

Press Release

ANNOUNCING THE 2007 Region 5 Junior Olympic ALL STAR TEAM

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Region 5 Gymnastics, July 2007: The 2007 Region 5 ALL STAR TEAM has been named. Each year our regions top athletes vie for the honor of being named to this prestigious squad of very talented athletes. Athletes qualify for the ALL STAR team based on competition results for the 2007 season. This years results were extremely competitive with the top 9 spots averaging above a 38 ALL AROUND (9.5 per event average). Only the top 8 athletes are named to the squad and they are in rank order.

Katie Zurales	Phenom- Illinois	38.53
Stephani McAllisher	Wrights- Indiana	38.338
McKenzie Caquatto	Aerial- Illinois	38.263
Gina Nuccio	Arena- Illinois	38.238
Elizabeth Mahlich	Twistars USA-Michigan	38.194
Ashely Sledge	World Class-Illinois	38.15
Nicole Ellis	Arena- Illinois	38.15
Nicole Dayton	Twistars USA- Michigan	38.094

The concept of the all star team was created to provide a reward system for our top athletes. Part of the reward package includes an international assignment funded by the region. This years international trip is tentatively planned for JAPAN and will include a training camp exchange with one of Japans top gymnastics clubs. The Region 5 All Star team will be honored and recognized at this years Mini Congress Banquet to be held in Indianapolis on September 22nd.

4 Additional Elite athletes will be added after the completion of the Championships of the USA.

Congratulations to the athletes, coaches, clubs and parents!

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