

What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me

Youth soccer has been a big part of my life. When I began playing at the age of seven, I had no idea I would grow to love soccer as much as I do now. My youth experience has helped me grow in many ways. It has made me a better soccer player, taught me how to be apart of a team, made me more confident and has given me life long friends.

I am a senior at Chickasha High School and a starter on the Lady Fightin' Chicks soccer team. I am proud to wear my highschool uniform and to be apart of a team of girls that I have grown up playing youth soccer with. I know for a fact I would not be the soccer player that I am today if I would not have played youth soccer. I cannot even begin to count the number of soccer games, tournaments and indoor leagues that I have played in. One of my favorite times in youth soccer was playing in tournaments. I loved the competition at tournaments because it was a way for us to challenge our selves.

Youth soccer was important to me because it was something I experienced with my dad. When I moved up to under tens our team was left without a coach so my dad volunteered to coach us. The memories I have playing for him will stay with me forever.

When I moved up too under twelves, I had a couple of choices when it came to playing soccer for CASA. I was told there would be no girls team and that I would either have to play on an all-boys team and be the only girl or I could sit the season out. Naturally, I chose to play with the boys. I wasn't intimidated by them and they excepted me on the their team. The next season I was given the choice to stay on the boys team or play on the girls team that finally made that season. I chose to stay on the boys team because it gave me more of a challenge and gave me a lot of confidence. In the long run, after playing so many years on a boys team, I think it has made me more competitive and has made me work harder to be a better soccer player.