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Dear Members,



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

NEW CONTINENTAL MEMBERS OF BLACKBALL INTERNATIONAL

It is with great pleasure that we announce the formalisation of the 5 Continental members of Blackball International.

At an EGM at 12pm (EST) on the 28th January 2023, 4 Continental bodies were formally accepted to join AAPA as Continental members of Blackball International in accordance with the Constitution.

ASIA - ACBS (Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports)

OCEANIA/AUSTRALIA - BAPA (Blackball Australia Pool Association)

EUROPE - EPBF (European Pocket Billiard Association)

AMERICA - ABA (American Blackball Association)

This is the result of nearly 20 years of hard work and perseverance, with the aim to create opportunities for athletes from grass roots level to advance through national, continental and world competitions and compete on the global stage.

It was and continues to be the aim and directive of Blackball International to keep our sport in line with the officially recognised WPA (World Pool-Billiards Association) and IOC (International Olympic Committee) standards and policies.

We are extremely proud to be able to deliver this result to our members and look forward to the progression of blackball around the world, with our Continental members guidance.

We invite all Blackball nations who are not already members of the above federations, to please contact your Blackball International Continental representative, to ensure your inclusion in the future of our sport through the correct structures.

Yours in sport,

Martin Kirwan
Blackball International Interim President