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Kayla DiCello (Hill's) claimed the Junior Women's U.S. National title in Kansas City, MO. DiCello posted a 56.7 on day two of competition to total 112.7, and overtake **Konnor McClain**

(Revolution), who posted 112.6 (56.1 on day two). Along the way DiCello, who was second at last year's nationals, won the gold medals on vault and floor. She posted the top vault scores on both days 14.7 and 14.8 for her Yurchenko double twist. On floor DiCello stuck her opening tumbling pass full twisting double layout, and her dismount pass double tuck to post a 14.1 on day two, the only gymnast to break 14.0 on the event.

McClain, who had the lead after day one, was content with the result. "I'm happy with the second place. Going into the competition my goal was to make the junior national team." she reflected after the meet. McClain, fifth place finisher at the 2018 nationals, won the beam title (standing Arabian, ff-ff layout two feet, standing full, ff-ff double pike) posting 14.3 on day one, and 14.2 on day two.

Olivia Greaves (MG Elite) walked away with the bronze medal scoring 55.7 on day one and 55.15 on day two. Greaves took the bar title with her well executed bar set (stalder full to stalder Shaposhnikova half, piked Jaeger, stalder piked Tkatchev to Pak salto, Maloney half, full twisting double tuck). **Skye Blakely** (WOGA) repeated her result from a year ago by taking the fourth place with a total of 109.85.

Sydney Barros

(Texas Dreams) posted 109.8 for the fifth place, while

Ciena Alipio

(West Valley) was sixth with 107.3. For full results [click here.](#)

The members of the 2109 junior national team were announced after the competition: DiCello, McClain, Greaves, Blakely, Barros, Alipio, **Anya Pilgrim** (Hill's), **Lilly Lippeatt** (Cincinnati), **eMj ae Frazier** (Parkettes) and

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