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Sports Build Skills

Directions: Read the passage carefully and review the claim provided after. Identify **three strong pieces of evidence** from the passage that support the claim. Write each piece of evidence in your notes, then combine them into a clear, well-organized proof paragraph. Include a **topic sentence**, **three evidence details**, and a **concluding sentence** that explains how the evidence supports the claim.

“The Value of Team Sports”

When students join team sports, they gain more than physical strength—they learn valuable life skills. Athletes quickly realize that communication is essential for success. A single missed signal on the field can lead to a mistake that affects the entire team. Sports also teach time management because players must balance practices, schoolwork, and rest. Many coaches emphasize respect and cooperation, reminding players that every role matters, whether someone scores the winning goal or cheers from the sidelines. These shared experiences create a sense of community and confidence that lasts long after the final whistle.

Claim: Participating in team sports helps students build important life skills beyond physical fitness.

Starter: Team sports provide students with skills that go far beyond exercise.
