

## Kill the Referee!

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**N**ot just a taunt anymore ... Now becoming a serious problem! As violence against sports officials rises, we should push for new teeth in our by-laws and prosecute those angry players, coaches, and fans to the fullest extent the law allows.

Down for the Count: Referee Bob West stepped in after a high school wrestler shoved an opponent and was head butted by a wrestler knocking him unconscious.

The wrestler was then only 17 years old and received 30 days in jail. West, of Spokane, Washington, thinks the penalty should have been much greater. We should let these athletes know that if you cross that line, there are consequences. Many of us preach sportsmanship day in and day out. But wait a minute, do we really live what we preach? It seems as though no matter what the sporting event you may attend, this is one constant that always holds true.

For sure, there will be at least one idiot in the stands. These so called die-hard fans are perfect examples of idiots that we must bring our young children around. The names and threats they make to their fellow man is alarming to even the old sailor or oil field workers. They show no sportsmanship or intelligence and are truly an embarrassment to their families as well as the school they represent.

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