica is a middle-distance athlete who also does Combined Events. Her achievements in 2025 include:

- Athletics Leinster Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone – **Bronze medal** – U15 800m in 2:22.31 (Ht 4/5 – 1st – 2:28.47)
- National Juvenile Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone – **Bronze medal** – U15 800 m in 2:18.82
- East Leinster Schools T&F Championships, Morton Stadium – Minor Girls - **Bronze medal** – 800m
- Leinster Schools Championships, Tullamore Stadium – 5th – Minor girls – 800m
- Athletics Leinster Outdoors Championships, Tullamore Stadium:
 - **Bronze medal** – U15 300m in 42.66 sec
 - **Silver medal** – U15 800m in 2:21.68
- Athletics Leinster Combined Events Championships, SETU, Carlow – 4th – U15 Pentathlon (80 mH, Long Jump, Shot Putt, High Jump, 800 m) – 2089 pts (11 competitors)
- National Juvenile Outdoors T&F Championships – 8th – U15 800m – 2:20.45

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Under 13 – Under 16 Boys Star Award 2025
Ethan Bramhill – Greystones & District A.C.



Ethan is a cross-country and middle-distance athlete who had much success in 2025:

- East Leinster Schools Cross Country, Phoenix Park – **Gold Medal** - Junior Boys – 8:22 [99 finishers]
- Leinster Schools Cross Country, Phoenix Park – **Gold medal** – Junior Boys – 2500m – 10:32 [114 finishers]
- All-Ireland Schools Cross Country, Galway Racecourse – **Silver medal** – Junior Boys 3000m – 11:52 [111 finishers]
- SIAB Schools International Cross Country, Calendar Park, Falkirk, Scotland – Junior Boys 4000m – 4th – 13:15 – **IRL Team Silver Medal** (1,4,7,9 = 21 pts) – 2nd scorer for IRL
- East Leinster Schools T&F Championships – **Gold medal** – Junior Boys 1500m
- Leinster Schools T&F Championships – **Gold Medal** – Junior Boys 1500m – 4:22.30
- Athletics Leinster Juvenile Outdoors Championships, Tullamore Stadium:
 - **Silver medal** – U16 1500 m – 4:19.48
 - **Gold medal** – U16 3000 m – 9:07.92 (**CR**) (took 3.7 sec of previous CR)
- Athletics Leinster Even Ages Cross Country Championships, Gowran Park – **Bronze medal** – U16 Boys 4000m - [59 finishers]
- Athletics Leinster Uneven Ages Cross Country Championships, Kilbeggan Racecourse – **Silver medal** – U17 boys 4500m [66 finishers]

Athletics Wicklow
Under 13 – Under 16 Girls
Special Recognition Award 2025
Doireann Doyle – Bray Runners A.C.



Doireann is the only athlete in Co Wicklow who specialises in Pole Vault, a demanding discipline that requires courage and dedication. On Fridays she travels to Dublin to receive training sessions at Morton Stadium alongside athletes from the greater Dublin area. While the numbers of competitors in her age group in pole vault are small, she has made considerable improvements in her PB in 2025. Her commitment to this event has brought success:

- Athletics Leinster Juvenile Indoors Championships, NIA Abbotstown – **Gold medal** – U15 pole vault – 2.30 m (7 ft 6½ in) (**CR**), a 25 cm improvement on the CR dating from 2017
- Leinster Schools T&F Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Bronze medal** – Junior Girls – 2.35 m (**PB**)
- Athletics Leinster Juvenile Outdoors Championships, SETU, Carlow – **Gold medal** - U15 pole vault – 2.30 m
- National Juvenile T&F Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Silver medal** – U15 pole vault – 2.45 m (8 ft ½ in) (**PB**)

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Under 16 – Under 19 Girls Star Award 2025
Róisín Murray – Bray Runners A.C.



Róisín is a 400m specialist who has had considerable success in 2025:

- NIA Indoors T&F live – 15 Jan 400m – 57.53 sec; 12 Feb 400m – 57.22 sec
- Selected for and attended the Athletics Ireland Performance Pathway Camp in Portugal – sustained an ankle injury – unable to compete during rest of indoors season
- Leinster Schools T&F Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Bronze medal** – Senior girls 400 m – 57.21 sec
- Athletics Leinster Outdoors U20 & Senior Championships, SETU Carlow – **Silver medal** – U20 400 m – 57.36 sec
- National Juvenile Outdoors Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Gold medal** – U18 400 m – 57.12 sec
- National U20/U23 Outdoors Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Bronze medal** – U20 400 m – 56.11 sec (**PB**)
- Athletics Ireland May Open, Tullamore Stadium – National Selection Relay, 4 x 400m – 3:42.37, Roisin ran 2nd leg; **European U20 Championships Qualification Standard met** – [Maria Zakharenko, **Róisín Murray**, Sarah Kiernan, Erin Friel]
- European U20 T&F Championships, Tampere, Finland - Roisin was selected for the 4 x 400 m Relay – ran the 3rd leg in split time of 55.00 sec – Ireland finished 6th in their heat in a time of 3.39.34. [Maria Zakharenko, Daisy Walker, **Róisín Murray**, Erin Friel]

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Under 16 – Under 19 Boys Star Award 2025
Shane McDonald – Kilcoole A.C.



