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According to the website of the multisport event, Bravo won the bronze medal by defeating Ecuador's Byron Alexis Guillén, while Thailien won the bronze medal with a victory over Brazil's Thayane de Oliveira.

In the first preliminary bout, Bravo defeated Mexican Robin Sergio Arana, but then lost in the semifinals to American Jack Yonezuka, who knocked him out of the title.

On the other hand, Thailien lost in her first bout with Ecuador's Astrid Carolina Gavidia and then defeated the Dominican Clara Iraida Barinas, a victory that guaranteed her the chance to fight for the bronze medal.

The other medalists in the 66 kg were the Venezuelan Willis Alberto Garcia (gold), Yonezuka (silver) and the Brazilian Matheus Roberto Pereira (the other bronze).

American Tasha Cancela finished with the gold medal, escorted by Peruvian Kiara Ivonne Arango (silver) and Mexican Paulina Garnica (bronze).

Cuba's men's and women's teams are completed with Idelannis Gómez (70 kg), Thalia Nariño (+78 kg), Serguei Rodríguez (90 kg) and Ray Keny Díaz (+100 kg), who in addition to competing in the individual, will compete in the mixed team tournament.

In the team competition, to be held on Sunday, there are six divisions: 57, 63 and over 70 kg (f), and 73, 90 and over 90 kg.

This Saturday, the individual competition will close with the 70, 78 and over 78 kilograms (f), and 81, 90, 100 and over 100 kilograms (m).

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