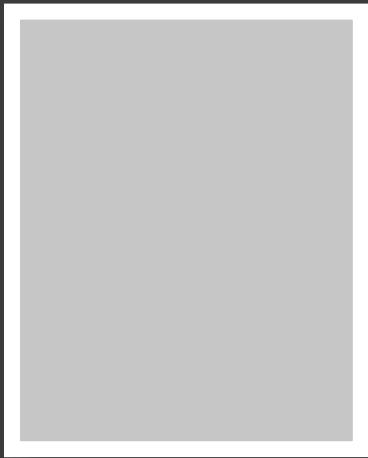


# Sam Silvers



**Sam was frequent master of ceremonies at hand events. His flair for introducing players and their abilities followed him to his position as referee.**

Known for calling blocks with description, such as, "Block ball, you're stepping," from the 1950's through the '70's he was the most colorful of handball officials. Sam was also an instrumental member of Irv Ehrlich's 1-Wall Committee which became responsible for the initiation of USHA 1-Wall tournaments in New York. In 1969 Sam made his famous "You're stepping" call in the National AAU singles final between Carl Obert and Steve Sandler, which resulted in the only time in the history of the sport when a final match was replayed.