

The Life of a Soccer Player

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Soccer players work very hard, they are dedicated and excited for the season just like Grace Wallingford. Wallingford has been playing soccer since she was five years old, and before high school soccer, "When I was really young I played forward like where everyone would want to score when we were younger, but now I play more defense." There are quite a lot of positions to play for soccer "There are forward, mid field, and then there's defense and there is usually like two or three forwards and then like four midfielders and then three defense and then there is a goalie on the field." The team starts practice in summer, about two weeks after school ends, to prepare for the season and continues until it ends around mid-October. While in school, when kids get homework sometimes sports get in the way, but not for Grace "It used to in like middle school. I played soccer and my practices would go until 5, but now my practices they usually go till 4:00 or 4:15, which really gives me enough time to get home, unless I have a game, because they usually end around like 9 or so. We don't have that many games this week " Sometimes sports can be difficult and make people not want to do it anymore. "Yeah there has when [she] felt like my coaches didn't really treat me the way I should have been treated and so I wanted to stop but then I knew I've been doing it for so long that if I just quit it would not be right because I've just been doing it for so long."

Wallingford doesn't plan on doing soccer throughout college because it can be hard to manage a sport and school, but plans on pursuing other things while she is there. "No honestly I don't really want to do soccer in college because I kinda have other stuff that I want to do and I have talked to people that have done soccer in college and how hard it is to pursue the career you want to do and manage a sport at the same time because it's way more competitive and I just don't really want to deal with that when I am trying to get my career started."