Shane is a sprint specialist. Among his achievements in 2025 were:

- National Senior Indoors Championships – 60 m – Ht 9/9 – 4th – 7.12 (**PB**)
- Athletics Leinster U20 Indoors Championships:
 - **Gold Medal** – 200 m – 22.28 sec (**PB**); [Ht 3/5: 1st – 22.39 (**PB**)]
 - 60 m – 4th – 7.06 sec (**PB**) [Ht 4/4: 2nd – 7.19 q]
- Athletics Leinster Juvenile Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone:
 - **Gold medal** – U19 60 m – 7.02 sec (**PB**)
 - **Gold medal** – U19 200 m – 22.53 sec
- National Juvenile Indoors Championships – **Bronze medal** – U19 200 m – 22.42 sec (Ht 4/4 – 1st – 22.34 Q)
- Athletics Leinster U20 & Senior Outdoors Championships, SETU Carlow – 4th – U20 100 m – 11.11 sec (0.6 m/s) [Ht 2/2 – 2nd – 11.10 (1.9 m/s) Q]
- AAI National Outdoor May Open, Tullamore Stadium, 200 m (Ht 2/4) – 2nd – 22.77 (1.0 m/s) (**PB**)
- Athletics Leinster Juvenile Outdoors Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Gold medal** – U19 200 m – 22.60 sec (–2.0 m/s) (**PB**)

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Junior Women Star Award 2025
Maria Zakharenko – Kilcoole A.C.



Maria Zakharenko is a 400 m specialist, who also runs 800 m. Among her successes in 2025 were:

- Athletics Leinster Indoors U20 & Senior Championships, NIA Abbotstown – **Gold medal** – U20 400 m – 57.45 sec
- Athletics Leinster Indoors Juvenile Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone:
 - **Gold medal** – U19 400 m – 57.45 sec
 - **Silver medal** – U19 800 m – 2:15.38
- National U20/U23 Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone – 4th – 400 m – 56.39 sec
- East Leinster Schools, Morton Stadium:
 - **Gold medal** – Senior girls – 400 m
 - **Gold medal** – Senior girls – 800 m
- Leinster Schools Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Silver medal** – Senior Girls – 400 m – 56.87 sec
- All-Ireland Schools Championships, Tullamore Stadium – **Gold medal** – Senior girls – 400 m – 55.58 sec
- Athletics Leinster Outdoor Juvenile Championships, Tullamore Stadium:
 - **Gold medal** – U19 400m – 56.23 sec
 - **Gold medal** – U19 800 m – 2:15.45 (**CR**)
- Athletics Ireland May Open, Tullamore Stadium – National Selection Relay, 4 x 400m – 3:42.37, Maria ran 1st leg; **European U20 Championships Qualification Standard met** – [Maria Zakharenko, Róisín Murray, Sarah Kiernan, Erin Friel]
- European U20 T&F Championships, Tampere, Finland - Maria was selected for the 4 x 400 m Relay – ran the 1st leg – Ireland finished 6th in their heat in a time of 3.39.34. [Maria Zakharenko, Daisy Walker, Róisín Murray, Erin Friel]

Athletics Wicklow
Junior Men Star Award 2025
James Foot – Bray Runners A.C.



James is a cross-country and middle-distance athlete. Among his successes in 2025 were:

- National U20/U23 Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone – **Gold medal** – U20 800 m – 2:03.02
- National Juvenile Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone – **Gold medal** – U18 800 m – 1:55.95 (**PB**)
- East Leinster Schools T&F Championships – **Gold medal** – Senior Boys 800 m
- Leinster Schools T&F Championships – 4th – Senior Boys 800 m – 1:54.66
- International EYOF Trial – German Trials at Wetzlar, Germany, 7 June – 800 m – 3rd – 1:55:78 (EYOF qualifying standard 1:52.50)
- Athletics Leinster U20 & Even Ages Cross-Country Championships, Gowran Park:
 - **Silver medal** – U18 5000 m – 15:57 (61 finishers)
 - 4th – U20 5000 m – (88 finishers)
- National U20 and Even Ages Cross-Country Championships, Templemore Sports Complex, Derry:
 - **Bronze Medal** – U18 4500m – 14:41 (125 finishers) [1st Leinster finisher]
 - U20 – 15th (154 finishers)
- National Uneven Ages Cross-Country Championships, Sport Ireland, Abbotstown – **8th place medal** – U19 6,000 m (87 finishers, 1st Leinster finisher)
- Track race performances 2025 – IMC Clonmel, 3 May 800 m – 1:53.56 (**PB**); IMC Belfast, 10 May 800 m – 1:53.44 (**PB**); IMC Santry, 28 June 1500m – 3:59.16 (**PB**); Morton Games, 11 July U20 Men Mile – 4:19.02 (**PB**)

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Senior Women Star Award 2025
Sheila O'Byrne – Slí Cualann A.C./Parnell A.C.



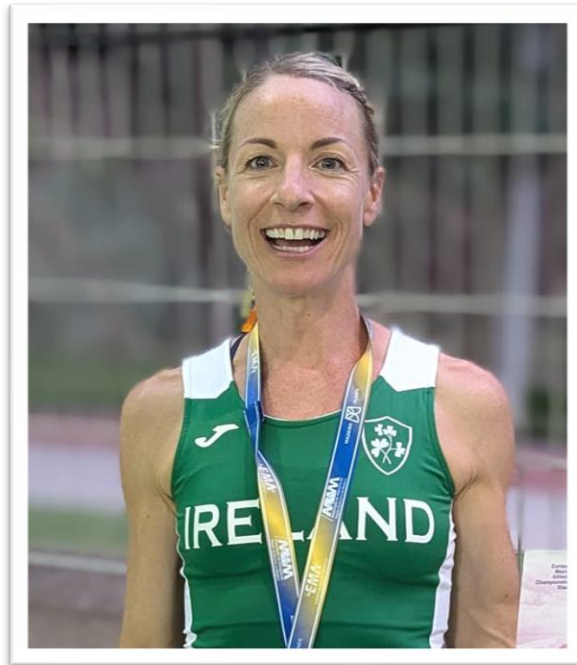
Sheila is mainly a road race and cross-country athlete. Her successes in 2025 included:

