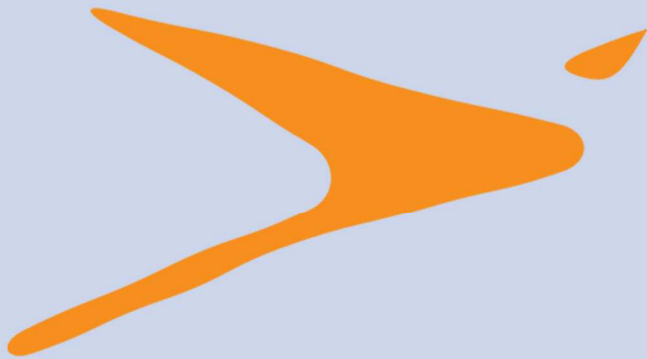




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Congratulations. You've done it. The instructor climbed out the back seat, you experienced the incredible freedom of solo flight, and probably made the best landing you'll do for a long while. And even better, this is when the real fun begins...

WHAT'S NEXT?

You may well have worked out by now that gliding is far more than just leaning how to fly the perfect circuit. There's a world of opportunity out there, and we'd like to help you along your way.

The obvious next step is to work towards your Bronze badge and Cross-Country endorsement. Armed with this, you have the freedom to explore the country by yourself, and go chasing those elusive Silver, Gold and Diamond badges. Maybe you fancy flying aerobatics, pushing yourself and your glider to the limit in all sorts of directions? Perhaps you want to go on to become an instructor yourself, teaching the next generation of great pilots how it's done? We're particularly passionate about cross-country racing - competing against dozens of other pilots in a bid to be the fastest around a task of hundreds of kilometers. Whatever your flying goals, UK Junior Gliding are here to help you out as best we can.



WHO ARE WE?

UK Junior Gliding is a movement run by young glider pilots, for young glider pilots. The term 'Junior' means anyone up to the age of 26, and our group involves pilots from all over the UK, from those aged 14 to the ones still desperately clinging onto their Junior status. We have a team of regional Mentors, who are specifically here to answer your questions and offer you guidance - check out the Mentor Map included in this pack to see who the Mentor in your area is.

First and foremost though, we are a big group of friends who are passionate about our sport and always looking out for each other. We would love for you to get involved!



WHAT DO WE DO?

In short – lots! We have two events which are the mainstay of the Junior Gliding calendar, the UK Junior National Gliding Championships and The Winter Series. We fit in loads of other events around these and each one will be full of Juniors, so keep an eye on the Facebook page to see what's coming up near you.

JUNIOR NATIONALS

The Junior National gliding Championships, or 'The Juniors' as it is better known, sees up to 50 of the UK's best young glider pilots take over an airfield for a week of hot competition to find out who is the best in the country. It's always run in the last week of August so as to be out of the way of exams and school. This is a cross country competition, so you'll need your Silver badge to compete, but you will not regret working hard to get your entry in.

If you're not quite ready for the competition yet then don't worry! We run a hugely popular two-seat training programme alongside The Juniors each year, giving those without their Silver a chance to experience what competition flying is all about, and learn their trade from some of the UK's best racing pilots.



WINTER SERIES

As the name suggests, this is a series of events run over the winter to keep the fun going all year round! We have expeditions to various clubs around the country, flying in different conditions to what we might normally be used to.

Two-seat gliders and some experienced instructors allow you to go flying in ridge, wave, and winter thermals if you're not confident to go alone, with spaces for single seat gliders too for those with a bit more experience. Overall it is a great chance to see all your mates throughout the winter and generally have a really good time in an otherwise dull time of the year!

HOW DO I PAY FOR ALL OF THIS?

With so much flying to do we are well aware that costs can start to add up quite quickly. Support is available for young pilots from a number of very generous organizations, in the form of sponsorship, scholarships, and bursaries. By putting some time and effort into your application, it is possible for you to find yourself financially supported through an entire gliding season. Take a look at the 'Affordable Flying' section of our website and keep checking our Facebook page for ongoing updates.



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS!

If you have any questions about this then please do get in touch! Your regional Mentor would love to hear from you, or you can drop us a message on the Facebook page. We hope this pack has sparked your interest, and we hope to be seeing you in the UK Junior Gliding scene soon. Fly safe and good luck!

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POST SOLO CHECKLIST

TASK	COMPLETED	COMMENTS	IMPROVEMENTS?
Solo K13			
Solo K8			
Solo Glass			
Solo Aerotow			
Solo Winch			
Complete Bronze			
XC Endorsement			
Complete Silver			
Crew at a Competition			
100km			
200km			
300km			
500km			
Regional Competition			
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POOR PLANNING = POOR PERFORMANCE

POST-RIGGING

- DI AND POSITIVES
- TAPE
- TOW-OUT GEAR REMOVED
- PITOT/STATICS DE-TAPED

PRE-FLIGHT

- SUNCREAM
- HAT
- SUNGLASSES
- DRINKING WATER
- MAP
- TASK ON CHART/GPS
- GPS
- TASK SHEET
- WIND DIRECTION & STRENGTH
- WEATHER FOR THE DAY
- NOTAMS
- WEEING DEVICE
- LUNCH
- CHARGED PHONE
- CAR KEYS LEFT IN CAR
- LAND OUT KIT



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