

What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me

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Youth soccer was the most dominate thing in my life during my younger years, and soccer continues to be my passion. I started playing soccer when I was around five years old. Now, I can look back and see how soccer has helped make me the person I am today.

Many young kids start their relationships with friends in school, but many of my friendships have originated from the soccer field. My teammates became my best friends, as did my opponents. Those relationships have followed me through elementary school, middle school, and high school and those relationships have grown tremendously. Today, I find myself playing soccer for the high school, and I am surrounded by my best friends. There is no greater feeling than that.

Soccer has taught me discipline, dedication, determination, and teamwork along with many other things. I use these skills not only on the soccer field, but in all attributes of my life. I am disciplined because I am drug and alcohol free, I am dedicated to my school work, and I am determined to finish anything I start. All of these skills that help me through life came from my parents, coaches and teammates while I played soccer.

Youth soccer has impacted my life in too many ways to explain. I constantly find myself looking through boxes finding old soccer tapes of when I was younger and watching them. It always reminds me how soccer has helped me become who I am today.