- National 10 km Road Race Championship, Dunboyne, 23 March – 18th Senior Woman– 36:16 (**PB**) – (280 category finishers)
- VHI Women's Mini-Marathon (10 km), 1 June – 5th Overall – 36:04
- Athletics Leinster Senior Cross Country, Kilbeggan Racecourse, Westmeath – 5th – 5000 m – 22:32 (56 finishers)
- Belfast Irish Milers Club Meeting, Mary Peters Track, 10 May – 3000 m – 9:56.31

Other road races:

- Enniscorthy 10 km Road Race, 15 February – 2nd Woman (18th overall) – 35:41
- Bohermeen ½ Marathon, 9 March – 4th Woman (568 finishers) – 1:19:10
- Docklands 5 km Road Race, 10 July – 3rd Senior Woman (522 finishers) – 16:58
- Carlingford 5 km Road Race, 1 August – 2nd Overall and 2nd Senior Women (90 category finishers) – 16:51

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Masters Women Star Award 2025
Lucianne Hughes – Kilcoole A.C.



Lucianne is a sprinter – 60m/200m indoors, 100m/200m outdoors – who won every provincial and national championship event she competed in during 2025 in the W45 age category:

- Leinster Masters Indoors Championships, NIA Abbotstown – **Gold medal** – 60 m 8.60 sec; **Gold medal** – 200 m 28.89 sec
- National Masters Indoors Championships, TUS Athlone – **Gold medal** – 60 m 8.52 sec (**PB**); **Gold medal** – 200 m 27.99 sec (**PB**)
- Leinster Masters Outdoors Championships, SETU Carlow: **Gold medal**- 100 m 13.47 sec (1.4 m/s); **Gold medal** – 200 m 28.10 sec (–2.0 m/s)
- Northern Ireland Masters Championships, Mary Peters Track, Belfast – **Gold medal** – 100 m 13.57 sec (–1.0 m/s); **Gold medal** – 200 m 27.55 sec (–0.3 m/s) [**PB**]
- National Masters Outdoors Championships, Tullamore Stadium: **Gold medal** – 100 m 13.56 sec (–0.6 m/s); **Gold Medal** – 200 m 27.92 sec (–1.2 m/s)
- European Masters Athletics Championships (EMACS), Madeira, Portugal:
 - 100 m: 11th W45 overall [6th in her SF, 13.74 (–1.9 m/s)]
 - 200 m: 6th W45 in final - 27.38 (–0.5 m/s) (**PB**)
 - **Bronze Medal**: 4 x 400 m Relay W45 Team Ireland – 4:36.85 (Clare Quinn, Leanne Wellings, Maggie O'Connor, **Lucianne Hughes**)
 - **Bronze Medal**: 4 x 400 m Mixed 45 Team Ireland – 3:51.88 (Brian Boyce, **Lucianne Hughes**, Ross Miotti, Denise Toner)

**Athletics Wicklow
Masters Men Star Award 2025
William Belton – Sli Cualann A.C./Parnell A.C.**



William competed in the Masters M70 category and latterly in the M75 category in 2025:
His notable performances in 2025 are:

- Leinster Masters 5 km Road Race Championships, Gowran – **Bronze medal** – M70 – 31:52
- Leinster Masters T&F Championships, SETU Carlow – **Silver medal** – M70 – 1500m – 6:54.70
- European Masters Athletics Championships (EMACS), Madeira, Portugal:
 - 1500m M75 – 6th place – 6:48.29
 - **Bronze medal** – M75 – 5000 m – 24:32.69

**Athletics Wicklow
Newcomer of the Year 2025
Sarah Diamond – Kilcoole A.C.**



Sarah is a Senior athlete who competes in road running, mainly in longer distance races up to the marathon. She really burst onto the scene as a Wicklow athlete in 2025. Among her noteworthy performances in 2025 were:

- New York ½ Marathon, 16 March: 1:27:48
- London Marathon, 27 April: 3:04:29
- Fastlane Clondalkin ¾ Marathon, 18 May: 2:21:04, 1st woman
- Cork City Marathon, 1 June: 3:03:34, 5th woman
- Clontarf ½ Marathon, 5 July: 1:27:08, 3rd woman
- Irish Runner 10 mile, 20 July: 1:04:33, 11th woman
- Frank Duffy 10 mile, 16 August: 1:03:46, 3rd Senior woman
- Irish Life Dublin ½ Marathon, 21 September: 1:27:23, 10th woman
- Dublin City Marathon/National Marathon, 26 October: 2:59:35
- Clontarf ½ Marathon, 30 November: 1:27:08, 3rd woman
- Malaga Marathon, 14 December: 3:04:03

**Athletics Wicklow
Team of the Year 2025
National Uneven Ages Cross Country
U15 Inbhear Dee Girls Team**

**Hope Dumas
Summer Fitzsimons
Saorla Hartley
Zaara Boufarsse
Lucy Smullen
Olive Fallon**



L to R: Hope Dumas, Saorla Hartley, Summer Fitzsimons, Lucy Smullen, Zaara Boufarsse, Olive Fallon

The Inbhear Dee U15 Girls qualified for the National Uneven Ages Cross-Country Championships at the Sport Ireland Campus, Abbotstown by placing 2nd of 12 club teams at the Athletics Leinster Uneven Ages Cross-Country Championships at Kilbeggan Racecourse on 8 November. At the National Uneven Ages Cross-Country Championships, the Inbhear Dee U15 Girls team scored a remarkable win in the club championship in taking the Gold medals with 18 club teams competing and 163 finishers. The scoring athletes placed 6th, 9th, 46th and 52nd for a score of 113 pts, 51 points ahead of the 2nd placed team Midleton A.C. on 164 pts. St Abbans A.C. who beat Inbhear Dee A.C. for the Gold Medals by 3 pts at the Athletics Leinster Uneven Ages were 4th on 207 pts.

