

Report World Athletics Day 2011

By Meet Coordinator

The WAD 2011 became a reality for Dominica on Friday 13th May 2011. The DAAA, as was done in the recent years, partnered with the Sports Division to have a successful meet.

There were seven (7) schools present:



1. The Dominica Grammar School
2. Pierre Charles Secondary School
3. Portsmouth Secondary School
4. Isaiah Thomas Secondary School
5. Dominica Community High School with 1 athlete
6. Wesley High School
7. North East Comprehensive School

The event was opened with words on the WAD given by the DAAA President Mr. Godwin Dorsette and Sports Coordinator Mr. Trevor Shillingford. Athletes were asked to take the event seriously but not to forget its purpose



which was a celebration of athletics truly towards the growth of the sport Worldwide.

After the brief opening ceremony there were some shortcomings which did not auger well for the smooth start of the meet. However officials were called to the front and the games got on the way some 15 minutes later.

The hiccups at the start were all due to the DAAA executive not covering all the ends as it pertained to equipment for officiating. A laptop, Shot Put Circle and the 100m tape were among all the equipment missing for the start. With the absence of the main call room expert Mr. Thomas Kentish and his main assistant, the call room was not as normal. On the field, the officers worked well yet I would want to call on all of us to reach out to those in need when you see the need and not run from it; this will cut on the time for running the meet as well as better officiating.



At the end, 80% of the events were done, this was mainly due to lack of registration in a few events.

The **ITSS** took the **first place overall** and first in the girls while **NECS** took the boys for the schools category.

Miss. Luan Gabriel of the **ITSS** was the **most outstanding girl** with 3 gold medals and 21 points while **Derrick St Jean** of **DGS** took the **most outstanding boy** with 22 points- 1 gold and 3 silver medals.



Many thanks to all those who were involved in making the event a success and congratulations to all the participants and winners. Let us plan way in advance so 2012 can be great.

Godwin Dorsette.