

# *Around fifteen Cubans qualify for the World Track and Field Championships in Eugene*

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Havana, June 29 (RHC) - Although there could still be last minute changes, some fifteen athletes under the auspices of the Cuban Athletics Federation have qualified for the World Championships in Eugene, USA, scheduled for July 15-23.

At the end of the qualifying process on June 29, the World Athletics (WA) made official the tickets for the world championships of world champions Yaime Perez (discus) and Lazaro Martinez (triple jump), and the world champions of the 4x400 relay Roxana Gomez and Rose Mary Almanza (800 m).

Qualifications were achieved by minimum marks (7 athletes), world ranking or by the status of world champions.

The triple jump, one of the strongest specialties in Cuban athletics, will have five athletes in Eugene-2022, three in the women's category and two in the men's category.

Not counting others such as Olympic champion Pedro Pablo Pichardo (Portuguese nationalized), the current world ranking leader Jordan Diaz, based in Spain, and the second in the world ranking, Andy Diaz, based in Italy. The latter two will not be in the world championship.

Cuba's big bet in the triple jump will be Lázaro Martínez, world indoor champion this 2022 and fourth in the ranking (17.30), who will be accompanied by the winner of the Junior Pan American Cali-Valle-2021, Andy Echevarría.

In the women's triple jump, the island achieved the feat of including three figures among the top 25 in the world, Olympic finalist Liadagmis Povea, the talented champion of Cali-Valle, Leyanis Perez, and the young Davisleydis Velasco.

Of the qualified athletes, long hurdler and world champion with the 4x400 relay, Zurian Hechevarría, will miss the competition due to an injury.

Sources from the Cuban Athletics Federation confirmed to Radio Habana Cuba that Zurian's absence caused a significant loss for the relay, which is why it was decided not to register him for the World Championship.

The official registration of the Cuban delegation to Eugene-2022 will take place on July 4.

Cuba occupies an outstanding ninth place in the historical medal count in the world field and track events with 60 medals (22-24-14). In the last version -Doha-2019- the island ranked thirteenth with three medals (1-1-1).

List of Cubans qualified for Eugene

Roxana Gómez 400 m 6th RM 49.71 sec.

Rose Mary Almanza 800 m 4th RM 1.56.28 min

Sahily Diago 800 m 43rd RM

Zurian Hechavarría 400 c/v 31 RM (injured)

Liadagmis Povea triple 6th RM 14.70 m

Leyanis Perez triple 11th RM 14.58 m

Davisleidys Velasco triple 23rd RM

Yaime Perez discus defending champion

Silinda Morales discus 25th RM

Yorgelis Rodríguez heptathlon 10 RM

Relay 4x400 champion in Silesia-2021 and 13th place in the RM (will not be entered)

Lázaro Martínez triple 4th RM 17.30 m

Andy Echevarría triple 30 RM

Maykel Massó long 16 RM

Luis E. Zayas height 22 RM

Shainer Reginfo 100 m 47 RM

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