

New High Jump Record for Craughwell's Farrell

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Galway's older juvenile athletes travelled to Tullamore at the weekend for the U14-19 National Juvenile Track and Field. There were some splendid performances over the 2 days with the highlights been GCH's Gemma Hynes's sprint double in U19 girls and Craughwell's Cathriona Farrell who set a new National record in the U15 girls high jump.

Farrell cleared 1.67m to claim gold and in the process broke the 26-year old record for this age group. Hynes wrapped up a fine juvenile career by taking her now customary sprint double in the 100m and 200m. Club-mate Natalie Allen took the bronze medal in the U19 girls 100m. Galway athletes also had a good day in the hurdles events with 5 medals – Sarah Finnegan (Craughwell) gold in U19 girls 100m hurdles and silver in the 400m hurdles, Julie Ann Harrington (GCH) silver in U18 girls 300m hurdles, Rebecca Nolan (Athenry) gold in U16 girls 250m hurdles and Irene Gorman (GCH) silver in the same event. Sarah Finnegan also medalled in the triple jump, taking the bronze medal. Also in the U19 girls, Michelle Sands (Athenry) took silver in the 400m. In the U16 boys's shot putt, GCH's Eanna O' Cathai took bronze. The U15 girls age group provided rich pickings for Galway athletes, with Cathriona Farrell claiming gold in the high jump and silver in the long jump, Rachel Shaw (Athenry) silver in the 800m, Maeve Curley (Craughwell) silver in the 2k Walk and Rachel Finnegan (Craughwell) bronze in the 1500m. In the U14 boys high jump, Tomás Keehan (Craughwell) claimed the gold medal with a fine jump of 1.55m. The Galway clubs now look forward to next weekend in Cork where the U9 to U13 age groups compete in individual events and all age groups compete in the relays.