**Athletics Wicklow
International Masters Athlete
Of the Year 2025
Catherine O'Connor – Sli Cualann A.C./Parnell A.C.**



Catherine is a road race and cross-country athlete who competes in the W45 category. Her international achievements in 2025 have been prominent:

- Haspa Marathon Hamburg, Germany, 29 April – **1st W45** – 3:02:19 (303 in W45 age category) – finished 2½ min ahead of the 2nd and 3rd placed W45 athletes
- European Masters Athletics Championships (EMACS), Madeira, Portugal, 19 October, Half Marathon:
 - **Gold medal** – W45 category – 1:28:34 (7th overall)
 - **IRL – Team Gold medal** – 4:59:22 [**Catherine O'Connor** (1:28:34); Kay Byrne (1:42:11); Anne Hegarty (1:48:37)]
- British & Irish Masters Cross-Country International Championships, Leeds, England, 15 November:
 - 11th W45 – 27:13
 - **IRL – Team Silver medal** – 26 pts [Dymphna Ryan (2), Michelle Kenny (4), Norah Newcombe Pieterse (9), **Catherine O'Connor** (11)]

**Athletics Wicklow
Athlete of the Year 2025
Noah Harris – Parnell A.C.**



Noah is now on a sports scholarship at the University of Tennessee. He had a remarkable athletics year in 2025:

- Leinster Schools Cross-Country Championships, Phoenix Park – **Gold medal** – Senior Boys Champion – 6000 m – 18:20 (ETSS Wicklow) [81 finishers]
- All Ireland Schools Cross Country-Championships, Galway Racecourse – **Gold Medal** – Senior Boys Champion – 6000 m – 19:53 (ETSS Wicklow) [89 finishers]

NB: This schools double has only previously been achieved by one Wicklow athlete in 1984 – Trevor Sergeant (Presentation College Bray)

- Noah was targeting the European U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland from 7 – 10 August 2025. He made the qualifying standards for the 3,000m and 5,000m:
 - Irish Milers Club Meeting, Mary Peters, Belfast, 10 May 2025, 3000m – 8:08.13 (**PB**), qualifying “A” standard of 8:10.0
 - International Flanders Athletics Meeting, Brussels, 24 May 2025, 5000m – 14:13.41(**PB**), qualifying “B” standard 14:26.0

Noah was selected for the European U20 Championships but had to withdraw due to illness [**NB:** The winning time of the 3000m in Tampere was 8:43.20 and the winning time of the 5000m, 14:14.49]

- Tennessee Cross Country Invitational, Knoxville, USA – 29 August – 6th – 4 miles (6.4 km) – 19:39
- National U20 Cross Country Championship, Templemore Sports Complex, Derry – **Gold medal** – National U20 Champion – 4500 m – 14:02 (154 finishers)
- European U20 Cross-Country Championship, Lagoa, Portugal – 10th – 4500 m – 13:32 (96 finishers), 1st IRL scoring athlete – Ireland placed 5th (10, 13, 36 = 59pts)

**Athletics Wicklow
Special Recognition Award 2025
Leo the Lion Marathon Mascot
World Marathon Record
Jason “J.J.” O’Byrne - Parnell A.C.**



Jason “JJ” O’Byrne (Leo the Lion) escorted by Derek Crammond (Parnell AC)

The Dublin City Marathon/Athletics Ireland National Marathon was held on 26 October 2025. Jason decided to take on the challenge of running the marathon as Leo the Lion, the Leinster Rugby mascot. Derek Crammond agreed to act as his “lion tamer” escorting him around the course to ensure his safety and to make sure J.J. was kept hydrated. The lion head does not provide the best vision of where one is going while running. The challenge went exceedingly well, with both crossing the finishing line together in 3:14:46. His time set a Guinness World Record for the fastest marathon run by a mascot, beating the previous record of 3:17.00. Jason averaged about 7 min 23 sec per mile.

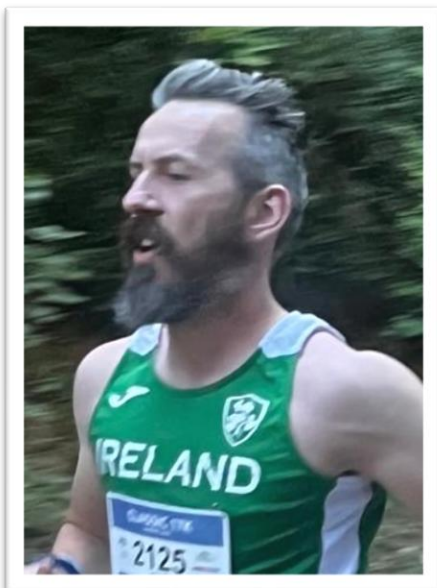
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International Achievement Award 2025
Rebecca Quinn – Glendalough Harriers A.C.



