

JIM EASTERLING

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Jim was a pioneer in the development of Michigan racquetball. He has been a member of the state association in Michigan since 1974, longer than anyone else, 17 years. Jim invented the first instructional court in the state.

As an organizer of Match Point Enterprises in 1980, Jim was one of the people responsible for the organization of the first successful series of tournaments in the state.

Jim contributed to the development of the first national referee certification test and has been instrumental in promoting successful referee clinics throughout Michigan.

A two time winner of the "Contribution of the Year" award, Mr. Easterling has served as both president and vice president of the MRA and RAM.

Jim's involvement in racquetball is diversified, covering all aspects of the game from club manager, tournament director, state board member, regional director and teaching professional.

No one has been more instrumental in promoting racquetball at the grass roots level in Michigan than Jim Easterling.