

# *Cubans with more confirmations in winter athletics*

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**High jumper Luis Enrique Zayas. Photo: Pavol Uhrin (Taken from JIT)**

Havana, February 22 (RHC)-- The participation of Luis Enrique Zayas in the High Jump Grand Prix in Brno, Czech Republic, scheduled for February 26, will be the next moment for Cubans involved in the winter athletics season.

The head coach of the national team, Daniel Osorio, confirmed the presence of the Pan American champion of Lima 2019 in the Czech event, where he will try to access the 2.34 meters that will ensure

him direct passage to the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Belgrade (March 13-15), culmination of the indoor track and field campaign.

Zayas already has 2.30 meters as the maximum record of the year and that should guarantee him the qualification to the world championships, because there are no more than 16 athletes who achieve the minimum required and the rest will be filled by ranking.

On the other hand, on March 2, the triple jumper Lazaro Martinez will compete again, who with his recent mark of 17.21 meters has become the fifth Cuban to qualify for Belgrade. He will be in the Madrid Indoor Meeting, one of the meetings with gold category in the calendar.

His only previous presentation took place in Lievin, France, last February 17 and he dominated without complications. The mark went on to lead the season's ranking, until this weekend when the Cuban Jordan Díaz -nationalized Spanish- clocked 17.27 and is the new leader.

On March 5, pole vaulter Yarisley Silva is expected to compete in Rouen, France, and one day later, triple jumpers Leyanis Pérez and Liadagmis Povea will be in Paris.

Long jumper Maikel Massó will compete in Belgrade on March 7, when one of his teammates, Maikel Vidal or Lester Lescay, should also be there.

On March 7, the official period of marks for the Belgrade event closes, and then the assured athletes for each country will be confirmed, either by direct marks or by places in the ranking.

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