



...On Club vs. School Wrestling Programs

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Club wrestling programs versus school wrestling programs has recently become a concern to yours truly.

To my way of thinking the mission of private wrestling club programs should be

to supplement the middle school and senior high mat sport programs. This came to my attention while talking to a student at our school. Here's what transpired.

During lunch duty, this seventh grader told me he was wrestling. Having officiat-

ed a match at the middle school the previous evening, I said, "Why didn't you wrestle last night?"

He responded, "Oh, I don't wrestle for the school; I belong to a club team that practices two nights a week."