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# Meet the team running the... The UK Junior Nationals 2018

**Tomorrow is the first day at the Junior Nationals, meet some of the organisation below!**

Steve Pozerskis is the competition director. He has flown seven Juniors over the years and worked his way up from a near last place finish, to third in 2011! Since 'graduating' from the Juniors, he has coached and helped organise many of the competitions since and now flies a LAK17. When not flying, Steve devotes a lot of time to his role as part of the Junior Development team.



Matthew Scutter is the weatherman. He was imported from Australia in the expectation of bringing 12,000ft cloudbases and 10kt climbs! He is also the creator of the innovative soaring forecast service - SkySight. Matthew is an accomplished competition pilot having won a Junior Worlds, finished 4th at a 'senior' Worlds and winning 6 nationals in Australia including many Joeysglides (the Aussie Juniors).



Ben Hughes has been omnipresent throughout Junior Gliding since 2012, flying his first Junior Nationals in 2014 and his final one last year. Always heavily involved in organising the Winter Series and other UKJG social events, he is perfectly suited to his role as 'Social Sec' - he will be managing the 'Après-vol' throughout the competition next week while competing in the Lasham regionals.



## Top tips from some of the pros!

### Amy-Jo Randalls - Flown at 2 Junior Nationals

*Don't be afraid to ask questions to those around you, whether it is AAT rules or for help rigging, just ask.*

*Give yourself plenty of time to get ready- even if that means getting up an hour before everyone else.*

*Set one small goal - be it "don't come last" or "get round once" it will help you relax and enjoy the week.*



### Peter Carter - Flown at 6 Junior Nationals

*Make sure you eat and sleep well.*

*Be as organised as possible*

*Ask loads of questions*



### Rhoan Birch - Flown at 3 Junior Nationals

*Don't fly differently because it's a competition, at the end of the day you are using rising air to get around the task, same as always.*

*Know how to set up your kit and map to use them effectively.*

*Use your first comp as a learning experience, and have fun!*



## Goodie bags and Prizes!

Navboys are sponsoring the Junior Nationals this year and providing prizes. This year, along with the usual overall podium and daily prizes, we are also providing prizes for the following:

Highest placed newcomer,

Highest placed pilot flying a club glider,

Highest placed pilot flying a wooden glider.

**Remember that the Juniors' briefing tonight is 9pm in the Brown Elephant!**

**Goody bags available for collection at registration!**

**Don't forget to enjoy the week, take plenty of pictures and share your best ones using the hashtag: #UKJG18**

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