



2021 Club Information & Conditions of Trial



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# Season 2021 Club Information and Conditions for Trials and Registrations

## *For existing and new players*

Dear Parents and Players

2020 was a season with a difference!

Covid-19 has been our biggest challenge this year impacting on everyone, personally, professionally and socially, and I am very proud of our club and how we have reacted to the situation. We have quickly moved toward being Covid-19 safe and I am confident we will continue to adhere to all the relevant regulations and guidelines as they continue to change.

As we get ready for season 2021, we look forward to continuing to develop soccer players both in the junior boys and junior girls competitions and our goal to offer girls teams in each age group of the competition remains a priority.

Please read the following information carefully as it forms the framework for trials and registration process for the 2021 season. It will hopefully, give you an idea of our coaching philosophy at the club. **All trials and Come 'n' Try sessions will be held at Jack Smith Park, Morphett Road, Novar Gardens.**

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 below.

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Whether you are continuing your football journey with us, or looking to joining this wonderful club and community, we thank you for your interest and hope to see you at Jack Smith Park in 2021.

Kindest regards

Amin Ayoubi  
Chairman



## PART 1 - REGISTRATION AND TRIALS FOR JUNIOR BOYS COMPETITION

### 1. Registrations for U5-U9

WT Birkalla does not conduct trials for children in the U5-U9 age groups.

**Team player allocations will be arranged during pre-season. The club will make the final allocation of players to the teams with a view to ensuring an appropriate mix of skill level and player numbers.**

For numbers of available positions, please refer to point 6.

#### a) Existing Players

In the first instance, existing WT Birkalla players and their siblings will be offered the opportunity to register prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021juniorboysregistrations>.

**To secure their position, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the Club Fee, is required to be paid by 5<sup>th</sup> October.** Club Fees are listed in point 9.

Should there be no registration made or deposit paid by this date, WT Birkalla will accept this as confirmation that the existing player **does not** wish to keep their position at the club. All remaining positions will be, offered to new players.

#### b) New Players

Interested potential players are welcome to register their interest by Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October by completing the online registration form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021juniorboysregistrations>.

Confirmation of an offer will be notified by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October and a 50% deposit will be required to be paid, to secure the position.

### 2. Registration for Trials – U10-U17 (New and Existing Players)

#### a) Existing Players

In the first instance, existing WT Birkalla players and their siblings will be offered the opportunity to register prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021juniorboysregistrations>.

**To secure their position, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the Club Fee, is required to be paid by 16<sup>th</sup> October.** Club Fees are listed in point 9.

Should there be no registration made or deposit paid by this date, WT Birkalla will accept this as confirmation that the existing player **does not** wish to keep their position at the club. All remaining positions will be, offered to new players.



### b) New Players

To be considered for a position at WT Birkalla in the U10-U17 age groups must register no later than 24 hours before their first trial. Please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021juniorboysregistrations>. There will be opportunity to complete a manual form on arrival to the club. However, to save time, the online registration is preferred.

We ask that players arrive at least **20 minutes** before the commencement trial time. Players must report to the clubrooms, to have themselves marked as present, and this is where they will be provided with a trial number. Players must go to the desk corresponding to their age group.

All players must attend trials in appropriate attire including boots and shin pads.

Confirmation of an offer will be notified by Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October and a 50% deposit will be required to be paid, to secure the position.

### 3. Trial Dates - U10 - U17

Junior BOYS trials, will be conducted between 12th and 18th October 2020: please refer to the player's year of birth for the appropriate date/time.

Group	Year of Birth	Monday 12 October	Wednesday 14 October	Sunday 18 October
U10	2011			9:30am
U11	2010		5:30pm	
U12	2009		6:30pm	
U13	2008	5:30pm		
U14	2007	6:30pm		
U15	2006	7:30pm		
U16/17	2004/2005		7:30pm	

### 4. 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 Director in consultation with the selection panel.

### 5. Financial Eligibility (for Existing Players Only)

Players who still have an outstanding balance for the 2020 season, will not be confirmed a position for the 2021 season unless it is paid in full. Those with an outstanding balance will be notified individually. If you wish to check your own circumstances, please contact Linsey Carlton, Club Membership Officer at [linsey.wtbirkalla@icloud.com](mailto:linsey.wtbirkalla@icloud.com).



