

North Shore Gymnasts Earn Medals and National Qualifications at Region 2 Championships

North Shore Gymnastics delivered an outstanding showing at the Region 2 Championships in Portland, Oregon, held March 27–29. Athletes from Levels 5–10 collected multiple medals and secured several qualifications to USA Gymnastics Western National Championships and USA Gymnastics Junior Development National Championships, highlighting the strength and depth of the program.

USAG Men’s Region 2 includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. More than 680 boys competed across the weekend, including 115 in Level 7, 20 in Level 6 Junior Elite, 123 in Level 5, 115 in Level 9, and 108 in Level 10.

Competition began with Level 7, where Kaiden Kochar (16, Watertown) set the tone for North Shore. Kochar delivered one of his strongest meets of the season, earning a ninth-place medal on Parallel Bars and qualifying for the USA Gymnastics Western National Championships.

In the Level 6 Junior Elite session, Hudson Arvizo (11, Maple Plain) added to the team’s early momentum. Arvizo earned a tenth place medal on Floor Exercise and a sixth place medal on Pommel Horse. His consistent performance across all events earned him qualification to the USA Gymnastics Western National Championships.

Next up, the Level 5 athletes wrapped up their season with a series of standout performances. Riley Barton (11, Eden Prairie) claimed the title of Regional Champion on Pommel Horse in his age group, tied for second on Horizontal Bar, placed fifth on Still Rings, ninth on Parallel Bars, tenth on Floor and fifth in the All-Around in his age group.

Robbie Green (13, Chaska) matched that success, also earning the title of Regional Champion on Pommel Horse in his division. He added second place on Parallel Bars, third on Still Rings, and tied for fifth on Horizontal Bar and fifth in the All-Around in his division.

Both Riley and Robbie represented Team Minnesota for Level 5. Their combined efforts helped Team Minnesota secure a fourth-place finish at Regionals out of 12 teams, rounding out a strong showing for North Shore across all levels.

The first session on Sunday featured Alexander Bartz (14, Minnetrista), who represented North Shore in the Level 9 session. Bartz earned a ninth-place medal on Still Rings and tenth on Floor Exercise with dynamic and well-executed routines. His strong all-around performance also qualified him for the USA Gymnastics Western National Championships.

North Shore's Level 10 competitors closed out the upper-level sessions with impressive results. Owen Johnson (15, Delano) secured tenth place on Horizontal Bar, while Joe Hartmann (16, Independence) tied for fourth on Pommel Horse. Both athletes qualified for the USA Gymnastics Junior Development National Championships.

For the final meet of the season, NSGA gymnasts in Levels 6–9 will compete at the USA Gymnastics Western National Championships, held April 24–26 in Galveston, Texas. The program's Level 10 athletes will move on to the USA Gymnastics Junior Development National Championships in Oklahoma City, held May 6–10, where they will compete against the top gymnasts in the country.

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 gymnastic skills, good sportsmanship, and discipline. For more information, please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at www.northshoregym.org



From left to right: Coach Dale, Kaiden K., Hudson A., Alex B., Owen J., Joe H., Robbie G., Coach Sammy.

