

## **NLQ Tournament Director Update**

1/19/2026

On Saturday January 17, we went to the Minneapolis Convention Center to talk with a large Gymnastics event which was taking place there. The Convention Center was like it is normally on an event day, busy with attendees but no signs of any protesters. We talked with the person in charge of the Gymnastics event, and they said they and their attendees have not seen anything to do with the ICE protesters. They also said their attendees who are staying in the downtown hotels have not had any contact with the ICE agents or protesters.

After our discussions with the person in charge of the Gymnastics event, and the Minneapolis Convention Center event manager, we drove a 6-block route in downtown Minneapolis, which encompassed most of the downtown hotels and the Metro Transit train system, and there was absolutely no sign of anything happening beyond the normal Saturday Activities.

This conversation and drive in downtown Minneapolis have further reinforced the fact that there is no cause for any concern that the ICE protests in Minneapolis are causing danger to any of our athletes and guests.

Northern Lights Junior Volleyball