

NC Airmen Men's Gymnastics Team

January 2026



Newsletter

In 2025, the NC Airmen were created by a handful of parents and coaches who saw the need for a college men's gymnastics team in our state. A group of former NC gymnasts, many of whom came out of retirement, signed onto the fledgling team. Upon successfully navigating the



GymACT starter team process, the GymACT Board voted the Airmen in as the 16th team in the League. In May 2025, two of our athletes competed at the GymACT National Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah. In June 2025, the Airmen coaching staff joined the other college coaches at the GymACT East Camp in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The team graduated four athletes from last season, and added newcomers Tino Fort, Aaron Giedt, and Jack Ongstad. We now have athletes from UNC Chapel Hill, NC State, NC A&T, and UNC Charlotte. Beginning in May 2025, the Airmen began holding our monthly All Team practices. Although we are short on depth, the level of our gymnastics has increased and we look forward to seeing how we stack up against the other college teams in our first full GymACT season! We ranked #14 in the preseason coaches poll. Follow us on our social media sites and track our rankings throughout the season at www.roadtonationals.com.



We will compete during the regular season against powerhouse NCAA programs such as Navy, Springfield, and William & Mary, established GymACT programs such as Temple, Florida Storm, Georgia United, New York Alliance, and Northern Illinois, and Gymact Starter Teams (like the Airmen were last season) such as Mid-Atlantic Rockets, Massachusetts Militia, and South Carolina Sabals. We will conclude with the championship season against the Eastern Conference teams and the entire slate of GymACT teams at the GymACT Nationals in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

2026 SCHEDULE

	January 10 th Jerrell Steele Invitational
	January 17 th West Point Open
	January 24 th Navy Open
	January 31 st Daytona Beach Open
	February 7 th Greensboro Invitational
	February 21 st Georgia United Invitational
	February 21 st Winter Cup
	March 21 st Virtual Meet
	April 11 th GymACT All-Stars
	April 25 th GymACT Eastern Conference
	May 9 th GymACT Nationals

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Summer Camps

May 16-17, 2026—Airmen College Experience
June 19-21, 2026—GymACT West College Bound
July 17-19, 2026—GymACT East College Bound

Information at www.ncairmengymnastics.com

Donations Appreciated!

To help the NC Airmen cover travel expenses, we gladly accept and appreciate any and all donations!



January 2026 Meet Summary

Jerrell Steele Invitational vs Temple and Mid-Atlantic

With our full team traveling to Richmond, Virginia, the NC Airmen came out strong with a 272.5 team score. Although well short of number 3 Temple, who scored 289.9, the Airmen defeated newcomer Mid-Atlantic Rockets and finished the week 1 GymACT season ahead of Florida Storm, Rocky Mountain Mavericks, and Northern Illinois. Tino Fort garnered 78% of the coaches vote and earned GymACT Week 1 Gymnast of the Week honors.



West Point Open



The NC Airmen sent Tino Fort to the West Point Open in the hopes of earning one of a handful of available spots in the Winter Cup Nationals, where USAG will select the U.S. National Team. While he didn't earn a berth to the Winter Cup, Tino gained valuable experience in a high pressure meet that will serve him and the Airmen well in our upcoming championship season.

Navy Open

Armed only with four all-arounders and a floor specialist, the NC Airmen competed against much stronger teams with up to 25 members. In a 4-up and 4-count pressure competition, the Airmen showcased some improvements from our first two meets, but it wasn't enough to hang with the top 4 teams of Navy, Springfield, Willam & Mary, and Temple. The Airmen scored a 257.55, but had a season team high score on Pommel Horse (42.3).



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