

**9/24/08: USBA Becomes a Member of the  
CPB (Confederacion Panamericana de Billar)**

Motion passed: That the USBA should take the steps necessary to become a normal member of the CPB especially with regard to participation in the CPB championships and world championships. It is expected that this will require the USBA to give up its present special quota of two players as direct entries to the world championships, but will allow USBA players to participate in the CPB championships as a path the UMB championships.

**USBA Players Will Now  
Participate in the CPB Championship:**

Our top USBA players who finish at the top of each year's Nationals will now be sent each year into the CPB Championships. The CPB (Confederación Panamericana de Billar) is the Confederation which is the governing body of carom billiards for both North and South America.

Up to 4 players can be sent to this championship (money permitting) each year. The top 8 finishers of this tournament will be sent to the World Championship. One of the advantages to our players is that top finishers will receive much higher ranking points than just from our Nationals. By receiving more ranking points, our players may receive Wild Cards into the various World Cups around the world which pays for entry fee, hotel and meals. It also places them into the top 32 players of the World Cup right from the start, guaranteeing some prize money and guaranteeing a minimum finish in the World Cup of 32nd place and thus accumulating even more ranking points.

Miguel Torres, our current Champion, is now ranked # 26 in the world because he participated in the CPB Championship finishing 6th, he received a Wild Card into the Korea World Cup finishing 25th, he played in the Mexico World Cup finishing 42nd and he participated in the World Championship where he finished 27th.

Pedro Piedrabuena is ranked # 70 in the world, Mazin Shooni # 93, Michael Kang # 115, Hugo Patino # 161, Sonny Cho # 188. Their rankings would likely be much higher if they participate in the CPB Championship, the World Championship and other World Cups.