

2009 Junior State Relay Team Results from Saturday Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

What a fabulous Day had by all on Saturday 28th November 2009, at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush!. A place where Dreams are & were realized and Disappointments are quickly forgotten, until next Year!. In the most of stifling heat-wave conditions, it was truly great to see ALL Sixty-one (61) x Athletes with Forty-six (46) x Families turn up, & on time!....ALL Families undertook their Duties, of which not one Family relinquished, and without all their Help, the Day would not have been as huge as a success as it was, so give yourselves a pat on the back!. Special Mentions must go to the following:-

1. I would like to especially thank the "Soldiers", those that were at our Club Designated Duty of "Change 2", that had to battle the heat-wave conditions on the Track for one & a half hours at a time!!!.....Thank you KINDLY to you all (you know who you are!).
2. To my "Lieutenants" I.e. Team Managers(incl. Mike Israel), who worked tirelessly in the two(2) x weeks leading up to the Event, and then portrayed the utmost professionalism in Leadership, Training, Dedication & Support to their group of Athletes, to ensure their Success on the Day.....without you the team would not have strived so hard to achieve, so well!!!.....thank you very much....!!
3. Last, but not least, I would like to dearly thank Jenny Bishop & Carolyn Kinasch(my 2 x Captains), for the their Left & Right-hand Support of me yesterday!....without their assistance, I "General George Patton" would've crashed & burned!....thank you so much, Ladies!!!.....*and for the curios lot, I ain't Ex-Military!....I just thought it was a huge team effort by all, and was run like a tight ship!!!.....so again, Congratulations to you all, on a job well done.*

There were so many Highlights of the Day, with very few Disappointments, which made the Day such a huge Success!!!.....We had Twenty-Two (22) x Junior Teams competing on the Day, with an amazing Six (6) x Medal Haul (which should've sadly been 7!)....*the Under 8 Boys can hold their heads up high, as their Baton Changing was 2nd-to-none, and I'm sure you'll all agree they won the Gold Medal in our Hearts....if it's any consolation the 8 Boys last year, crashed out in a similar way, when leading on the Home Straight!, then went on this Year to Win GOLD!....so I firmly believe a similar High Fate awaits these 8 Boys next year!!.....*There were also five(5) x Finalists!!!.....hence HALF the JUNIOR TEAMS reached the STATE FINALS, and now have the mantle of Top 8 in the State!!!.....a HUGE Achievement by the Club!!!.....with the worst finish out of all 22 x Teams, being 16th!!!.....Congratulations on All 61 x Athletes on a job well done!....your Mums & Dads and your Club are very proud of you all.....and most importantly, I hope you all had loads of FUN.....!!!!

Finally, I know it was a great first time experience for most of you, of which the memories will live long in your hearts!!!.....thank you ALL again for such a wonderful & special experience, that I will cherish & remember for many years to come....

George Ekstrom
Championships Officer

THE OFFICIAL "JUNIOR" RESULTS OF THE DAY:-

1. U9 Boys - 4 x 100M Relay Team - **GOLD!** - **59.68 secs** - **Henry Migallo, Josh Green, Ben Bishop & Ben Kinasch.**
2. U8 Boys - 4 x Shot/Disc Relay Team - **GOLD!** - **2,306 pts** - **Matthew Mikhael, Christian Zilic, Nicholas Thomson & Oskar Karlsson.**
3. U9 Girls - 4 x 100M Relay Team - **SILVER!** - **1.04.88 secs** - **Kate Collett, Ellie Cooper, Sofia Metaxoulis & Eve Timms.**
4. U8-U11 Boys - 4 x 800M Mid Distance Relay Team - **SILVER!** - **11.04.65 mins** - **Rowan Dickinson, Josh Green, Lachlan Cann & Matthew Eaton.**
5. U8 Boys - 4 x Long Jump Relay Team - **SILVER!** - **2,668 pts** - **Christian Zilic, Nicholas Thomson, Matthew Mikhael & Morgan Little.**
6. U11 Girls - 4 x 100M Relay Team - **BRONZE!** - **58.84 secs** - **Brooke Jenkins, Courtney Cattell, Natasha Pidgeon & Rachelle Damm.**
7. U8 Girls - 4 x 100M Relay Team - **6th in the State!** - **1.11.00 mins** - **Tiarne Ekstrom, Amy Migallo, Isabella Rudolph & Ebony Williams.**
8. U8 Boys - 4 x 100M Relay Team - **7th in the State!** - **1.11.05 mins** - **Matthew Rose, Joshua Terry, Mitchell Haigh & Rowan Dickinson.**
9. U8 Mixed - 4 x 200M Relay Team - **7th in the State!** - **2.31.90 mins** - **Joshua Terry, Mitchell Haigh, Matthew Rose, Tiarne Ekstrom & Amy Migallo.**
10. U9 Girls - 4 x Long Jump Relay Team - **7th in the State!** - **2,310 pts** - **Claire Eaton, Rachel Ingram, Claudia Jenkins & Olivia Jenkins.**
11. U9 Girls - 4 x Shot/Disc Relay Team - **7th in the State!** - **1,696 pts** - **Claire Eaton, Olivia Jenkins, Claudia Jenkins & Sara Kely.**
12. U10 Boys - 4 x 100M Relay Team - 13th Overall - 1.01.84 mins.
13. U10 Girls - 4 x 100M Relay Team - 16th Overall - 1.04.70 mins.
14. U10 Mixed - 4 x 400M Relay Team - 15th Overall - 5.38.61 mins.
15. U9 Mixed - 4 x 200M Relay Team - 10th Overall - 2.26.47 mins.
16. U9 Boys - 4 x Long Jump Relay Team - 12th Overall - 2,350 pts.
17. U11 Boys - 4 x 100M Relay Team - 14th Overall - 1.00.33 mins.
18. U11 Mixed - 4 x 400M Relay Team - 10th Overall - 5.09.15 mins.
19. U8-U11 Girls - 4 x 800M Mid Distance Relay Team - 12th Overall - 12.25.94 mins.
20. U11 Boys - 4 x Shot/Disc Relay Team - 10th Overall - 1,870 pts.
21. U11 Boys - 4 x Long/High Relay Team - 12th Overall - 2,621 pts.
22. U11 Girls - 4 x Long /High Relay Team - 13th Overall - 1,519 pts.

Hence, Teams #1 to #11 all made the State Finals!!!....which were half the teams, Outstanding Team Result....!!!!