Rebecca competed at the European Masters Off-Road Running Championships (EMORRC), Nicolosi, Italy held 30 May–1 June. She won individual **Gold medals** in the W50 age category in **both** the Classic Up and Down and Long Trail races and led Ireland to the **Team Bronze medal** in the F50+ category in the Classic Up and Down race and the **Team Silver medal** in the F50+ category in the Long Trail race.

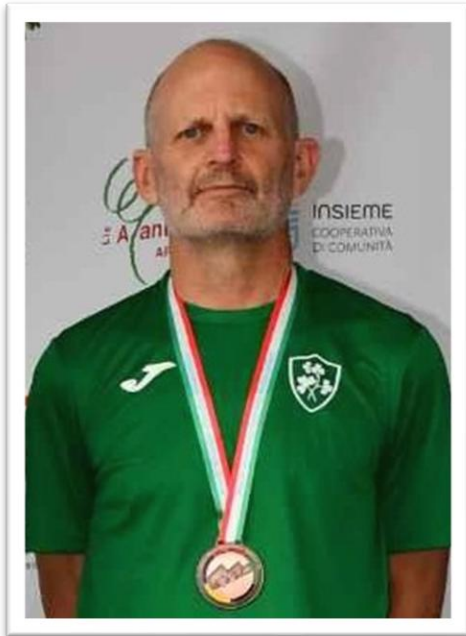
At the World Masters Mountain Running Championships (WMMRC), Meduno, Italy, 28–31 August, she won the individual **Silver medal** in the W50 category in the Long Distance race (32km +/-1900m) and a **Team Silver medal**. Three individual medals and three team medals is quite a remarkable haul !

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International Achievement Award 2025
Paul Duffy – Glendalough Harriers A.C.



At the 24th World Masters Mountain Running Championships (WMMRC), Meduno, Italy, 28 – 31 August, Paul placed 23rd in the M40 age category in the Classic Up and Down race. Due to storm damage from rain the day before this race, the course was adjusted to 15.2 km +/- 740m. The Irish team in the M40+ category won the **Team Bronze medal** [Philip Goss (9), **Paul Duffy (23)**, David Nolan (37)]

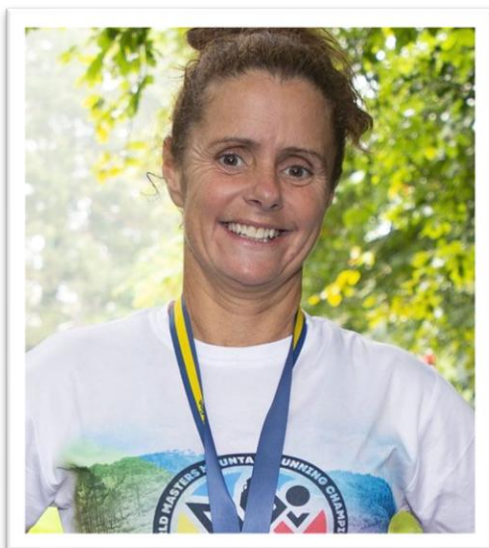
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International Achievement Award 2025
Conor Nolan – Kilcoole A.C.



Conor competed at the 24th World Masters Mountain Running Championships (WMMRC), Meduno, Italy, 28 – 31 August: In the Classic Up and Down race (15.2 km +/- 740m) Conor won the individual **Bronze medal** in the M65 category in 1:26:07. Ireland won the **Team M65 Gold medal** [Gerard Maloney (2), **Conor Nolan** (3), Liam Lenehan (7)]

He also competed in the Uphill Race (5 km + 800m), placing 6th in the M65 category in 48:31. Conor led Ireland home to the **Team M65 Bronze medal** [**Conor Nolan** (6), Martin McDonald (9), Liam Lenehan (13), Liam Lynch (23)]

Athletics Wicklow
International Achievement Award 2025
Annmarie Kenny – Slí Cualann A.C./Parnell A.C.



Annmarie competed at the European Masters Off-Road Running Championships (EMORRC), Nicolosi, Italy held 30 May–1 June. In the Classic Up and Down race on Mount Etna she placed 20th in the W50 age category in 1:05:29. Ireland took the **Team Bronze Medal** [Rebecca Quinn (1), Karen Creaan (8), **Annmarie Kenny** (20)].

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International Achievement Award 2025
Caroline Harney Ayton - Parnell A.C.



Caroline competed at the British & Irish Masters Cross Country International Championships, Leeds, England, 15 November. She placed 8th in the W40 age category. She was the 2nd scoring athlete on the Irish W40 team which won the **Team Silver medal** [Noeleen Scanlon (2), Caroline Harney Ayton (8), Helen McCready (12), Eimear O’Leary (14)]

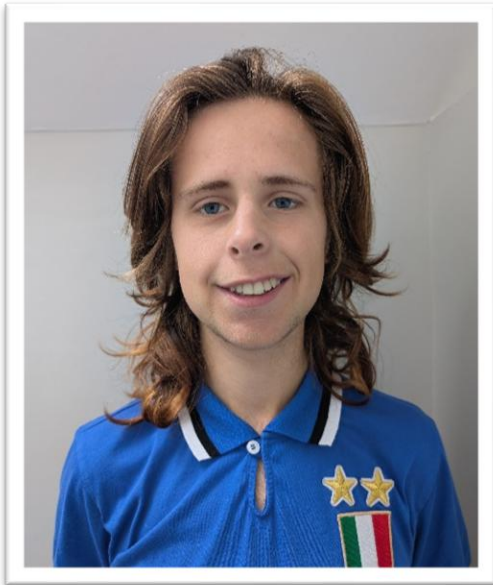
She also competed in the World Mountain Running Association (WMRA) World Cup races held at Briançon, France, 19–20 July over the Vauban Mountain Trail. She placed 16th in the 13.9 km +/- 966 m Classic Up and Down race in 1:38:37 and 28th in the 5.9 km +1132 m Montee Verticale race in 1:01:25.

