

What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me

Youth soccer has had a huge impact on my life starting at age five. I started playing because my parents had made me join a sport to stay active and make friends, so I chose soccer after a bad experience with gymnastics. I ended up playing on three teams at once because I loved it so much and I wanted to play it as much as I could. I played on indoor teams, co-ed teams, and recreational teams up until age 15 when I joined a competitive team and started playing high school soccer. Soccer took up a lot of my free time, and it was all I ever did on weekends. I made many friends and became good at the sport. I loved high school soccer just as much as club soccer. It opened me up to many opportunities of college scholarships and allowed me to get all-state recommendations. Without playing youth soccer I would not have had the ability to play high school soccer and be decent at it. Being captain on my high school team, I feel like I accomplished this by playing soccer beforehand and being familiar with how to read the game. My sophomore year in high school I tried out for my club team called Heat '86 and I ended up loving it. I wished I had played competitive soccer from the beginning. We had girls from our team all over the OKC area and we came together to form a good team. We went to many out of state tournaments and I had the best time of my life. I improved more in one year on my competitive team than I did in 12 years of recreational soccer. My junior year I tore my ACL at club soccer practice. I was out of soccer for 7 months and I had to go through rehab. It was the worst experience of my life, but it made me realize how much I wanted to play soccer. If I had not played youth soccer all my life I would not have all the memories I acquired throughout the years. I also gained a love for the sport that gave me a skill and talent that I can carry through my senior year of high school. Youth soccer opened many windows in my life and helped me gain a love for the sport.

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