

Fourteen Cubans to the World Track and Field Championship in Eugene



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Discobola Yaimé Pérez, Doha-2019 champion and eleventh in the world with 64.45 m, and Lazarito, champion of the world indoor triple jump this year in Belgrade, are the main candidates to climb the podium for the Cuban delegation.

Also on the list are world 4x400 relay world title holders Roxana Gómez (400 m, 49.71 sec) and Rose Mary Almanza (800 m, 1.56.28 min).

The 14 Cubans qualified for the world championships by achieving the minimum marks, by their positions in the world ranking or by their status as world champions.

The triple jump, one of the strongest specialties in Cuban athletics, will have five Cuban athletes in Eugene-2022, three in the women's event and two in the men's event.

Cuba's big bet in the men's event is Lázaro Martínez, fourth in the world ranking (17.30), who will be accompanied by the winner of the Junior Pan American Cali-Valle-2021, Andy Echevarría, ranked 30th in the world ranking (17.30).

In the women's triple jump, the island achieved the feat of including three figures among the top 25 in the world, Olympic finalist Liadagmis Povea (sixth in the ranking with 14.70 this season), the talented champion of Cali-Valle, Leyanis Perez (eleventh with 14.58), and the young Davisleydis Velasco.

The others registered by the Cuban Athletics Federation are Olympic bronze medalist in long jump, Maykel Massó (8.14 m this season), world medalist in heptathlon Yorgelis Rodríguez, young sprinter Shainer Reginfo (100 m), Luis E.Zayas (high jump), Silinda Morales (discus) and Greysi Robles (100 hurdles).

Cuba occupies an outstanding ninth place in the historical medal list in the world field and track events with 60 medals (22-24-14). In the last version - Doha-2019 - the island ranked thirteenth with three medals (1-1-1).

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