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International Recognition Award 2025
Graham Bushe – Glendalough Harriers A.C.



Graham competed in all three events at the World Masters Mountain Running Championships (WMMRC), Meduno, Italy, 28 – 31 August. He finished 28th in the M55 age category in the Uphill race (5km +800m) in 48:48. He placed 32nd in the Classic Up and Down race (15.2 km +/- 740m) in 1:27:48 and 21st in the Long Distance race in the M55 category in 4:20:07.

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International Recognition Award 2025
Rory Lush – Greystones & District A.C.



Rory represented Ireland at the British and Irish Mountain Running Championships at Y Fron (about 16 km south of Caernarfon), Wales, 13 September. He finished 2nd in the qualifying trial in Co Wicklow and was selected for the U20 team. The course at Y Fron was 6.23km + 257m. Rory was the first of the Irish U20 men to finish in 29:03. The Irish U20 team placed 5th on 47pts.

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International Recognition Award 2025
Lara Buck – Parnell A.C.



At the British and Irish Mountain Running Championships in the Welsh Mountains Y Fron near Caernarfon on 13 September, Lara competed on the Irish U17 team. She won the qualifying trial on the Wicklow Way (6.2 km + 300 m) in 31:47. The Y Fron course was 6.23km + 257 m. Lara was the first of the Irish U17 girls to finish in 32:05. The Irish U17 team placed 5th on 41pts.

**Athletics Wicklow
International Recognition Award 2025
Alaoise Geraghty – Parnell A.C.**



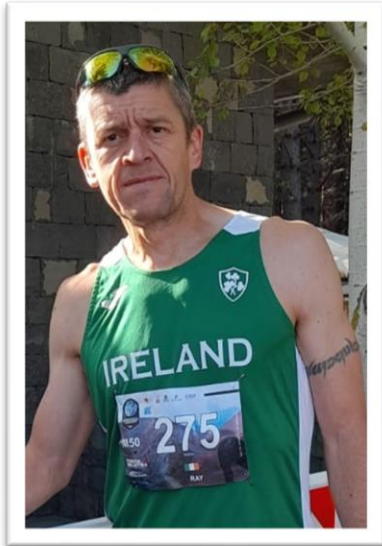
Alaoise competed at World Mountain and Trail Running Championships, Canfrancpirineos, Spain, 28 September in the U20 Women Mountain Classic (7.8km +390 climb). She finished 48th of 63 competitors in a time of 49.11.

**Athletics Wicklow
International Recognition Award 2025
Kevin Doherty – Glendalough Harriers A.C.**



Kevin competed in the Classic Up and Down race (15.2km +/- 740m) at the 24th World Masters Mountain Running Championships (WMMRC), Meduno, Italy, on 31 August. He placed 37th in the M40 age category in 1:31:58 (top 35% of the field).

Athletics Wicklow
International Recognition Award 2025
Ray Kenny – Sli Cualann A.C./Parnell A.C.



Ray represented Ireland at the European Masters Off Road Running Championships (EMORRC), Nicolosi, Italy, 30 May–1 June. He competed in all three events. In the Classic Up and Down race (9 km on Mount Etna) he placed 19th in the M50 age category in 48:45. Ireland placed 4th in the team event. In the Vertical Run, a gruelling 1000 m climb finishing at 2920 m near the main crater of Mount Etna, he was 19th M50 in 57:54. In the Long-Distance trail run (34 km) over a mix of forest and volcanic terrain he finished 14th in the M50 category in 3:49:52.

Athletics Wicklow
International Recognition Award 2025
Ailbhe Gordon – Greystones & District A.C.



Ailbhe competed at the Pickering Memorial Throws International at Loughborough University on 1 June. This meeting was inaugurated in memory of Ron Pickering a prominent British and Welsh athletics coach and BBC sports commentator. Ailbhe was one of a party of six U20/U23 throwers sent to this meeting by Athletics Ireland. She placed 4th in the U20 Javelin Throw with a best of 43.59 m.

It is worthy of note that Ailbhe set an Athletics Leinster U20 championship record in Javelin Throw at SETU, Carlow on 7 June, 2025 of 43.95m, adding 3.53m to the CR dating from 2016.

Athletics Wicklow
Volunteer Award 2025
Mick Brennan – Aughrim A.C.



The Athletics Wicklow T&F Championships, the Juvenile League, the Cross-Country Championships and the Wicklow Schools' Events would simply not function without the hard work of volunteers who act in many roles. Without reliable people who set up and take down the cross-country courses, tape off the area for javelin, marshal young athletes to events and escort them safely off the field, championships would not take place. This year Athletics Wicklow recognises the sterling efforts of Mick Brennan who is always one of the first to arrive at events and one of the last to leave after ensuring that the field or track or arena is cleared and cleaned up. He is dependable, punctual and efficient and epitomises volunteerism to the highest standards. He is a coach for Aughrim A.C. dealing principally with the club's oldest juvenile group and specialises in long jump coaching. Athletics Wicklow salutes and honours his dedication, commitment and valuable contribution as a Volunteer in all weathers by this award.

Athletics Wicklow
Volunteer Award 2025
Pat O'Reilly – St Benedict Inbhear Mor A.C.



