

Cuban Poomseist to exhibit mastery in Taekwondo Gala



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"The gala will begin on Friday with the protocol part in our school the ESFAAR Cardín and then on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 we will do poomsae and combat," the 18-year-old Cienfuegos native told JIT.

"My teammates of the national team have asked me and also several fans and what better occasion than a gala to please them," expressed who is preparing for the world championship of the modality scheduled from April 18 to 24 next April in South Korea.

At the gala will be awarded the best of 2021 and of the sports quadrennium that closed with Tokyo 2020.

It is therefore expected that Navarro and Rafael Alba, bronze medalist in the Japanese Olympic Games, will lead in both sections as the most exalted.

Taekwondoin Alba, a new term coined by the World Taekwondo Federation (WT) to name the practitioners of this martial art of Korean origin, has no opponent when it comes to selecting the best of Cuba.

A few days ago, the WT used for the first time the term taekwondoin in singular and taekwondoínes in plural to homogenize the noun, but made it clear that the term taekwondo competitor and taekwondo athlete or coach can also be used.

WT President Chungwon Choue circulated the word in communication to the international community.

In the Spanish-speaking world, taekwondo players were called taekwondogas in Colombia, taekwondistas in Spain, and taekwondoínes in Mexico.

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