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Havana, August 30 (RHC/JIT) - Cuban swimmer Lorena Gonzalez set a new national record in the short course pool, by clocking 28.25 seconds in the 50-meter butterfly.

The good news came during an interclub competition in Kazan, Russia, where she is on a scholarship granted by the International Swimming Federation (FINA).

The previous record was 28.56 seconds and was held by Heisy Villarreal since 2008. The time represents the second national record of the Spiritan, since in 2018 - in Olympic pool - she contributed the 1:02.67 minutes that rules in the 100-meter butterfly.

The young ondina also appears as a record holder along with Elisbet Gámez, Mayté González and Andrea Becali, members of the 4x200-meter freestyle relay that won the bronze medal in the Central American and Caribbean Games of Barranquilla 2018, with a time of 8:22.08 minutes.

The news of the new record was communicated to JIT by national swimming commissioner Nelson García Fernández, who added that Lorena also "threw herself" in the short pool for the 100-meter freestyle and equaled her personal best of 57.09 seconds. Her time in the 100 butterfly was more discreet, stopping the clocks at 1:03.59.

"In general, the results are good, she is clearly recovering her sporting form. She started the new macrocycle with objectives aimed at her possible participation in the First Junior Pan American Games of Cali-Valley 2021 and the world championship in short course pool, scheduled for December 12 to 19 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates," he emphasized.

"For the world event, the Fina granted Cuba four places financed by that organization. Their occupants have not been defined, but among the candidates are obviously Elisbet Gámez and Luis Vega, the main figures of our sport at the moment," he emphasized.

For the appointment in Colombia, from November 25 to December 5, Garcia Fernandez said that Lorena is among the 12 Cuban swimmers with minimum mark B, and that the definition of places by the American Swimming Union (UANA) is expected.

"With the A mark, which offers direct qualification to the event, we have Andrea Becali in 100 and 200 meters backstroke, and Daysi Ramirez in the 200 breaststroke. This allows us to register them in up to five events," he stressed.

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