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What Youth Soccer Has Meant to Me

Youth soccer has had an immense impact on my life thus far. Any form of youth athletics can teach kids numerous valuable lessons from communication skills all the way down to sportsmanship and courtesy. I believe youth soccer has made me a better person in many ways. I know for a fact that I wouldn't have met as many lasting friends without my participation in soccer. Soccer has many deadlines and stresses punctuation whether you're traveling to an out-of-state tournament or just trying to get to practice on time.

Leadership is a very important attribute that can be picked up through soccer games and practices. A good soccer player must also know how to communicate efficiently and whether he realizes it or not, this skill comes in handy later in life. In soccer, like everything else in life, "you get out of it what you put in." The more dedicated you are, the better you will be. This dedication will also be very necessary for college and life after soccer. Another lesson learned from soccer, that I feel is important, is simply the sheer competitiveness that soccer inspired within me. I believe that my competitiveness will be very helpful in the future in school and when I set out to find a career. I think it will help me be the best I can and pursue all of my life-long goals fearlessly. These are just some of the things that youth soccer has meant to me and I feel that every kid should have a chance to experience what I have in youth athletics.