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## **ANA Synchers Pave their Way to Nationals After Outstanding Performance in Andover**

Over 250 synchronized swimmers from all over New England gathered at the Andover/North Andover YMCA recently for the Regional Age Group Championship held May 16-17. This meet was critical as it was a qualifying meet for Age Group Nationals. The pressure was intense and the competition fierce but as is typical of this team ANA rose to the challenge. Every ANA age group swimmer qualified for Age Group Nationals to be held in Binghamton, NY, June 28-July 5. A total of 29 swimmers qualified to compete in 13 events and the 18-19, 16-17, and 13-15 AG teams not only qualified, they took home gold medals and are very well positioned as they head off to face competitors from across the nation in just a few short weeks.

### **Complete results:**

**Team routines: Age Group** ANA was awarded Gold medals in the top three age group categories (18-19, 16-17, and 13-15). 18-19 team: Melissa and Allison Andrews of Chepachet, RI, Maggie Conlon and Meaghan Arsenault of Methuen, Claire Rudder of Sudbury, and Jessica Mancini, Kelly Mahoney and Erica Potts of Andover. The 16-17 team: Amber Blum, Rebecca Ely, Laina Gray, Caitlyn McGregor and Alison Ziel of N. Andover, and Sheila Cremin, Candace Ju and Emily Stone of Andover. The 13-15 team: Marian Crockett and Christine Wu of Andover, Alyson Arsenault of Methuen, Alice Rodgers and Sarah Higgins of N. Andover. The 11-12 AG team (4<sup>th</sup> place): Tatiana Bouchard, Gillian Brassil, Nicole Carzo, Sachiko Hagiyo and Gloria MacNamara of Andover, Kim Beaton of Salem, NH, Kim Cushing and Kate Quinn of N. Andover.

**Intermediate team:** 11/12 team (Bronze) Juliet Adams and Lacey Kirks of Andover, Ariell Balan and Lindsay Hajjar of N. Andover, and Rachel O'Hare of Tewksbury. 13/O team (4<sup>th</sup> place) Carina Klyachman of Middleton, Gracia Lei of Andover, Rebecca Hope and Yelena Ravvina of N. Andover. 10/U team (Gold) Katherine Gorrie, Rachel Slade, Angela McNamara, Caitlyn Klauer of Andover, Georgina Hutchinson of Tewksbury, and Lily Koenig of Boxford. 10/U team (Silver) Melissa Zhang, Jillian Bohrer, Maria Kachulis-Moriarty of N. Andover, Jessica and Monica Alvarado of Methuen, Angela Szarek, Danya Baron and Isabelle Dawson of Andover.

**Trios:** 18-19 AG - Allison Andrews, Kelly Mahoney, and Erica Potts (Bronze); 16-17 AG - Amber Blum, Emily Stone, and Sheila Cremin (Bronze); 13-15 AG - Caitlyn MacGregor, Laina Gray, and Candace Ju (Silver), Marian Crockett, Christine Wu, and Alyson Arsenault (Silver); 10&UAG - Nicole Carzo, Sachiko Hagiya, Tatiana Bouchard (Gold); 11/12 Int. – Juliet Adams, Rachel O'Hare, Lacey Kirks (Gold), 10/U Int. – Caitlyn Klauer, Lily Koenig, Rachel Slade (Gold)

**Duets:** 18-19 AG -Maggie Conlon and Melissa Andrews (Gold); Kelly Mahoney and Claire Rudder (Bronze); 16-17AG - Meaghan Arsenault and Jessica Mancini (Gold); 13-15 AG - Caitlyn MacGregor and Alison Ziel (Gold), Sarah Higgins and Alice Rogers (Bronze); 13/O Int. Rebecca Hope, Lindsay Hajjar (Silver); 10/U Int. Jessica and Monica Alvarado (Gold) **Solos:** 16-17 AG - Melissa Andrews (Silver), Jessica Mancini (Bronze); 13-15 AG - Alison Ziel (Silver); 11-12 AG Gillian Brassil (Silver); 10/U Int. Katherine Gorrie (Silver).

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