

Wu Qualifies For Junior Olympics

Canton resident Erica Wu, a seven-year-old rhythmic gymnast, has qualified for the 2008 Level 4 USA Compulsory Junior Olympics Compulsory Championship, which will take place on June 5-8 in Columbus, Ohio. Erica qualified for the event by placing second all-around at the Rhythmic Region 4 Championship, which took place in Newton earlier this month.

To qualify to Junior Olympics Wu needed to be one of the top eight gymnasts from her region. This is the first time that Wu has qualified for Junior Olympics. Before regionals, Wu was undefeated this year, placing first at the Mass State meet, Coaches Cup, Boston Cup, Aviator meet, Rhythmic Stars Invitational and Beachside meet held in Florida. When not participating in NESAs rhythmic gymnastics program, Wu practices Chinese dance and acrobatics.

Wu practices at the New England Sports Academy in Westwood and is coached by Varudhi Nahapetyan. Wu joins nine other NESAs rhythmic gymnastics team members who qualified for the national tournament.

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