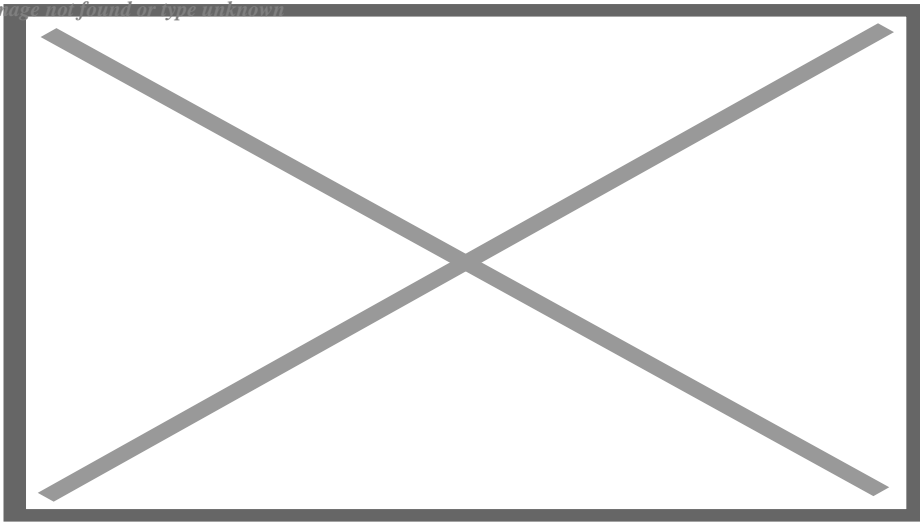


Cuba expects around 70 medals in Santiago 2023 Pan American Games

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Havana, October 2 (RHC) --The vice president of the National Sports Institute (INDER), Ariel Saíenz reported Monday that Cuba expects to achieve about 70 medals at the Pan American Games in Chile, 'Santiago 2023', including a score of titles.

In a meeting with the press, the executive pointed out that these pre-competition objectives are based on the most objective analysis possible of the real potential of Cuban sport amid the complex scenario and the limitations faced by the Caribbean nation.

However, he highlighted the daily efforts made by athletes, coaches and other members of the sports movement to ensure that these goals are met and add 18 to 22 titles, mainly in events such as wrestling, boxing and canoeing.

"To the Pan American event in Chile, from October 20 to November 5, the Cuban delegation will attend with 382 athletes in 31 disciplines, pending the official confirmation of the places in athletics," said Saíenz.

He added that the island will compete in a little more than half of the events called, "specifically in 232 of 425," he said.

He pointed out that among the representatives with the greatest medal possibilities are the nine that have already qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and that 18 sports in 'Santiago 2023' will offer direct tickets to the French capital, while another 11 will count for th rankings towards that event under the five rings.

Owner of the second place by countries in the historical medal count of the Pan American Games, Cuba ranked sixth in the edition of 'Lima 2019', with a hundred medals (33-28-39) behind the United States, Brazil, Mexico, Canada and Argentina, in that order. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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