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Season 2018

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, develop and achieve success. We look forward to hopefully sharing 2018 season with you.

Please read the following information carefully as it forms the framework for trials and registration process for the 2018 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.

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1. Registration for Trials

All players must report to the clubrooms to register and see the desk for their age group. All players are required to have completed the online Club Registration form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018WTBTrials>, prior to trials **or** complete a manual form on arrival to the club, on the first trial session for their appropriate age group. Everyone must attend trials in appropriate attire including boots and shin pads.

All players U10-U17 must attend ALL trials in their age group unless advised by the Junior Technical Coaching Director.

WT Birkalla will not be conducting trials for children for U5-U9 teams. However, limited numbers are available (refer to point 5), and these, in the first instance, will be offered to existing WT Birkalla players. Interested potential players are welcome to register their interest at one of the two sessions allocated during trials week (Wednesday, 27th September or Friday, 29th September, 5.45pm to 7.00pm) **or** by completing the online registration form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018WTBTrials> (in this instance, attendance to the registration session is not required). Confirmation of any offer will be notified by Tuesday, 3rd October and a 50% deposit will be required to be paid, to secure the position.



2. Trial Dates

Group	Year of Birth	Mon 25-Sep	Tue 26-Sep	Wed 27-Sep	Thu 28-Sep	Fri 29-Sep
U5 (Development)	2013/2014			Registrations <i>(acceptance based on numbers available – existing players will have first priority to positions)</i> 5.45pm -7.00pm		Registrations <i>(acceptance based on numbers available – existing players will have first priority to positions)</i> 5.45pm -7.00pm
U6	2012					
U7	2011					
U8	2010					
U9	2009					
U10	2008	6.00pm	6.00pm			
U11	2007	6.00pm	6.00pm			
U12	2006	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm		
U13	2005	6.30pm		6.30pm	5.30pm	
U14	2004	7.30pm		7.30pm		5.30pm
U15	2003		6.30pm		6.30pm	6.30pm
U16	2002		7.30pm		7.30pm	7.30pm
U17	2001		7.30pm		7.30pm	7.30pm

3. Age Eligibility

Trials will be held for each age group from U10-U17. 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 2018 season will not be confirmed until all outstanding fees are paid. If you are in this situation, please contact Aida Ashworth, Club Secretary at wtbirkallasoccerclub@gmail.com.



5. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2018 (including goal keeper). These numbers may change dependant on player interest, coaches and pitch availability.

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	3	36
U11	9v9	12	2	24
U12 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	15	2	30
U13 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	15	2	30
U14 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	15	2	30
U15 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	15	2	30
U16 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	15	2	30
U17 (JPL)	11v11	15	1	15

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 based on an effective possession style of play where we endorse:

- 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-U17	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, 29th September, between 6.00pm & 8.30pm** or on **Saturday, 30th September between 10am & 12.00 noon**. Direct bank transfers can also be made directly to our bank account:

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A/C [043058840](#)

Account name: WTB Soccer Club Inc.

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

All deposits should be received no later than **Tuesday, 3rd October**. 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 2018 season are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc. GST)
U5	\$330
U6-U7	\$460
U8-U9	\$630
U10-U11	\$730
U12-U17	\$930
New players to Club	In addition to the basic fee, all new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and back pack. U8 – U11 - \$150 U12 – U17 - \$200 (also includes club tracksuit jacket)

50% of the Club fees are required at the time of acceptance of the offered position. The remaining 50% will be due at the uniform fitting day (date to be advised). Payment plans may be arranged with the Club Secretary, however entering into a payment plan will require all fees be settled by the start of the season (March 2018). Failure to finalise fees by this time will result in players being unable to start the season.



9a. Sports Voucher

West Torrens Birkalla Soccer Club accepts the Office for Sports and Recreation Sports Voucher. A \$50 discount will be applied to the fees for primary school aged children (years reception to 7). **This can only be used once in a calendar year.**

If you have a child who is primary school aged, has not yet used the Sports Voucher in the 2017 year, please download the 2017 voucher [here](#), complete the details and provide it to the Club Secretary, when paying the deposit, or email it to Aida Ashworth at aida.ashworth@gmail.com.

9b. Sibling Discount

WT Birkalla offers a \$50 discount on the fees for the 2nd and each subsequent player.

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, is aware of our expectations and agree to these codes. Full policy documentation can be viewed [here](#).

An overview of our expectations of players and parents is 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 2018!