

ICE VALLEY INVITATIONAL 2025, February 8-9

It may have been below zero outside, but the North Shore girls were on fire this past weekend at the Ice Valley Invitational held locally at Shakopee High School.

The Xcel Diamond girls started out Saturday with many individual accomplishments and made their coaches and teammates proud with all of their hard work.

The Xcel Gold girls continued this trend with many individual accolades and a third place team finish. They fought hard against some tough competition, which resulted in less than a tenth of a point separating the top three team scores! Individual accomplishments included Lauren Wheeler (10, Independence), who had an amazing day with third on Floor, first on Bars, first on Vault and second All around. Alayna Sandbulte (10, Medina) had two strong second place finishes on both Beam and Floor. Kendall Geistfeld (11, Delano) earned a trip to the podium for second place on Bars, while teammate Emma Dressen (13, Hanover) impressed the judges with her third place Beam routine. Next up was Ashley Meyer (12, Rockford) whose hardware included first on Vault, third on Bars, third on Beam and first All around. Addy Rice (11, Mound) wowed the crowd with her beautiful first place Floor routine, and also earned a trip to the podium for her third place Vault, third place Beam, and third place All around. Last but most certainly not least, Angelina Kovar (12, Independence) made her team proud with second on Bars, third on Floor and third All around.

Sunday morning was a very early day for our Level 8, 9 and 10's, but that was no match for their determination to win. The Level 8 team member Rory McGuire (11, Chaska) dazzled the judges with her third place Bars routine, while teammate Avery Merz (12, Orono) graced the podium after taking second with her beautiful Beam routine. Anna Lamecker (16, Delano) added to her medal collection with second on Vault, third on Beam, and third All around, while teammate Lillian Anderson (16, Hamburg) earned her own hardware with her second place finish on Bars. Grace Green (14, Chaska) had an outstanding day and made several trips to the podium including third place on Vault, first place on Bars, second place on Beam, and first place All around. These impressive performances earned the Level 8's a second place team award. Our two Level 9 gymnasts continued the winning streak by rocking the podium with their own incredible accomplishments. Madelyn Hallett (15, Minnetrista) slayed the competition with her third place finish on Vault, first place on Beam, first place on Floor, and first place All around. Teammate Addie Berg (15, Mound) earned her own bragging rights with second on Vault, first on Floor, and second All around. Not to be outdone, our three Level 10 ladies absolutely crushed the competition to secure a first place team win! Lily Fake (17, Delano) dazzled the judges with her third place Floor routine, second place Vault, and second place All around. Teammate Siena Chermak (16, Mound) graced the podium multiple times, earning third on Vault, third on Beam, second on Floor, and second All around. Luci Leyva (15, Mound) rounded out the medal count with her jaw dropping 9.5 tuck full Vault which earned her first place, along with a first place win on Floor.

The Level 6 group may have been small, but they made their presence known! In addition to receiving two out of four special judges awards, they secured a third place team finish along with multiple individual awards. Evelyn Belgarde (12, Wayzata) had an amazing day with multiple first place finishes on Beam and All around, along with second on Bars and second on Floor. Teammate Colbi Shelp (12, Maple Plain) also graced the podium with second on Vault, second on Bars and third All around. Elisabeth Rosha (11, Independence) also earned third place on Bars with her solid routine.

The Level 7 and Xcel Platinum girls finished the day strong with many outstanding accomplishments. Along with a third place team award, Xcel Platinums Maya Wetter (11, Delano) and Kate Pohl (11, Corcoran) earned podium visits for individual events as well, Wetter with second on Bars and Pohl with third on Vault. Next up were our Level 7 girls, who consistently impressed the judges throughout the evening. Natalie Reardon (12, Wayzata) had an amazing day with third on Vault, third on Bars, third on Beam, second on Floor, and second All around. Teammates Ava Meyer (12, Rockford) and Emmy Haag (13, Rockford) each earned a visit to the podium, Meyer with second on Vault and Haag with second on beam. Harper Takkunen (13, Plymouth) had an incredible day earning third on Vault, third on Bars, first on Floor, and second All around. Teammate Kennedy Farley (13, Long Lake) also added to her medal collection with third on Bars, first on Beam and first All around. Jordin Kimbrel (13, Orono) and Avery Monsen (15, Chaska) each had contributions to the team score, Kimbrel with third on Bars and second on floor, while Monsen earned an impressive first on bars and third on vault. All of their hard work earned them a solid second place team award!

North Shore Gymnastics Association, Orono, was founded in 1974 and is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It is the club's purpose to acquaint children at all levels of physical ability, potential and growth with the sport of gymnastics in an atmosphere of safe, fun, positive learning, and to help each child develop gymnastics skills, good sportsmanship and discipline. For more information, please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at www.northshoregym.org.