



...On Recruiting and Retaining New Wrestling Officials

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In recent years, the ranks of wrestling officials and whistle-blowers in all sports have gradually dwindled. Thus, this topic was the thrust of our West Virginia Wrestling Interpreters' meeting at the beginning of the 2002-2003 season. We were very resolved in our efforts to

develop new official "recruiting and retaining" strategies.

Those in attendance freely shared the following in-depth ideas and suggestions for new official recruitment and retention tactics:

RECRUITING NEW WRESTLING OFFICIALS

1. Attempt to recruit former wrestlers or wrestling enthusiasts who possess high ethical standards.