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Season 2025 Club Information and Conditions for Trials and Registrations For existing and new players

Dear Parents and Players,

As the 2024 season comes to an end, we find ourselves preparing for the next season. We are confident that 2025 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 2025 season. There have been several changes around payments and Junior League structure changes. 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 2025.

Kindest Regards,

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Chairman

West Torrens Birkalla Soccer Club inc.



PART 1 – JUNIOR FEMINI TRIAL INFORMATION

1. Trial Dates/ Times

Trials for female players will be held on **Saturday 12th and Tuesday 15th October** Jack Smith Park – Saratoga Drive Novar Gardens. Times are:

Age Group	Birth Year	Sat 12/ 10	Tues 15/ 10
U9	2016 ('come and try')	11.00AM	5.15PM
U11	2014	11.00AM	5.15PM
U12	2013	11.00AM	6.00PM
U13	2012	12.15PM	6.00PM
U14	2011	12.15PM	7.15PM
U15	2010	12.15PM	7.15PM
U16	2009	12.15PM	7.15PM
U17	2008	12.15PM	7.15PM

2. Changes to Junior Football in 2025

Football SA have made changes to the Junior Football Structure for next season. All information can be found [here](#)

Some notable changes are as follows:

Football SA are creating the Youth Club Championship (YCC) which requires four age levels (U13 – U16). Only clubs with a senior women team in either the Women's National Premier League or State League can take part in the YCC.

Teams in the YCC will have individual age based leagues however the points from each team are rolled up into an over-arching YCC table. YCC will play finals and have a point system similar to Senior Football.

All YCC Teams (U13,14,15,16) will compete at the same club across all age groups:

- U13 Kick Off 8.30am
- U14 Kick Off 10.00am
- U15 Kick Off 11.30am
- U16 Kick Off 1.30pm

This will enable teams to borrow players with ease as they will be playing at the same grounds and will help continue to build our game day community.



The current league system will remain and will be known as Girls Youth State League (YSL), with colour termed leagues re-named A, B and C.

YSL players can only be promoted to YCC teams during specified transfer windows.

If a YCC player chooses to leave clubs mid-season they will not be able to compete in the YCC league only the YSL unless they are promoted through a transfer window.

3. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2025. Teams will only be formed if there is enough interest.

Age Group	On Field	Squad Size	No. of teams	No. of players
U9	7v7	10	1	10
U11	9v9	12	1	12
U12	9v9	12	1	12
U13 YSL	9v9	12	1	12
U13 YCC	9v9	12	1	12
U14 YCC	11v11	16	1	16
U15 YCC	11v11	16	1	16
U16 YCC	11v11	16	1	16
U17	11v11	16	1	16

Note that for season 2025 the U17 team is planned to continue to be treated as a development squad for the WNPL reserves and is seen as being part of the senior set up.

4. Registration for Trials – U11-U17 (New and Existing Players)

Any new or existing player who wishes to be considered for a position at WT Birkalla in the U11-U17 age groups must register no later than 24 hours before their first trial.

Please register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBIRKALLAGIRLS2025>

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.

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



5. Registrations for U9 “Come and Try”

WT Birkalla does not conduct trials for children in the U9 age groups. Please register interest via the link above.

6. Financial Eligibility (for Existing Players Only)

Players who still have an outstanding balance for the 2024 season, will not be confirmed a position for the 2025 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

7. Training Grounds

Due to the number of teams it is not possible to have every team train at Jack Smith Park. WT Birkalla have access to several other grounds for training and games. We use a training allocation system to give all teams the opportunity to train at the club. However, some teams prefer to train at other grounds (this is at the coach’s discretion). Some of the grounds we utilise are:

Western Youth Centre - Lockleys
Golflands - Glenelg North

Bowker Street - Brighton
Plympton International College

8. 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.

****If selected to play in the Youth Club Championship; players will pay an additional club fee for Monday Night Theory / Training sessions. Refer to Club Fees & Payment at Point 12.****

9. 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 Thursday, 17th October 2024.**

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 U12YSL

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.

10. Age Eligibility

Trials will be held for each age group from U9-U17. WT Birkalla requires all players to trial in the age group corresponding to their year of birth **unless previously discussed and agreed with the Junior Girls Technical Director.** Exceptions are solely at the discretion of the Junior Technical Director in consultation with the selection panel.

11. Financial Eligibility (for Existing Players Only)

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12. Fees and Payments

The 2025 club fees for female competition players are

Age Group	WT Birkalla Club Fee
U9-U11	\$520
U12-U17	\$670

Club Fees are in addition to Play Football Registration & Uniform Fees

50 % of the Club Fees (non-refundable deposit) must be paid by 5pm on **Thursday, 17th October;**

Balance of Club Fees are due by 31st January 2025

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 2025.** Failure to finalise fees by this time will result in players being unable to start the season.

Refer to point 14 and 15 regarding the sports voucher and sibling discounts



*****Youth Championship Club – U13 – U16 YCC Players Only*****

Please note that if your child is selected to play in the new Youth Championship Club there is an additional Club fee of **\$225.00** due to additional Monday Night theory / training sessions during the regular season (March – September) YCC Players will also receive a training jacket as part of the additional fees.