## 6. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2021 (including goal keeper). These numbers may change dependant on player interest, coaches and pitch availability. Some points to note:

- i. There are 2 x U12JSL Teams. 1 x U12JSL will be a WT Birkalla Academy squad for talented players identified in the 10/11 age groups.
- ii. Teams **will not** be formed if we do not have sufficient minimum numbers in an age group.

Age Group	On Field	Squad Size	No. of Teams	No. of players
U5	Training Only	N/A	N/A	15
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 (JPL & JSL x 2)	11v11	16	3	48
U13 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	16	2	32
U14 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	16	2	32
U15 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	18	2	36
U16	11v11	18	1	18
U17	11v11	18	1	18

## 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 a player is offered a position at WT Birkalla, you will be notified, by phone, once all trials have been completed for that age group.

A **50% non-refundable** deposit of the Club Fee will be required to be paid to secure the position. New player deposits are required by **5pm on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.



Options available for payment are:

- I. Direct bank transfers directly to our bank account. Our details are:

BSB 105 124 A/C <a href="#">043058840</a> Account name: WTB Soccer Club Inc. Reference: FULL NAME AND AGE GROUP/TEAM offered. <i>I.e. Joe Bloggs U12JSL</i>
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- II. Cash or Credit Card Payments. These can be made on:
  - a. Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at Jack Smith Park Club Rooms between 1:00pm-2:00pm; and
  - b. Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at Jack Smith Park between 5:00pm to 7:00pm

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 2021 season are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc. GST) – JUNIOR BOYS COMPETITION
U5	\$395
U6-U7	\$525
U8-U9	\$695
U10-U11	\$795
U12-U17	\$1030
<b>New players to Club</b>	In addition to the basic fee, all U8-U17 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and back pack. <b>+ \$150</b>

*Club Fees for all players include playing kit, all FFSA fees & charges and players insurance. Extra merchandise can be purchased as required.*

Due dates for payment of Club Fees are as follows:

- 50 % of the Club Fees (non-refundable deposit) must be paid by 5pm on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**; and
- Remaining 50 % balance of Club Fees must be paid by the uniform fitting day (date to be advised but typically November 2020).

Payment plans may be arranged with the Club Membership Officer. However, entering into a payment plan will require monthly instalments to be made and all fees settled by **1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**. Failure to finalise fees by this time will result in players being unable to start the season.



## 10. Sports Voucher

WT Birkalla accepts the Office for Sports and Recreation Sports Voucher. A \$100 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 2020 year, please complete the online form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Sportsvoucher2020>. Your total fees will be reduced by \$100.

\*please note that many existing families used their 2020 voucher to reduce 2020 season fees. If you need to check whether you have claimed the voucher at Birkalla, please contact Linsey Carlton at [linsey.wtbirkalla@icloud.com](mailto:linsey.wtbirkalla@icloud.com).

On confirmation that the Sports Voucher initiative will continue into 2021, families will be able to use their 2021 Voucher to reduce the balance of fees, once the deposit has been made.

## 11. Sibling Discount

WT Birkalla offers a \$50 discount on the fees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and each subsequent sibling.

# PART 2 – REGISTRATION AND COME ‘N’ TRY SESSION FOR JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITION

## 12. Girls Competition – 7-15 Years of age

In 2021, our club aims to be represented in each age group of the Junior Girls competition. To register to play at Birkalla, please complete the Registration form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021juniorgirlsregistrations>

## 13. Number of Teams

The table below shows the anticipated number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2020. **Teams will only be formed if there is enough interest.**

Age Group	On Field	Squad Size	No. of Teams	No. of players
U7	4v4	6	1	6
U9	7v7	10	2	20
U11	9v9	12	2	24
U13	11v11	16	2	32
U15	11v11	16	1	16



## 14. Come 'n' Try Session for Girls

Group	Year of Birth	Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October
U7	2014/2015	5:30pm	5:30pm		
U9	2012/2013	5:30pm	5:30pm		
U11	2011/2010	5:30pm	5:30pm		
U13	2009/2008			5:30pm	5:30pm
U15	2006/2007			5:30pm	5:30pm

Existing players are requested to attend the relevant sessions according to their year of birth.

