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Havana, June 29 (RHC)-- Coach Meinardo Torres described as excellent the current preparation base in Spain of five Cuban shooters in view of their participation in the next Olympic Games in Tokyo 2020.

"This stay has been very fruitful. We have been able to take advantage of the resources and the courts of the facility, the normal ones and those of finals," assured to JIT via internet the trainer of the 25-meter rapid fire pistol modality.

"We were also able to test various types of ammunition, which are in the regulated limit of up to 250 meters per second, to adapt better, so this stage has been very good for everyone," he said of the period they have been living since June 7 at the Las Gabias shooting range, in the Iberian community of Granada.

"That has given them more confidence and encouragement to compete in Tokyo," said who instructs Leuris Pupo, London 2012 Olympic champion, and Jorge Felix Alvarez, starter in the Lima 2019 Pan American Games.

"We are equally happy to do the tests to evaluate their behavior, whose results have been at the height of world-ranked throws," he analyzed before fulfilling from this Monday a last modeling of preliminary stages and with finals system.

"Pupo and Jorge Felix have equaled the Olympic record of 34 in finals, and have remained between 30 and 35 in the controls carried out", he detailed the experiences with a view to the dream of including his two students in the phase of discussion of preseasons in the Japanese capital.

"Also in preliminaries they have behaved between 585 and 593, something that if maintained can give them entries among the six finalists in Tokyo," he explained.

Meinardo reiterated the great motivation of his pupils and the remaining three Cubans who remain in that field, the equally talented Laina Perez and Jorge Grau, and the shooter Eglys de la Cruz, all with tickets to the event under the five rings.

The seasoned strategist praised Inder's decision to carry out this training, as well as the allocation of resources to provide these athletes with several necessary new implements and the contribution of the international federation with a donation that benefited them in the same way, among which the acquisition of a new air rifle for Eglys stood out.

The group returns to the island on Thursday, July 1st.

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