

The NSGA men's team competed in the 2026 Minnesota State Championships held in St. Cloud, MN, from March 14-15.

Saturday morning began with competitions for the Level 6 and 7 teams. In the Level 6 Junior Elite (6E) division, Hudson Arvizo (11, Maple Plain) delivered an exceptional performance, securing second place in the Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Vault, and Horizontal Bar events. Additionally, he earned third place on the Parallel Bars and fourth place on the Still Rings, culminating in a second-place finish in the All-Around category.

Kaiden Kochar (16, Watertown) had remarkable achievements as well, placing first in both the Vault and Parallel Bars. He tied for second in the Floor Exercise, placed fourth on the Still Rings, and fifth in the Pommel Horse events. His outstanding performance earned him the title of All-Around State Champion for Level 7!

In the afternoon session, competitors in Levels 9 and 10 took to the floor. In Level 9, Alexandar Bartz (14, Minnetrista) finished in second place on the Horizontal Bar. In Level 10, Owen Johnson (15, Delano) secured third place on both the Pommel Horse and Horizontal Bar. He also placed fourth in the Floor Exercise and Vault, and fifth on the Still Rings, resulting in a fourth-place finish in the Level 10 All-Around competition. Joe Hartmann (16, Independence) also competed in this level.

The Level 4 team delivered several impressive performances during their last session on Saturday. Decon May (8, Delano) tied for fifth place in the Floor Exercise. Owen Perez (9, Eden Prairie) achieved remarkable results, finishing second on the Pommel Horse and tying for third on both the Still Rings and Parallel Bars. Harrison Bergstrom (9, Orono) excelled, winning first place on the Pommel Horse and finishing third in the Floor Exercise. He also placed fifth on the Still Rings and tied for fourth on the Horizontal Bar, earning third place in the All-Around competition for his division.

Aiden Eng (10, Minnetrista) also had an impressive performance, taking first place on the Vault and tying for first on the Parallel Bars. He placed second on the Pommel Horse, tied for third on the Horizontal Bar, and tied for fifth on the Floor Exercise, which secured him fourth place in the All-Around competition for his division. James Christianson (11, Long Lake) placed third on the Floor Exercise and tied for fifth on both the Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar. Overall, the team's remarkable performance earned them a fourth-place team award!

On Sunday morning, North Shore's Level 3 team competed. Brooks Coen (6, Orono) became the State Champion on the Horizontal Bar! He also placed second on the Still Rings, tied for third on the Parallel Bars, and finished fourth on the Floor Exercise, securing second place in the All-Around competition. Everett Lemke (6, Watertown) finished fifth on the Pommel Horse, while Tony Hess (6, Plymouth) achieved fifth place on the Floor Exercise. Mason Hennessy (8, Maple Plain), Grant Serum (8, Lester Prairie), and Sam Loeck (9, Plymouth) also participated on Sunday.

In the final session, the dynamic Level 5 team performed excellently. Máté Toth (10, Orono) finished first on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. He placed second on the Floor Exercise and fourth on the Vault. His outstanding performance earned him the title of All-Around State Champion in his division. Riley Barton (11, Eden Prairie) also had a strong meet, securing second place on the Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. He placed third on the Floor Exercise and Vault, and fourth on the Still Rings, achieving third place in the All-Around competition for his division.

Robbie Green (13, Chaska) stood out as well, finishing first on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar, while also earning fourth place on the Floor Exercise. His exceptional scores granted him the State Champion title in the All-Around competition for his division. Thanks to their hard work, the Level 5 team emerged as 2026's State Champions!

Brooks Coen, Harrison Bergstrom, Máté Toth, Riley Barton, Robbie Green, and Kaiden Kochar have secured their spots on the Minnesota State team due to their outstanding performances.

Looking ahead, gymnasts from Levels 5-10 will compete at the Region 2 meet in Portland, Oregon, from March 27-29.

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From left to right: Máté T, Riley B., Robbie G. Level 5 State Champions!