13. FSA Play Football Registration

All players will now pay Football SA for player registration and club affiliation fees at the same time as registering on Play Football. Failure to register and pay by the January 2025 deadline will result in no pay no play.

Age Group	Play Football Registration Fee
U9-U11	\$193
U12-U17	\$196

14.Sports Voucher

WT Birkalla accepts the Office for Sports and Recreation \$200 Sports Voucher. In 2025, the Sports Voucher includes year 8 and year 9 students in addition to those in Reception to Year 7. The club will advise families how to claim the sports voucher online in January 2025. All 2024 School Sports Vouchers have already been claimed, the club is not accepting any more vouchers for this year.

15. Sibling Discount

WT Birkalla offers a \$50 discount on the fees for the 2nd and each subsequent sibling. The club Registrar will apply the discount.

16.Uniform Ordering

All players will now pay Belgravia Apparel direct for uniforms at time of ordering kits. Failure to personally order and pay will result in no Uniform being supplied. There will be limited windows open for ordering.

Uniform Fitting Days are confirmed for

- **Sunday 9th November 2024**
- **Sunday 19th January 2025**

New Players must attend a uniform fitting day to try on kits.

Returning Players can order using the sizing from 2024 seasons New Balance kit.



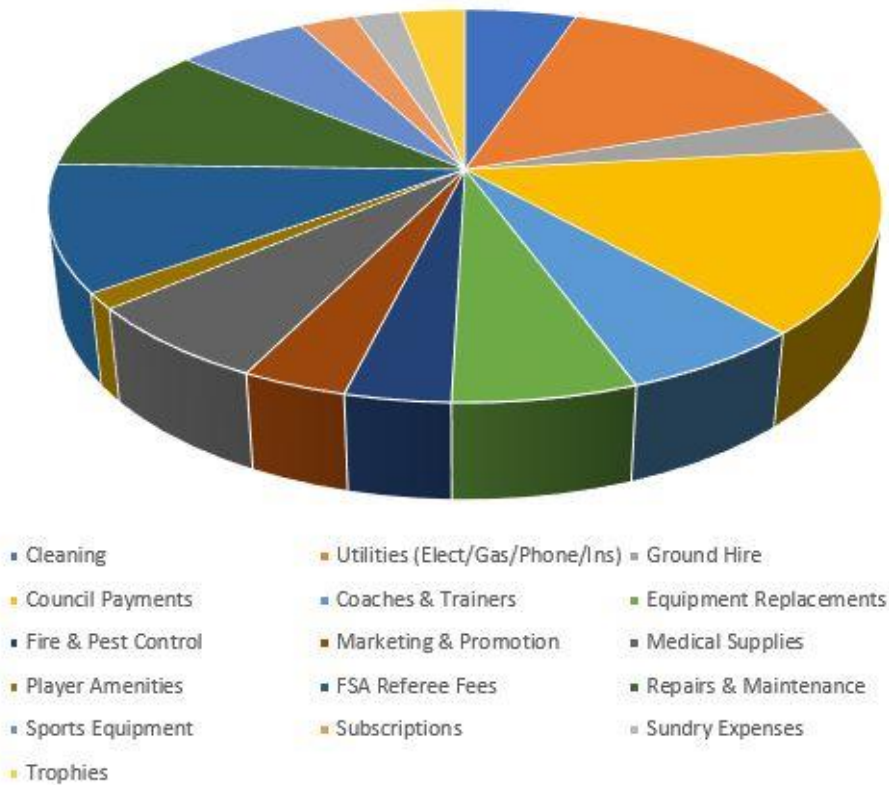
Age Group	APPROXIMATE New Player Uniform Fee - Junior Girls	APPROXIMATE Returning Player Uniform Fee - Junior Girls
U9-U11	\$280	\$100
U12-U17	\$280	\$150

17. How Junior Club Fees are spent

Below is a pie chart showing families how club fees are spent. It’s a common misconception that all Junior fees are spent on senior players. From 2025 WT Birkalla Soccer Club will now have families pay Football SA and Belgravia Apparel directly for the Player & Team Affiliation fees as well as the Uniform fees so these costs are not reflected in the club costings.

Football SA Registration & Team Affiliation Fees as well as all Uniform costs have been left out as those will be paid directly by families to the relevant suppliers.

Junior Club Fees





PART 2 – COACHING PHILOSOPHY FOR ALL PLAYERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

1. 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

2. 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 always most conducive to their development. Players will continually be assessed throughout the 2025 season and will be subject to WT Birkalla's Player Movement Policy (where YCC rules allow).

3. 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:

- U9 – training 1 day a week, Sunday games
- U11-U17 – training 2 days a week, Sunday games
- Youth Championship League Teams will have an additional training session per week at an additional cost of \$225.00 per season.

While we understand that there are circumstances where this may not be possible, please note that repeated 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.	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.	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.	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	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



4. 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

5. 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 2025

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 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.



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- 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 2025!