### Fees and Payments

The 2021 club fees for female competition players are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc. GST) – JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITION
U7	\$395
U9	\$475
U11	\$475
U13	\$525
U15	\$525
<b>New players to Club</b>	In addition to the basic fee, all U9-U17 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and back pack. <b>+ \$150</b>

*Club Fees for all players include playing kit, all FFSA fees & charges and players insurance. Extra merchandise can be purchased as required.*

On confirmation that teams have sufficient numbers to nominate into the FFSA Competition, positions will be offered.

Due dates for payment of Club Fees are as follows:

- 50 % of the Club Fees (non-refundable deposit) must be paid by 5pm on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October**; and
- Remaining 50 % balance of Club Fees must be paid by the uniform fitting day (date to be advised but typically November 2020).

Refer to point 10 and 11 regarding the sports voucher and sibling discounts .



## **PART 3 – COACHING PHILOSOPHY FOR ALL PLAYERS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

### **15. 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, whilst still fostering a winning mentality
- 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

### **16. Player Movement Policy**

The Club's overriding objective is for every player to achieve the maximum development of football skills and enjoyment of the game. It is therefore a priority to ensure players are placed in the environment that is most conducive to their development at all times. Players will be continually assessed throughout the 2021 season and will be subject to Birkalla's Player Movement Policy: <https://wtbirkalla.com.au/policies/>

### **17. Commitment of Players**

At WT Birkalla we believe that playing sport is more than just physical fitness. The life-skills young people gain in playing at club level include team work, communication, resilience, perseverance and commitment. In joining our club, we expect that players will have a commitment to their team to attend all training sessions and games. Whilst entirely at the discretion of the coaches, please note the following minimum commitments are required:

- U5-U8 – training 1 day a week, Sunday games
- U9-U17 – training 2 days a week, Sunday games

While we understand that there are circumstances where this may not be possible, please note that repeat failure to attend training or games, may limit game time to players.





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"> <li>• Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions.</li> <li>• Teams in these age groups are evenly balanced across ability and talent.</li> <li>• No goalkeepers.</li> <li>• It is not uncommon for players to be rotated across team in this age group.</li> </ul>
U8-U9	Discovery and skill acquisition stage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Goal Keepers are introduced into the games with players taking turns in goals on a rotational basis.</li> <li>• Teams are evenly balanced across ability and talent.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Teams and players are assessed on behaviour and willingness to follow instructions.</li> <li>• Skill, ability and potential, play a larger role in player selection at this level.</li> <li>• Teams are selected on strength to transition into more competitive football.</li> <li>• Teams will be selected into A-grade and B-grade.</li> <li>• Permanent goal keeper introduced in U12.</li> <li>• Based on performance and demonstrated ability, players may be moved between teams from time to time- refer Birkalla's Player Movement Policy.</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• Teams and players are assessed on performance, attitude, willingness to follow instructions and learning ability.</li> <li>• Teams are selected on strength and talent identification.</li> <li>• Teams will be selected into A-grade and B-grade.</li> <li>• 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: Birkalla's Player Movement Policy</li> </ul>



## 18. Parent Volunteers

WT Birkalla is a community club, run mainly by volunteers. In most cases, volunteers are the parents of our players. Everyone has the capability to help and everyone has their own special talents. Please consider where you can help. Some roles that are always needed are:

<b>Team based Volunteers</b>	<b>Club Based Volunteers</b>
Coach	Junior Committee
Assistant Coach	Social Committee
Team Manager	Hospitality – kitchen/bar/BBQ
Ground Steward (required at all games)	Uniform fitting and distribution
Linesman (U12- U17)	Marketing/Social Media
Referee (small sided games only U6-U11)	Sponsorship and Fundraising
First Aider	Equipment Co-ordinator

## 19. 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](#).

Parents will be asked to read the Parent Induction Handbook and attend a compulsory Parent Induction Session ahead of the start of the season in 2021.

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

### (a) Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official.
- 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. Be humble when you win and gracious when you lose.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Respect your coaches, team manager, Club volunteers, 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.



**(b) 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.
- Verbal abuse of officials, coaches, sledging other players or parents or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- 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 2021!**