

What Soccer Has Meant To Me

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Soccer has been a way of life for me. I started playing when I was 5 years old. I played soccer for 11 years, it was and still is my favorite sport. My dad was my first coach. My little brother plays for the Edmond Royals and my dad was a volunteer coach for the Edmond Soccer Club for six years. Over my career I have played recreational, competitive, recreational again and played for my high school team for two years. I have played every position on the field. While I enjoy scoring goals I think my best position might be defender I was always one of the fastest players on the field. My best friends are on the soccer team today and we still play soccer in my backyard. When I first started playing I enjoyed the running, chasing kids, and kicking balls but I realize today that soccer is much more than that. Soccer taught me important life lessons, like trying your best. Soccer taught me about teamwork, cooperation, how to handle victory gracefully and how to deal with adversity and defeat. Soccer also teaches you about how to handle adverse weather conditions. I believe I have played soccer in every conceivable weather condition. I have played in bitter cold -30 degrees below zero, wind storms with gusts over 50 miles per hour, snow, sleet, hail, rain, and the Beat the Heat Tournament when it was 107 degrees in the shade. Despite the weather I love the games, especially the out of town tournaments where you get to stay in a hotel with your buddies. As I stated at the beginning of this essay soccer has been a way of life for me, and that goes for my family as well.