

PRESS RELEASE

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**Indianapolis, IN** –Indiana Latino Institute, Inc. in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate in Indianapolis, will host the 3rd **COPA Mexico - P.A.T.A. Contra el Tabaco** (against tobacco) tournament. Four select Hispanic League teams will showcase some of the best Hispanic soccer in Indiana while supporting healthy smoke free living. They will play for this prestigious title and the chance to participate in a National Hispanic Cup. Participants are the select teams of the 2008 Champion **Liga Internacional, Liga Latina Fútbol Soccer and Liga Premier Hispana** from of Indianapolis, and the **Lafayette Adult Soccer Association**. The following is the match up:

**Semifinals May 16 of 2009**

<b>5:00 p.m.</b>			<b>Field</b>
Lafayette Adult Soccer Association	vs	Liga de Fútbol Internacional	West
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>			
Liga Premier Hispana de Fútbol	vs	Liga Latina Fútbol Soccer	West

The **Final** will be played on **Saturday 30 of May** starting with a match at **4 pm**, between the youth U-16 team from the **Escuela Tuzos Pachuca Indianapolis and its peers from Chicago**, followed by the match for the trophy of **Copa México - P.A.T.A. Contra el Tabaco 2009 at 6:00PM**. All the games will be played at **Kuntz Stadium, 502 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202**.



The Consul of Mexico Juan M. Solana together with the representative of the Indiana Latino Institute, Jose Luis Romero and representatives from the Soccer Leagues, Internacional and Latina, Felix Franco, Jose Dorantes as well as Fernando Ceja and others from the Mexican Consulate.

The P.A.T.A program (**Padres, Abuelos y Tíos en Acción** or **Fathers, Grandfathers and Uncles in Action**) targets Latino males through their participation in Latino soccer leagues to educate them and their families about the harmful impact of tobacco use and resources available to help them quit smoking. The primary objectives with this initiative are: 1) for the leagues to become smoke free and 2) for individual participants to stop smoking, not allow smoking in their cars or homes and to request cessation services. COPA Mexico - P.A.T.A. Against Tobacco soccer tournament is the showcase event for the program. The motto is: **“Practice sport, avoid tobacco and Joint the Winners. You will win strength and will improve your health living in an environment free of tobacco smoke”**.

