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### What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me

Soccer is the most enjoyable activity and experience to me. It is something I have started and loved since age five. When I step on the field with my teammates, all the stress, frustrations, and disappointments are forgotten. I have always been taught that when you step on the field the only thing you think about is soccer. You do not worry about the events of the day or the screaming people on the sidelines; all you do is play. That is what I do, everything else goes away and I just concentrate on playing and having fun. For me, the soccer field allows me to start fresh. It has taught me the values of teamwork, hard work, and most importantly lasting friendships. The people I play with become like family to me. A team forms a certain bond that can not be broken. That is what holds a good team together. It has made me be disciplined and set my priorities. As I get older it becomes more difficult to find time to do everything. This causes you to have to sit down and determine what is really important to you. You have to set your priorities strait. For me, out side my family and school, soccer always won. In order for you to set these priorities and be successful in fulfilling them you have to have a lot of discipline. Which I have gained gradually over the years of playing. It takes discipline to learn and keep learning. Overall the soccer field is where I want to be, it is where I feel most comfortable and relaxed. It gives me a place to mentally escape to. It gives me a place where I can go and do what I love to do and have fun doing it. My youth soccer experience has been one of the best experiences of my life.