



2024 Club Information & Conditions of Trial



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Season 2024 Club Information and Conditions for Trials and Registrations For existing and new players

Dear Parents and Players,

As the 2023 season comes to an end, we find ourselves preparing for the next season. We are confident that 2024 will continue to bring success for the club and all players.

Please read the following information carefully as it forms the framework for trials and registration process for the 2024 season. It will also provide you with information regarding our coaching philosophy at the club.

Please note that this year all trials will be held on the Main Synthetic Pitch at West Torrens Birkalla home grounds – (Jack Smith Park)

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 2024.

Kindest Regards,

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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 22nd September 2023. Please register on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla24Boys>

To secure their position, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the Club Fee is required to be paid by 22nd September 2023. 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 Sunday 8th October 2023 by completing the online registration from at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla24Boys>

Confirmation of an offer will be notified by Sunday 15th October 2023 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/WTBirkalla24Boys>

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 trial in appropriate attire, including boots and shin pads.



3. Trial Dates - U10 - U17

Junior boys' trials will be conducted between 9th October to 12th October 2023: please refer to the player's year of birth for the appropriate date/time.

Age Group	Birth Year	Mon 9/10	Tues 10/10	Wed 11/10	Thurs 12/10
U10	2014	5.30PM	5.30PM		
U11	2013			5.30PM	5.30PM
U12	2012	5.30PM	5.30PM		
U13	2011	6.45PM	6.45PM		
U14	2010			6.45PM	6.45PM
U15	2009			6.45PM	6.45PM
U16	2008	6.45PM	6.45PM		
U17	2007	6.45PM	6.45PM		

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 2023 season, will not be confirmed a position for the 2024 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 Jess Hale, Club Registrar at sparkles19811@hotmail.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 2024 (including goalkeeper). These numbers may change dependent 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 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	17	2	34
U16 (JPL & JSL)	11v11	17	2	34
U17	11v11	17	1	17

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 Sunday, 15th October 2023**.

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*

Should you fail to pay the deposit by the date given, we will take 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 2024 season are:

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc gst) – JUNIOR BOYS COMPETITION
U5	\$500
U6-U7	\$710
U8-U9	\$860
U10-U11	\$990
U12-U17	\$1,390
New Players to the Club	In addition, \$220 to the basic fee to U8-U11 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and backpack. And \$280 to the basic fee to U12 - U17 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit, backpack and Jacket

Club Fees for all players include playing kit, all Football SA fees & charges, and players insurance. U12- U17 players will receive an item of apparel 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 **Sunday, 15th October;**
- And Remaining 50 % balance of Club Fees must be paid by the uniform fitting day (date to be advised but typically November 2023).

Payment plans may be arranged with the Club Registrar, however entering a payment plan will require monthly instalments to be made and all fees settled by **1st March 2024**. 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 2024, the Sports Voucher includes year 8 and year 9 students in addition to those in Reception to Year 7. To claim the 2024 Sports Voucher please complete the form online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SportsVoucher24>

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 Registrations for U7

WT Birkalla does not conduct trials for children in the U7 age group.

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.

a) Existing Players

In the first instance, existing WT Birkalla players and their siblings will be offered the opportunity to register prior to the 22nd September 2023. Please register on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla24Girls>

To secure their position, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the Club Fee is required to be paid by 22nd September 2023. 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 Sunday 8th October 2023 by completing the online registration from at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla24Girls>

Confirmation of an offer will be notified by Friday 20th October 2023 and a 50% deposit will be required to be paid, to secure the position.



13. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2024. 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	9v9	12	2	24
U15	11v11	16	2	32
U17	11v11	16	1	16

14. Trials

Trials for female players will be held on **Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October**

Jack Smith Park – Saratoga Drive Novar Gardens. Times are:

U9 age group (born 2015/2016) – 5.30pm-6.30pm

U11 age group (born 2013/2014)- 5:30pm-6.30pm

U13 age group (born 2011/2012)- 5:30pm-6.30pm

U15 & U17 age groups (born 2007/2008/2009/2010) – 6.45-7.45pm

15. Fees and Payments

The 2024 club fees for female competition players are

Age Group	Basic Fee (inc gst) – JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITION
U7	\$500
U9	\$600
U11	\$600
U13	\$650
U15	\$700
U17	\$700
New Players to the Club	In addition, \$220 to the basic fee to U7-U11 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit and backpack. And \$280 to the basic fee to U13 - U17 new players will pay a joining fee to include away kit, backpack and Jacket

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



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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 **Thursday, 19th October;**
- And Remaining 50 % balance of Club Fees must be paid by the uniform fitting day (date to be advised but typically November 2023).

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
- Skillful 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 2024 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 teamwork, 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 goalkeeper 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 & Distribution
Linesman (U12-U17)	Marketing / Social Media
Referee (small sided games only U6-U11)	Sponsorship & 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 2024

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 behaviour's 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 skillful 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 behaviour 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 2024!