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Season 2016

Club Information and Conditions for Trials

For existing and new players

Dear Parents and Players

Welcome to West Torrens Birkalla Soccer Club. It is an exciting time for Birks as we continue to grow and achieve success and we look forward to hopefully sharing 2016 season with you.

Please read the following information carefully as it forms the framework for trials and registration process for the 2016 season. It will hopefully give you an idea of our coaching philosophy at the club.

We wish you all the very best at these trials. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the club representatives during the trial week or contact us at wtbirkallasoccerclub@gmail.com or via our website.

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Junior Delegate

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Technical Director (U12-U16)

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Technical Director (U5-U11)

1. Registration for Trials

All players must report to the clubrooms to register and see the desk for their age group. All players must complete and hand in a Club Registration form. These are available on our website and at the registration desks at trials. Everyone must attend trials in appropriate attire including boots and shin pads.

All players U10-U16 must attend ALL trials in their age group unless advised by the Junior Technical Coaching Director. U6-U9 need only attend once during one of the registrations sessions to complete paperwork.

2. Trial Dates

Age Group	Year of Birth	Mon 21 Sept	Tues 22 Sept	Wed 23 Sept	Thurs 24 Sept	Fri 25 Sept
U6	2010			Registrations 5.45pm – 7.00pm		Registrations
U7	2009					5.45pm – 7.00pm
U8	2008					
U9	2007					
U10	2006	6.00pm	6.00pm			
U11	2005	6.00pm	6.00pm			
U12	2004	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm		
U13	2003	6.30pm		6.30pm	5.30pm	
U14	2002	7.30pm		7.30pm		5.30pm
U15	2001		6.30pm		6.30pm	6.30pm
U16	2000		7.30pm		7.30pm	7.30pm



3. Age Eligibility

Trials will be held for each age group from U10-U16. WT Birkalla requires all players to trial in the age group corresponding to their year of birth. Exceptions are solely at the discretion of the Junior Technical Coaching Director in consultation with the selection panel.

4. Financial Eligibility (for Existing Players Only)

Should there be an outstanding balance for fees (which has not been agreed with the club), acceptance for the 2016 season will not be confirmed until all outstanding fees are paid. If you are in this situation, please contact Aida Ashworth, Junior Coordinator.

5. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of team and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2016 (including goal keeper).

Age Group	On Field	Squad Size	No. of Teams	No. of players
U5	Training Only	N/A	N/A	24
U6	4v4	6	4	24
U7	4v4	6	4	24
U8	7v7	10	3	30
U9	7v7	10	3	30
U10	9v9	12	2	24
U11	9v9	12	2	24
U12	11v11	15	2	30
U13	11v11	15	2	30
U14	11v11	15	2	30
U15	11v11	15	2	30
U16	11v11	15	2	30

6. Team Selection and Club Coaching Philosophy

At WT Birkalla, our Coaching Philosophy is guided by the FFA's National Curriculum. All coaches adhere to its principles and all players are coached with its aim in mind - "to achieve a consistently high standard of learning and development for all players".

Our focus at WT Birkalla is:

- Development instead of results
- Skilful and technical players not just the powerful.
- Mistakes being learning moments instead of being punished
- Encouraging individual play instead of forbidding individual play
- Encouraging taking initiative/risks instead of forbidding taking initiatives/risks
- Playing out purposely instead of the long ball



The following guidelines represent how teams are selected and managed.

Age Group	Stage	Attributes
U6-U7	Participation based. Introduction to team based sport. Focus is on fun games and enjoyment in a club environment. Small sided games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions. • Teams in these age groups are evenly balanced across ability and talent. • No goalkeepers. • It is not uncommon for players to be rotated across team in this age group.
U8-U9	Discovery and skill acquisition stage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions, but more emphasis on technical skill development, and repetition-based learning mixed into a variety of exercises. • Goal Keepers are introduced into the games with players taking turns in goals on a rotational basis. • Teams are evenly balanced across ability and talent.
U10-U12	Acquisition of appropriate technical foundation. Focus is on the four core skills with the two constants being ever present and learned inherently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions. • Skill, ability and potential, play a larger role in player selection at this level. • Teams are selected on strength to transition into more competitive football. • Teams will be selected into A-grade and B-grade. • Permanent goal keeper introduced in U12. • Based on performance and demonstrated ability, players may be moved between teams from time to time.
U13-U16	Game Training Phase. Applying the functional game skills and learning how to use the technical 'tools' playing as a team, using 1-4-3-3 as the preferred formation. Developing tactical awareness, insight and decision making through a game-related approach to training. Teaching players to solve specific football problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams and players are assessed on performance, attitude, willingness to follow instructions and learning ability. • Teams are selected on strength and talent identification. • Teams will be selected into A-grade and B-grade. • All players at any time have the potential for movement between grades at the Coach's and Technical Director's discretion based on demonstrated performance.



7. Player Selection

Player selection will be at the discretion of the coaching staff and selection panel and will occur over the period of the trials. Players may be advised at any point during the trial process whether they are successful/unsuccessful in obtaining a position at WT Birkalla. This will allow unsuccessful players an opportunity to trial elsewhere.

8. Acceptance of Position by Selected Players

If your child has been accepted for a position at WT Birkalla, you will be notified at the end of the trials and an email confirmation received shortly after the trials taking place. A 50% deposit will be required to be paid on Friday, 25th September, between 6.00pm & 8.30pm or on Saturday, 26th September between 10am & 12.00 noon. Direct bank transfers can also be made directly to our bank account:

BSB 105 124

A/C [043058840](#)

Account name: WTB Soccer Club Inc.

Please mention players FULL NAME AND AGE GROUP/TEAM in reference part ie Jack Smith 14JSL

All deposits should be received no later than **Monday, 28th September**. Should you fail to pay the deposit by the date given, we will accept this as your non-acceptance of your position and the spot will be offered to another player.

9. Club Fees and Payment

Club fees for the 2016 season are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc. GST)	Includes
U5	\$250	Playing top, shorts, pair of socks
U6-U7	\$450	Playing top, shorts, pair of socks
U8-U9	\$550	Playing top, shorts, pair of socks
U10-U11	\$660	Playing top, shorts, pair of socks
U12-U16	\$820	Playing top, shorts, pair of socks, club jacket
New players to Club	In addition to the basic fee, all new players will have a \$200 joining fee	Away/training top, shorts, pair of socks, club backpack

50% of the Club fees are required at the time of acceptance of the offered position. The remaining 50% will be due on the 7th November. Payment plans may be arranged with the Junior Coordinator.



10. Codes of Conduct

At WT Birkalla, we adopt the Player, Parent, Coach and Spectator Codes of Conducts of the FFA. As all stakeholders represent WT Birkalla, whether it be at training, at home or away games, we take these codes of behaviour seriously, and insist that anyone joining the club, are aware of our expectations and agree to these codes. Full policy documentation can be viewed by going to: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-8365-0-0-0&slD=325200

An overview of our expectations of players and parents are as follows:

Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials, sledging other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please your parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.
- Encourage children to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performance and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation.

We wish you all the best for the trials and hope to see you at the club in season 2016!