Club and County Athletics could not function without volunteers who freely give of their time and effort to ensure that things get done in a timely and efficient manner. Within his club Pat O'Reilly is currently Club Secretary, an important role in ensuring that communication is properly maintained to all athletes and club officials. He is also a coach. Pat always arrives early to see what needs to be done in setting up a venue for competition. No matter the task he will row in to get things ready. The essence of being a volunteer is that one enjoys doing things that ensure that competitions will be run off smoothly and efficiently. Pat is a loyal, reliable supporter at club and county levels. Where help is needed, he is there as a volunteer in whatever capacity is required. Athletics Wicklow acknowledges and respects Pat's contribution to Wicklow Athletics by this opportune Volunteer award.

Athletics Wicklow
Distinguished Service Award 2025
Dermot Brennan – Bray Runners A.C.
Athletics Wicklow Hon Secretary 2011 - 2026



Dermot Brennan, Athletics Wicklow Hon Secretary 2011 – 2026
LoR: Laura Brennan, Emma Craxton, Bill Porter, Dermot Brennan, Cyril Smyth,
Sheila O’Byrne, Sharon Carley
[Photograph Courtesy of Mary Geraghty 2026]

At the Athletics Wicklow AGM in 2011, nobody was nominated to fill the vacant position of Hon Secretary. An appeal was sent to clubs asking for a volunteer. At the March meeting it was reported had Dermot had agreed to put his name forward and his election was proposed, seconded and approved. His appointment as Hon Secretary was a colossal windfall for Athletics Wicklow. He has performed his role on the Co Board in an exemplary manner. His advice has always been sound. He has acted as a mediator in a totally professional manner to resolve issues that have arisen from time to time. Throughout his years as Secretary Dermot has been an excellent regular and efficient communicator, ensuring clubs and athletes were kept informed of courses and dates of athletics events. Through marshalling with Bray Runners at the Women’s Mini-Marathon he joined the WMM team as a volunteer, progressing to Safety Officer, Deputy Race Director, Event Consultant and Event Controller/Co-ordinator. None of us could have foreseen the impact of Covid on athletics. Dermot brought his health and safety training and risk assessment abilities to good use when athletics resumed. This award is testament to Dermot’s commitment and dedication during 16 years of service to Athletics Wicklow and a very sincere “Thank You” from all of us to him for his time and efforts.



BLOE/Athletics Ireland Juvenile Star Awardees Co. Wicklow Roll of Honour



Year	Name	Club
1970	Patrick Whiston	Presentation Bray
1971	Anne Weadick	St Benedict
1972	Elizabeth Hurley	St Benedict
1973	Elizabeth Hurley	St Benedict
1974	Carmel Scallan	St Benedict
1975	Ann Byrne	St Benedict
1976	Ann Byrne	St Benedict
1977	Ann Byrne	St Benedict
1978	Patrick Collins	Presentation Bray
1979	Trevor Sargeant	Presentation Bray
1980	Trevor Sargeant	Bray Striders
1981	Kevin O'Brien	Bray Striders
1982	Trevor Sargeant	Bray Striders
1983	Stephen O'Toole	Presentation Bray
1984	Stephen Gilmore	Presentation Bray
1985	Alan Keyes	Presentation Bray
1986	Nigel Brunton	Bray Striders
1987	Nigel Brunton	Bray Striders
1988	William Tyrell	St Benedict
1989	Nigel Brunton	Bray Striders
1990	Barbara Kealy	Bray Striders
1991	David Nolan	Presentation Bray
1992	Stephanie O'Reilly	Inbhear Dee
1993	Alan O'Reilly	St Benedict

Year	Name	Club
1994	David Nolan	Bray Striders
1995	Thomas McKeown	West Wicklow
1996	Gail Doyle	Inbhear Dee
1997	Carol Loscher	Roundwood & District
1998	Róisín McGettigan	Inbhear Dee
1999	Darragh Graham	Inbhear Dee
2000	Carol Loscher	Roundwood & District
2001	Fionnuala Britton	Kilcoole
2002	Darragh Graham	Inbhear Dee
2003	Marian Earls	Inbhear Dee
2004	Des Earls	Inbhear Dee
2005	Lynsey Porter	Inbhear Dee
2006	Tara Jameson	Inbhear Dee
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2008	Tara Jameson	Inbhear Dee
2009	Niamh Kearney	Greystones & District
2010	Niamh Kearney	Greystones & District
2011	Phillipa Rogan	Greystones & District
2012	Conor Dempsey	Greystones & District
2013	Conor Dempsey	Greystones & District
2014	Alana Ryan	Greystones & District
2015	Alana Ryan	Greystones & District
2016	Emma O'Brien	Inbhear Dee
2017	Richael Browne	Greystones & District
2018	Alana Ryan	Greystones & District
2019	Róisín Treacy	Ashford
2020	Not held	Covid
2021	Daniel Quirk	Greystones & District
2022	Daniel Quirk	Greystones & District



**BLOE/Athletics Ireland
Juvenile Star Awardees
Co. Wicklow
Roll of Honour**



Year	Name	Club
2023	Eleanor Foot	Bray Runners
2024	Ailbhe Gordon	Greystones & District

Juvenile Athlete of the Year Award Winners

Year	Name	Club
1982	Trevor Sargeant	Bray Striders
2008	Tara Jameson	Inbhear Dee



Athletics Leinster Star Awardees Co. Wicklow Roll of Honour



The Athletics Leinster Awards are selected solely based on performance in Athletics Leinster Championships. These awards were inaugurated for juvenile athletes in 1990. Senior Awards started in 1999.

