

# *Díaz-Canel recognizes Cuban athlete's gesture at Central American Games*

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Havana, June 29 (RHC)-- Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel, through his Twitter account, recognized today the decision of shooter Laina Perez to give the medal she won at the Central American and Caribbean Games San Salvador-2023 to the Mexican athlete, whom he considered deserving of the metal.

The president highlighted the gesture of Perez who gave her bronze medal to the Mexican athlete who won it in the competition, but could not get it, because a rule of the regional event establishes that three people from the same country cannot occupy the podium.

"In San Salvador there are no enemies competing against each other, the great Central American family that we are competes. Bravo Congresswoman!", highlighted the president in the aforementioned social

network.

Last Sunday, the Caribbean woman finished in fourth place in the 10-meter air pistol category, behind the Mexicans Andrea Ibarra, Alejandra Zavala and Alejandra Cervantes, who were first, second and third in that order.

However, due to the controversial rule of the event, the bronze of the competition was given to the Cuban, who did not agree with that decision and gave it back to Cervantes.

I do not understand the absurd rule that three athletes from one country cannot fill the podium, if they earned it, they are better, I do not know why the bronze has to go to fourth place, I did not earn that medal, it was not mine, it corresponded to her to have it back, Perez told the press in the middle of the attention generated by this fact.

Perez still has options of adding outstanding results in these Games, since she has pending the day after tomorrow to compete in the 25-meter individual and team pistol, which, according to what she declared, "is the one I like the most". (Source:PL)

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