

## **All Ireland Schools' Track & Field 2009 Championships**

**Freeview on Setanta Ireland.**

**A GTV Sport Production**

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The Schools' Track & Field Championships takes place over four weeks culminating in the prestigious All-Ireland Schools' Track & Field Championship in Tullamore, County Offaly, in early June each year. 25,000 athletes from 850 schools (70% of second level schools on the island of Ireland) start out in 16 regions throughout Ireland with a view to securing a place to compete in their Provincial Finals. The first two winning athletes in sprints and the first three in all other events of the Provincial Finals qualify to compete in the coveted All-Ireland Schools' Track & Field Championships.

Setanta Ireland with the support of the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland commissioned GTV Sport to capture this unique sports event in three TV programmes.

Highlights of the Championships include:

Ciara Mageean (Assumption Ballyhinch) winning the 800m in 2:05.38 beating Sonia O'Sullivan's Irish Junior 1987 record of 2:05.72. She also won the 1500m.

Ciara Giles Doran (Mercy Waterford) added 1cm to Claire Ingertons 1989 junior long jump record when she jumped 5.53m in the fourth round.

Koroush Fouroughi (Gormanston) winning the senior high jump with a winning height of 2.14m beating Richard Robinson's 1983 record.

Marcus Lawlor (CBS Carlow) winning the junior 200m, with a time of 22.80 beating Colman O'Flaherty's 1976 record.

A fantastic run by Patrick Maher (Davis College Mallow) in the senior 400m hurdles.

Adam Ingram (Hazelwood College) the inter 800m in 1:53.97 beating James Nolan's 1993 record of 1:54.68.

Joanna Mills (Ballyclare High) equaling the 1999 intermediate record of Ann Marie Lynch when she won the long jump with a best of 5.80m.

Thomas Houlihan (St. Augustine's) equaling Neil Young's 1995 record of 4.50m in the senior boy's pole vault.

**Transmission Times on Setanta Ireland.**

**Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>** @ 6.30 pm: Programme 1

**Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>** @ 6.30 pm: 2009 Programme 2

**Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>** @ 6.30 pm: Programme 3

Check Setanta Ireland TV schedule at [www.setanta.com](http://www.setanta.com) for any changes.

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Leslie has a background in Television Production stretching back over 20 years. He has experience in sports, documentary and Property TV work for Television programmes shown on Setanta Sports, RTE, TV3, TG4 and Sky.

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Noel has been involved in Television Sports production for a number of years through the 'Sports Monthly' series on RTE, TG4 and Setanta Ireland and the BCI Sound & Vision supported 'Sports Nationwide' programme on Setanta Ireland. He was also the Executive Producer of the 2008 and 2009 Schools Basketball Cups on Setanta Sports.

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