

What Youth Soccer Has Meant To Me

Youth soccer has meant a great deal to me. It has taught me and guided me in many different aspects of my life. I have been playing for eleven years and have learned so much from this great sport that I love. I have learned how important teamwork is when you are part of a group, trying to accomplish the same goal. You can't take every responsibility upon yourself, you have to trust in other people and work cooperatively with them to reach that goal that you share. Playing youth soccer has helped me keep my life straight and have the courage to say no when other people wanted me to do bad things.

Determination is another thing I have learned through soccer. It takes determination to achieve the personal goals I set for myself. That determination has put me to many tests and has helped me succeed in those tasks. Soccer has taught me that you won't win every time, but it has also taught me to learn from defeat, work on my weaknesses, and bounce back and try again. As hard as it is to admit defeat, soccer has shown me how to **be gracious when you don't always meet your goal and work just a little harder.**

Soccer has been an amazing and thrilling part of my life. I have made many friends and learned many valuable things. One of the most important things that soccer has done for me is to help me further my education. I will be attending Northeastern State University in the fall on a soccer scholarship as a Physical Therapy major. I would like to work with special needs children and I believe that many of the things I've learned from soccer, such as determination, patience, and teamwork will help me to be successful in this field. Youth soccer has helped mold me into the person that I am today and soccer will always be a part of my life. This is what soccer has meant to me.

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