

# *Cuban judo legend without podium in Abu Dhabi World Cup*



**Photo: Fédération Internationale de Judo.**

Abu Dhabi, May 23 (PL).- The Cuban judoka Idalys Ortiz, 12-time Olympic and world medalist, fell this Thursday in the round of 16 against the Turkish Kayra Ozdemir at the Abu Dhabi World Championships, which closed the individual competitions.

At the Mubadala Arena, the duel of veterans in the over 78 kilograms was defined by hansoku-make (three warnings), when both athletes had two warning calls, a ruling that allowed the 36-year-old Turkish woman of French origin to advance to the quarterfinals. with this to the dispute of the medals.

Ortiz (34), London-2012 Olympic champion and double planetary champion, dominated the German Samira Bouizgarne in her first fight, before losing in the second round against the two-time world bronze medalist and European titleholder in 2016 and 2021 .

The day was once again fateful for the Latin American judokas, who said goodbye to Abu Dhabi without reaching the podium in the individual competition; Tomorrow the mixed team fight will be here.

In the 78's, the Brazilian Beatriz Souza lost in the round of 16 to the Dutch Karen Stevenson, while the Dominican Moira Morillo and the Venezuelan Amarantha Urdaneta said goodbye in previous phases.

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