

# *Champion of the 1st Elite League of Cuban Baseball to attend the Caribbean Series*

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**Cuban Baseball Elite League logo**

Havana, September 9 (RHC) -- The champion of the First Elite League of Cuban Baseball, which will start next October 8, will defend the colors of Cuba in the Caracas-2023 Caribbean Series, according to Cuban baseball authorities.

The National Baseball Commission informed that the preparation of the First Elite League (I LEBC) continues with the definition of the management teams, the athletes of national interest and those chosen by the mentors to complete their rosters.

As a result of recent analyses, we can also inform that the champion of the event will represent Cuba in the Gran Caracas 2023 Caribbean Baseball Series, as well as that the players who make up the six teams form the basis of the national pre-selections for the coming year, along with the contracted athletes and other specific cases.

Alexander Urquiola Hernández will manage Tabacaleros, Michael González Ventura will manage Portuarios, Armando Ferrer Ruz will manage Centrales, Héctor Huelga Fandiño will manage Ganaderos, Carlos Martí Santos will manage Agricultores and Héctor Hernández Martín will manage Cafetaleros.

Huelga's appointment as head of Ganaderos is due to the fact that Eriel Sanchez from Espiritu declined due to personal reasons, as did Yorelvis Charles from Avileca, directors of the best teams of that group in the 61st National Baseball Series, in that order.

The preparation of the teams is beginning in the provinces previously informed (Pinar del Río, Mayabeque, Matanzas, Sancti Spiritus, Granma and Holguín, respectively), and the official conformation of the teams will be announced in the first days of October during the technical congress of the event.

In addition to 22 players of national interest, the managers of each team had a pool of 25 to choose 10 and round out their rosters of 32. In three cases (Tabacaleros, Portuarios and Agricultores) they appealed to the prerogative of summoning an athlete not included in the pool from the teams of their group.

In principle, the players not called up from the pool will continue training in their territories, as they could be called up in case of injuries, indiscipline or other causes, with a deadline at the technical meeting.

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