Year	Girl	Boy	Senior†
1990	Blánaid Quigley	Keith Byrne	—
1991	Blánaid Quigley	Keith Byrne	—
1992	Blánaid Quigley	Barry Cleary	—
1993	Gail Doyle	Alan O'Reilly	—
1994	Gail Doyle	Killian Smyth	—
1995	Róisín McGettigan	Christopher Rice	—
1996	Gail Doyle	Killian Smyth	—
1997	Róisín McGettigan	Thomas McKeown	—
1998	Róisín McGettigan	Thomas McKeown	—
1999	Carol Loscher	Darragh Graham	David Kelly
2000	Carol Loscher	Darragh Graham	Noel Kavanagh
2001	Fionnuala Britton	Brian Farrell	Joseph Diskin
2002	Marion Earls	Des Earls	Darragh Graham
2003	Marion Earls	Mark Flynn	Fionnuala Britton
2004	Lynsey Porter	Des Earls	Fionnuala Britton
2005	Lynsey Porter	John Flemming	Darragh Graham
2006	Tara Jameson	Michael O'Connor	Fionnuala Britton
2007	Ellie Hartnett	Ferdia Kenny	Brian Farrell
2008	Ellie Hartnett	Jonathan Phillips	Tara Jameson

Year	Girl	Boy	Seniort
2009	Claire Earls	Ferdia Kenny	Caoimhe Basquille
2010	Caoimhe Basquille	Ferdia Kenny	Richard Owens
2011	Claire Foley	Ronan Marah	Jim Boland
2012	Lynda Earls	Jamie Cullen	Jim Boland
2013	Ara Freeman	Conor Dempsey	Laura Kavanagh
2014	Amaris Borel	Conor Dempsey	David Coyle
2015	Alana Ryan	Conor Dempsey	Tim Grummell
2016	Richael Browne	Josh Pyper	Aoife Conroy
2017	Alana Ryan	Joseph O'Shea	Aoife Conroy
2018	Ellen McNally	Joe Prendergast	Richael Browne
2019	Róisín Treacy	Jack McGlone	Niamh Kearney
2020	Covid - Not held	Covid - Not held	Covid - Not held
2021	Covid - Not held	Covid - Not held	Covid - Not Held
2022	—	Daniel Quirk *	—
2023	Camille Madden	Daniel Quirk	Drew Donohoe
2024	Maria Zakharenko	Ethan Bramhill	Drew Donohoe
2025	Maria Zakharenko	Charlie Seery-Freir	Alana Ryan

*Athletics Leinster presented only one overall award by county in 2022

† Inaugurated in 1999



Athletics Leinster Star Awards Co. Wicklow Roll of Honour



Athlete of the Year Award

Year	Recipient
2019	Fionnuala McCormack (née Britton)

Outstanding Achievement Award

Year	Recipient
2011	Fionnuala McCormack (née Britton)
2012	Fionnuala McCormack (née Britton)



Athletics Leinster Outstanding Service to Athletics Award



An Outstanding Service Award may be made every 3rd year to an official in County Wicklow on the nomination of the Athletics Wicklow Board to Athletics Leinster.

Year	Recipient
2003	Breda Synnott
2006	Noreen O'Reilly
2009	Bill Porter
2012	Cyril J Smyth
2015	Theresa Kinane
2018	Terry Kavanagh
2023	Dermot Brennan



Athletics Ireland Awards Roll of Honour



Year	Recipient	Award
2007	Fionnuala Britton	Cross-Country/Road Athlete of the Year
2008	Fionnuala Britton	Cross-Country/Road Athlete of the Year
2011	Fionnuala Britton	Endurance Athlete of the Year
2012	Fionnuala Britton	Track & Field Athlete of the Year
2012	Fionnuala Britton	Endurance Athlete of the Year
2014	Fionnuala Britton	Endurance Athlete of the Year
2016	Fionnuala McCormack	Team of the Year: European Senior Cross-Country Team 2015 – Bronze medallists Fionnuala McCormack, Lizzie Lee, Caroline Crowley, Ciara Durkan
2021	Cyril J Smyth	Official of the Year
2025	Cyril J Smyth	Lifetime Services to Athletics



Athletics Wicklow Outstanding Service Awards



Year	Recipient
2011	Cyril J Smyth – Bray Runners
2013	Terry Kavanagh – Roundwood & District
2018	Dermot Brennan – Bray Runners
2019	Breda Dickinson – St Benedict Inbhear Mór
2021	Pat Kavanagh – St Benedict Inbhear Mór
2022	Anne Marie Kelly – Inbhear Dee
2024	Theresa Kinane – Greystones & District
2024	Noreen O'Reilly – Inbhear Dee



Athletics Wicklow Volunteer Awards



Year	Recipient
2022	Anne Marah – Roundwood & District
2022	Tom Cavanagh – Bray Runners
2023	Aidan Hartnett – Greystones & District
2024	Jim Winterbotham - Parnell
2025	Mick Brennan - Aughrim
2025	Pat O'Reilly – St Benedict Inbhear Mór



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SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND

Year	Recipient
2019	Theresa Kinane – Greystones & District

‡ Inaugurated in 2019

Athletics Wicklow



Ashford



Aughrim



Bray Runners



Glendalough Harriers



Greystones & District



Inbhear Dee



Kilcoole



Lakeshore Striders



Parnell



Roundwood & District



Slí Cualann



Solid Running



St Benedict Inbhear Mór



Tomnafinnogue



Trail Criú



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