

HAWAII GYMNASTS WIN AT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



2011 Regional Champions: Gracie Duldulao 10, Alexander Paul 9, Royanne Santo 11, Sydney Senter 9

Nine Hawaii trampoline gymnasts return home today from the 2011 USAG Trampoline-Tumbling Region 2 Championships in Tempe, Arizona, as winners and qualifiers for the national championships. The competition was held at the Arizona Grand Resort in Tempe, May 27-30, and featured the top trampoline, tumbling, double mini-trampoline, and synchronized trampoline players in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. Junior Olympic Levels 1-10 as well as Junior and Senior Elite players competed for regional ranking and qualification to the USAG Junior Olympics and Elite National Championships in San Antonio, TX, in July.

Eight gold medals were won by the four Hawaii players pictured above and following are the scores and placement of the Hawaii players according to age group and levels (L=Levels 1-10, lowest to highest):

<i>Player</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Trampoline</i>	<i>Dbl Mini</i>	<i>Tumbling</i>	<i>Synchro</i>
Shane Doi	21	17+	54.0 4th L10	63.0 2nd L10	46.9 5th L9	
Gracie Duldulao	10	9-10	55.2 1st L9	60.3 1st L8	45.2 2nd L7	
Karalyn Fong	11	11-12	54.1 6th L8	60.0 3rd L8	51.6 7th L7	
Irina Jang	21	17+	50.8 6th L9	61.0 6th L9	55.5 5th L8	
Kayttie Nakamura	9	8-9	18.5 11th L7	28.4 13th L7	51.3 14th L5	
Alexander Paul	9	8-9	53.1 1st L9	60.3 1st L9	50.8 3rd L6	
Royanne Santo	11	11-12	55.2 2nd L10	61.3 1st L8	58.6 1st L7	2nd w/ Tamayo
Sydney Senter	9	*11-12	55.0 3rd L10	60.5 1st L9	54.6 3rd L6	1st w/ **
Tori Tamayo	16	15-16	54.0 3rd L10	61.7 4th L9	56.2 4th L8	2nd w/ Santo

*Senter was petitioned into Level 10 as the youngest in the US (Age Group now called 10-12)

**Senter's synchro partner is Alyssa Oh from American Powerhouse, Roseville, CA

Coach Kira Vercruyssen, head of the Hawaii delegation, said nearly every player performed their personal best routines so she is particularly pleased with the outcome of this event. All players train at Hawaii Academy in Kalihi and competed for the Hawaii Trampoline and Tumbling Club.

Hawaii elite gymnasts had already qualified for US Elite Nationals so Nani Vercruyssen remained in Hawaii to train for upcoming international meets and Zac Ceroli went on a family holiday in China.

Detailed results are available at the official website: <http://www.region2championships.com/results.html>.

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High resolution/definition photographs and video are available upon request.



Other Hawaii Players: Irina Jang 21, Shane Doi 20, Tori Tamayo 16, Karalyn Fong 11, Kayttie Nakamura 9