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Season 2022 Club Information and Conditions for Trials and Registrations For existing and new players

Dear Parents and Players

2021 saw COVID-19 continuing to play havoc with community sport. However, with a little perseverance, we find ourselves nearly at the end of the season! We are confident that 2022 will continue to bring success for the club and all players amidst these uncertain times. We are particularly excited for an announcement we have planned in the coming weeks, which will see us grow and be further involved in the community. Watch this space!

Like every year, as one season closes, we get ready to plan the next. So, who's ready for 2022?

Please read the following information carefully as it forms the framework for trials and registration process for the 2022 season. It will also provide you with information regarding our coaching philosophy at the club.

**Please note that this year all trials and "try-out" sessions will be held at:
Barrett Reserve, Corner of Military and West Beach Roads.**

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 join this wonderful club and community for the first time, we thank you for your interest and hope to see you at Jack Smith Park in 2022.

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 26th September. Please register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022boysregistrations>

To secure their position, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the Club Fee is required to be paid by 26th September. 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 Monday, 4th October by completing the online registration form at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022boysregistrations>

Confirmation of an offer will be notified by Friday, 8th 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)

Any new or existing player who wishes 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/2022boysregistrations>. 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 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.



3. Trial Dates - U10 - U17

Junior boys' trials will be conducted between 4th to 6th October 2019: please refer to the player's year of birth for the appropriate date/time.

Group	Year of Birth	Monday, 4 October	Tuesday, 5 October	Wednesday, 6 October
U10	2012	5:30pm		
U11	2011	6:30pm		
U12	2010		5:30pm	
U13	2009		6:30pm	
U14	2008	7:30pm		
U15	2007		7:30pm	
U16	2006			7:30pm
U17	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 2021 season, will not be confirmed a position for the 2022 season unless it is paid in full. Those with outstanding balances will be notified individually. If you wish to check your own circumstances, please contact John Mylidonis, Club Secretary at info@wtbirkalla.com.au.

6. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2022 (including goal keeper). These numbers may change dependant on player interest, coaches and pitch availability. Some points to note:

- i. One U11 team (12 players) will form a talent development squad which will play in the U12JSL competition.
- ii. Teams **will not** be formed if we do not have sufficient numbers minimum number 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)	9v9	12	2	24
U13 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	16	2	32
U14 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	16	2	32
U15 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	18	2	36
U16 JPL	11v11	18	1	18
U17 JPL	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 the trial has 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. All deposits are required by **5pm on Friday, 8th October**.

Options available for payment are:

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

BSB 105 124
A/C [043058840](#)
Account name: WTB Soccer Club Inc.
Reference: FULL NAME AND AGE GROUP/TEAM offered. *I.e. Joe Bloggs U12JSL*

- II. Cash or Credit Card Payments. These can be made on:
 - a. At any time during the trial period (4-6 October 2021) at Barret Reserve.
 - b. Sunday, 10th October 2021 from 9:00am to 11:30am at Jack Smith Park (WT Birkalla home ground).

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 2020 season are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc. GST) – JUNIOR BOYS COMPETITION
U5	\$450
U6-U7	\$600
U8-U9	\$750
U10-U11	\$850
U12-U17	\$1150
New players to Club	In addition to the basic fee, all U8-U17 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and back pack. + \$150

Club Fees for all players include playing kit, all Football SA fees & charges and players insurance. U12-U17 players will receive a club jacket as part of the fees. 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 **Friday, 8th October**; and
- Remaining 50 % balance of Club Fees must be paid by the uniform fitting day (date to be advised but typically November 2021).

Payment plans may be arranged with the Club Secretary, however entering into a payment plan will require monthly instalments to be made and all fees settled by **1st March 2022**. 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 \$100 Sports Voucher. In 2022, the Sports Voucher will be expanded to include year 8 and year 9 students in addition to those in Reception to Year 7.

If there are any children in Reception -Year 7 in 2021, who have not yet used the 2021 Sports Voucher, they may claim the \$100 discount as part of their deposit. Please complete the voucher [HERE](#) and send the voucher to John Mylidonis Club Secretary at info@wtbirkalla.com.au. This must be done at the time that the deposit is due, so it can be applied.

Families can claim the 2022 voucher in November 2021, at the Uniform Fitting Day, when the balance of fees is due.

11. Sibling Discount

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



PART 2 – REGISTRATION AND TRY-OUT SESSIONS FOR JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITION

12. Girls Competition – 7-17 Years of age

In 2022, our club aims to be represented in each age group of the Junior Girls competition. Teams will be formed only if there are enough players. To register to play at Birkalla, please complete the Registration form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022girlsregistrations>.

13. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected 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
U17	11v11	16	1	16

14. Try-Out Session

Try-Out Sessions for female players will be held on **Wednesday, 6th October** at Barrett Reserve, corner of Military and West Beach Roads. Times are:

U9 & U11 age groups (born 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014) – 5:30pm

U13, U15 & U17 age groups (born 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010) – 6:30pm

15. Fees and Payments

The 2022 club fees for female competition players are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc. GST) – JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITION
U7	\$400
U9	\$500
U11	\$500
U13	\$550
U15	\$550
U17	\$550
New players to Club	In addition to the basic fee, all U9-U17 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and back pack. + \$150

Club Fees for all players include playing kit, all FSA fees & charges and players insurance. U13, U15 & U17 players will receive a club jacket as part of the fees. Extra merchandise can be purchased as required.



On confirmation that teams have sufficient numbers to nominate into the FSA 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, 8th October;** and
- Remaining 50 % balance of Club Fees must be paid by the uniform fitting day (date to be advised but typically November 2021).

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



PART 3 – COACHING PHILOSOPHY FOR ALL PLAYERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

16. 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

17. 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 continually be assessed throughout the 2022 season and will be subject to Birkalla's Player Movement Policy.

18. 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"> • 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- refer Birkalla's Player Movement Policy.
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: Birkalla's Player Movement Policy



19. 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:

Team based Volunteers	Club Based Volunteers
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

20. 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 2022.

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 2022!