

Cuban rower Ajete for a place in Tokyo in Lucerne



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Lucerne, May 12 (RHC)-- Cuban rower Carlos Ajete will try to win a passport to the Tokyo Olympic Games in the rowing qualifier to be held from May 13 to 15 in the Swiss city of Lucerne.

Ajete arrived in Lucerne on Wednesday from Italy accompanied by his coach Joan Manuel Paula and ready to win the quota, of two in dispute in his modality, according to the president of the Cuban federation of the sport, Angel Luis Garcia.

The silver and bronze medalist at the Pan American Games in Lima 2019 competed in March in the pre-Olympic of America, based in the Rodrigo de Freitas Lake, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he set an excellent pace, but hit one of the buoys delimiting lanes.

The last chance for rowing to qualify for the upcoming event under the five rings has led to one of the largest registrations for a competition in this discipline so far this season, with more than 400 athletes registered from 49 countries.

A pair of tickets will be in dispute in each of the 14 types of boats that will compete, except in the lightweight women's double, which will award three places, according to the official website of the international federation of the sport, www.worldrowing.com.

Milena Venegas, who already has a place in the Japanese capital, and her coach, José Luis Menéndez, will also be with the capital's swimmer.

She will participate from 21 to 23 of this month in the second World Cup, with seat in Lucerne, after training for almost a month -along with Carlos Andrei - in the city of Como, located in northern Italy.

In March, the Spiritian managed to cross the finish line in fourth place at Rodrigo de Freitas Lake in Brazil to win her Olympic ticket.

The most outstanding performances of Cuban rowing in the Olympic Games are the double sculls of Ismael Carbonell and Arnaldo Rodriguez, as well as Roberto Ojeda (Waco), fifth in Barcelona 92, and the single sculls of Mayra Gonzalez, seventh in Sydney 2000.

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