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**Romeoville Gymnasts Sweep Competition at AAU Age Group National Championships**

The Romeoville Tumbleweeds Gymnastics Team, run through the Romeoville Recreation Center, had 15 gymnasts compete at the 2017 National Gymnastics Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Age Group National Championships in Kingsport, Tennessee Thursday, June 22 – Saturday, June 24. Over 1,300 competitors from across the United States participated in the three-day-long event themed “Kids Helping Kids: Put a Little Love in Your Heart”.



The 2016-17 season was the first year Romeoville competed in the AAU league; this event was the largest competition that the team has participated in. Tumbleweeds athlete Mia Maglaya received the All American (highest all-around score for level 5). Five other Romeoville gymnasts placed in the top 5 for all-around score; Abigail Roppolo 4<sup>th</sup> for level 2; Deja Ray 4<sup>th</sup> for level 3; McKenzie Buchanan 4<sup>th</sup> for level 4; Ava Maglaya 5<sup>th</sup> for level 5; and Ava Bedford (4<sup>th</sup> for level 6).

Other highlights of the event included Abigail Roppolo took 2<sup>nd</sup> on bars and floor for level 2; Maggie Ryan took 2<sup>nd</sup> on beam for level 3; Gabriele Tetti took 3<sup>rd</sup> on floor for level 4s; and McKenzie Buchanan took 1<sup>st</sup> on Beam and 3<sup>rd</sup> on both bars and vault for level 4s finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the all-around.

“The Tumbleweeds program has grown exponentially over the last decade. We are very fortunate to have dedicated athletes, talented coaches, and amazing parents in our community to be able to not only compete at the national level — but to come away with awards,” stated Kelly Rajzer, Director of Parks & Recreation.

The Romeoville Tumbleweeds are excited for next year’s National Championship in Tampa, Florida. Team tryouts will be held July 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at the Recreation Department (900 W. Romeo Road). Register today! More information can be found online at [www.romeoville.org](http://www.romeoville.org) or by calling 815.886.6222.