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## Chirieac takes sixth at Level 7 Juniors



Newton resident Andrea Chirieac performs during the 2008 Level 7 Junior Olympic Optional Championship in Deerfield, Illinois. Chirieac finished sixth out of 60 competitors in the all-around competition.

Newton Rhythmic Gymnast Andrea Chirieac, 11, finished sixth all-around at the 2008 Level 7 Junior Olympic Optional Championship in Deerfield, Illinois in April. Chirieac competed against the top 60 gymnasts from around the country for the title. These outstanding results give her a national ranking in her level. This is the second year that Chirieac has qualified for the Junior Olympics.

Chirieac qualified for the national competition by placing first all-around at the Rhythmic Region 4 Championship, which took place in Newton earlier this month. Chirieac has had a tremendous season, placing 1st in the all around at the Mass State meet, Boston Cup, Coaches Cup and Beachside Invitational. She is of Romanian descent and continues that country's tremendous gymnastics legacy. She has been doing rhythmic gymnastics for four years and did ballet for several years. She has been a member of NESAs Rhythmic Gymnastics team for four years, practicing three hours per day, five days a week under Coach Varduhi Nahapetyan. Chirieac

is an honor roll student at Boston Trinity Academy, a private Christian school in Boston MA.

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