

Cuban basketball team ready for pre-World Cup window

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Jasiel Rivero and Karel Guzmán lead a team in which athletes such as Yorman Polás, Yoanki Mencía and Liván Valdés, who play in foreign clubs, also add experience and level of play.

They are joined by other young players who did their training in Cuba, such as Neysser Coutín and Marcos Chacón from Havana. Completing the group are Yoel Cubillas, Amaury Bueno and Osmel Oliva, the latter having recovered from an injury suffered in Nicaragua.

The Cuban basketball team, led by coaches Eduardo Moya and assistant coach Andres "Tatica" Gonzalez, has been in Mexico since November 25.

González told COCO from Aztec soil that the team is in "harmony, good chemistry and motivation".

After the withdrawal of Yuniskel Molina and the non-arrival of Pedro Bombino due to immigration problems, the team will only have 10 of the 12 men scheduled.

In key D, Cuba will face the strong teams of Mexico, the United States and Puerto Rico.

The games of this window will be played at the El Dorado professional club.

The Cubans will face the United States this Sunday and Puerto Rico on the 29th, two games in which they are not favorites.

The top three teams in each group will advance to the next phase.

The next windows will be held in February and June-July 2022 to complete six games.

Twelve teams will continue in the second phase, which begins in August, to distribute seven tickets for the 2023 World Cup.

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