EckO Junior report 2019 - Susannah MacMillan Junior Rep
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> It has been great to see so many new Junior faces taking part at the 12 EckO events organised in 2019.
> Ross has done a great job organising Junior coaching at many events , helping juniors progress and has meant that several Juniors have been able to join in with SWAT squad .Thanks to him and Jan for organising .
> SWAT squad had a successful day at Glen Nant on 1st February and are back for another day of coaching on 28th March .
> There is also the opportunity for a residential weekend 30th/31st May in the Stirling area incorporating training and the Jamie Stevenson trophy. Details for how to sign up for SWAT squad are on the website or please ask .

> Another junior competition open to any school age junior P 5 and above who has done some Orienteering is the Scottish Schools Orienteering Festival . This is a fantastic team and individual event and I would encourage juniors to attend . You also get a day off school!
> This year it is on the 4th of June at Scone near Perth .
> All information is on the website [www.ssoa.org.uk](http://www.ssoa.org.uk/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).
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> This is also the route to competing abroad as SSOA take a Scottish team to the World Schools Orienteering competition every 2 years . Iris was selected to be part of the team travelling to Estonia for a week in April . Read all about it in her report on the EckO website .
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> 8 EckO juniors attended Scottish Six days 2019 in Strathearn . A week of camping in lovely weather and much socialising at the Corrie Croft campsite with six days of Orienteering in fantastic terrain .
> Alisa and Ruari joined in for a few days and 4 others ran competitively for the whole event . Tom 16th M20, Roanne 6th W20, Iris 2nd W14,  and Louis winning M18 . Good memories of the traditional junior campsite party meant that a couple of EcKO old hands made the journey over to join in!
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> Further afield Iris and Louis were both selected for JROS camps in Lagganlia and Stockholm . Louis’ report can be read on the EckO website .
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> Late summer sees Junior Home International  competitions with several EckO selections.
> Louis travelled to Northern Ireland where the Scottish team were victorious .
> Roanne and Jura were both selected for the Scottish Senior Home international team .
> Iris and Louis were both team members of the winning Scottish team for the JIRCs travelling to England in September .
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> There were many great performances from Ecko juniors at Events up and down the country . Following on from this Louis and Iris were selected to the Scottish Junior Orienteering squad - ScotJOS for 2019/2020.
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> It would be great to see more EcKO juniors branching out to take part in regional and national competitions. It is more fun as a group and dare I say it there does look like there may be a group  forming in the MW 12/ 14 age ? This is the ideal age to start competing further afield . The travelling is lengthy and the commitment from parents big but the opportunities to travel and form friendships all over the country are fantastic.
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> Please ask me , Jan or Ross for any information regarding competitions , opportunities , events .