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Havana, April 26 (RHC)-- As planned, Cuba will have three Cuban athletes in the world pre-Olympic wrestling tournament scheduled to take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, in early May.

Authorities of the national commission of this sport informed JIT that this Sunday the bookish Reineris Andreu (57 kg) and Yurieski Torreblanca (86 kg), as well as the female Milaymis Marín Potrillé (76 kg) will leave for Europe, with whom it is expected to raise to 15 the quotas for Tokyo 2020.

The route of these outstanding gladiators includes a previous preparation base in Italy, and from there the jump to the venue of the last qualifying chapter of this discipline towards the event under the five rings.

The base in Azurri soil will also be used by the remaining qualifiers in these two styles, namely Alejandro Valdes (65 kg), Geandry Garzon (74 kg), Reineris Salas (96 kg), Yusneilys Guzman (50 kg), Yudaris Sanchez (68 kg) and Laura Herin (53 kg), the latter taking the place won in principle by the star Lianna Montero, who is recovering from a recent illness.

Yowlys Bonne, former world champion, is also included in the group for his eligibility in case athletes in divisions close to his own (57 and 65 kg) face any difficulties. Let's remember that in wrestling the classification is numerical for the country.

The other athlete called up is young María Fernanda Santana García, whose main task will be to support the preparation of her teammates, especially Herin.

Professors Julio Mendieta and Filiberto Delgado will lead the Cuban athletic embassy, assisted by second trainers and medical personnel.

It is expected that Sofia's competition will be difficult and demanding, even though all the qualifying chapters at continental level have already concluded.

Between 2019 and 2020, Cuba secured a total of 12 gladiators for the Olympic Games in Tokyo: six Greco-Roman, three liberos and three women.

Its greatest figures are the classics Mijaín López (130 kg) and Ismael Borrero (67 kg), kings in Rio de Janeiro 2016 and candidates to repeat those reigns.

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