



## West Torrens Birkalla Soccer Club Inc.

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# Season 2026 Club Information and Conditions for Trials and Registrations (Boys & Girls) For existing and new players

Dear Parents and Players,

As the 2025 season comes to an end, we find ourselves preparing for the next season. We are confident that 2026 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 2026 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 2026.

Kindest Regards,

Amin Ayoubi

Chairman

West Torrens Birkalla Soccer Club inc.



## **PART 1 - REGISTRATION AND TRIALS FOR JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS 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 7.

#### **a) Existing Players**

In the first instance, existing WT Birkalla players and their siblings will be offered the opportunity to register prior to the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Please register on line at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla2026Registrations>

**To secure their position, a non-refundable 50% deposit of the Club Fee is required to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025.** Club fees are listed in point 10.

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. If you have a Junior Player who is unsuccessful in obtaining a Player position, deposits of Mini-Roo siblings will be refunded.

#### **b) New Players**

Interested potential players are welcome to register their interest by Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025 by completing the online registration from at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla2026Registrations>

Confirmation of an offer will be notified by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and a non refundable 50% deposit will be required, 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-U16 age groups must register no later than 24 hours before their first trial. Please register at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WTBirkalla2026Registrations>

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 trials will be conducted between 19<sup>th</sup> October to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025: please refer to the player's year of birth for the appropriate date/time.

#### BOYS

AGE GROUP	BIRTH YEAR	SUN 19/10	MON 20/10	TUES 21/10
U10	2016	12.30-1.30PM		5.30-6.30PM
U11	2015	12.30-1.30PM		5.30-6.30PM
U12	2014	1.30-2.30PM		6.30-7.30PM
U13	2013	11AM-12PM	6.30PM-7.30PM	
U14	2012	11AM-12PM	6.30PM-7.30PM	
U15	2011	10AM-11AM	5.30PM-6.30PM	
U16	2010	10AM-11AM	5.30PM-6.30PM	

#### GIRLS

AGE GROUP	BIRTH YEAR	WED 22/10	THURS 23/10
U10	2016	5.30-6.30PM	5.30-6.30PM
U11	2015	5.30-6.30PM	5.30-6.30PM
U12	2014	5.30-6.30PM	5.30-6.30PM
U13	2013	6.30-7.30PM	6.30-7.30PM
U14	2012	6.30-7.30PM	6.30-7.30PM
U15	2011	6.30-7.30PM	6.30-7.30PM
U16	2010	7.30-8.30PM	7.30-8.30PM
U17	2009	7.30-8.30PM	7.30-8.30PM

### 4. Age Eligibility

Trials will be held for each age group from U10-U16. 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 2025 season, will not be confirmed a position for the 2026 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](mailto:sparkles19811@hotmail.com)



## 6. Training Grounds

Due to the number of teams, it is not possible to have every team train at Jack Smith Park. WT Birkalla has 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:

**Lockleys North PS - Lockleys**  
**Golflands - Glenelg North**

**Bowker Street - Brighton**  
**Plympton International College**

## 7. Number of Teams

The table below shows the expected number of teams and squad sizes to be filled per age group for season 2026 (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 U12YSL competition – This is still to be confirmed for 2026.
- ii. Below is a guide only of squad sizes, teams may be formed with one more or less players.
- iii. **Teams will not be formed if we do not have sufficient numbers in an age group.**

### BOYS

AGE GROUP	ON FIELD	SQUAD SIZE	TEAMS	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 (YPL & 2 x YSL)	9v9	12	3	36
U13 (YPL & 2 x YSL)	9 v 9	12	3	36
U14 (YPL & YSL)	11v11	16	2	32
U15 (YPL & YSL)	11v11	17	2	34
U16 (YPL)	11v11	17	1	17



## GIRLS

AGE GROUP	ON FIELD	SQUAD SIZE	TEAMS	PLAYERS
U9	7v7	10	1	10
U10	9v9	12	1	12
U11	9v9	12	1	12
U12 YPL	9v9	12	1	12
U13 YPL	9 v 9	12	1	12
U14 YPL	11v11	17	1	17
U15 YPL	11v11	17	1	17
U16 YPL	11v11	17	1	17
U17 YPL	11v11	17	1	17

## 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.

## 9. Acceptance of Position by Selected Players

If a player is offered a position at WT Birkalla, you will be notified, by phone or email 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.

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. Club Fees

Club / Playfootball Registration fees for the 2026 season are;

AGE GROUP	CLUB/FSA FEE
U5	\$ 550
U6-7	\$ 800
U8-9	\$ 950
U10-11	\$ 1,120
U12-17 YSL	\$ 1,550

Players selected in YPL teams to compete in the YCC Competition will have an additional training / theory night (March – September) at an aprox additional cost of \$275 per player.

## 11. Uniform Ordering

All players will pay Belgravia Apparel for uniforms at time of ordering kits. Failure to order and pay will result in no Uniform being supplied. Uniform order deadline is below.

Uniform Fitting Day is confirmed for

- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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

Returning Players can order using the sizing from 2025 seasons New Balance kit.

Age Group	APPROXIMATE New Player Uniform Fee -	APPROXIMATE Returning Player Uniform Fee -
U5	\$ 170	\$ 170
U6-7	\$ 170	\$ 170
U8-9	\$ 350	\$ 170
U10-11	\$ 350	\$ 170
U12-17	\$ 350	\$ 170

- I. All New Players U5-U7 receive Home Kit + Bag
- II. All returning Players U5-U7 receive Home Kit
- III. All new players U5-7 received Home Kit + Bag
- IV. All New Players U8-17 receive Home & Away Kit + Bag + Jacket
- V. All returning Players U8-17 receive Home Kit+ Bag **OR** Beanie

**All orders must be in and paid by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November to receive end of January 2026**



## 12. Sports Voucher

WT Birkalla accepts the Office for Sports and Recreation \$200 Sports Voucher. In 2026, the Sports Voucher includes year 8 and year 9 students in addition to those in Reception to Year 7. The School Sports Vouchers will be claimed off the balance of your fees when registering on Play Football in January 2026.

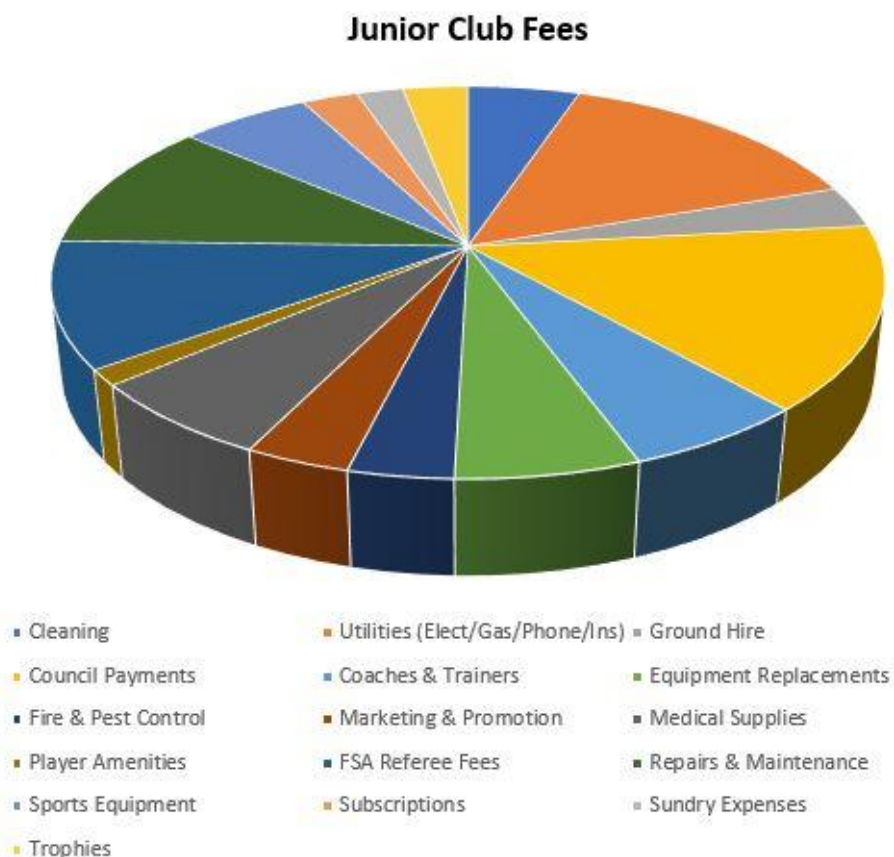
## 13. Sibling Discount

WT Birkalla offers a \$50 discount on the fees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and each subsequent sibling. The club Registrar will provide a discount code on request to be used during the play football registration process.

## 14. 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.*





## **PART 2 – 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
- 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

### **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 always most conducive to their development. Players will continually be assessed throughout the 2026 season and will be subject to WT Birkalla's Player Movement Policy (where YCC / YSL rules allow).

### **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 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
- Youth Championship League Teams (YPL) will have an additional training session per week at an additional cost of approx. \$275.00 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:





## 2026 Club Information & Conditions of Trial

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



## 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 & Distribution
Linesman (U12-U17)	Marketing / Social Media
Referee (small sided games only U6-U11)	Sponsorship & 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 2026

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.
- 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 2026!**