

Marcelo Salado Cup to open swimming calendar

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Havana, January 17 (RHC/JIT) - The Marcelo Salado Cup opens the Cuban swimming calendar in 2022 from April 9 to 16 at the Baragua Swimming Pool Complex, located east of this capital.

Nelson García, national commissioner, told JIT that several countries are interested in participating as has traditionally happened with this competition, suspended due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

The domestic calendar is completed by the Pioneer Cup from April 18 to 23, the National School Games in the first half of July and the Andres Perez Cup in Short Pool from December 18 to 22 in the country's

capital.

"At the international level we intend to attend five competitions, starting with the World Swimming Championship in Fukuoka, Japan (May 13-29), with four athletes invited by the Fina. So far only Elisbet Gámez and Luis Vega have the required marks," García said.

Next on the calendar are the First Caribbean Games, in Guadeloupe from June 27 to July 4. The five Cubans expected to participate in the Marcelo Salado Cup.

Cuba also intends to take part in the Central American and Caribbean Championship (CCCAN) by age group, to be held in June, although the date and venue have yet to be determined.

"We plan to attend with four swimmers, and we will be in the world youth category and the short course, as we have two and four representatives for each, invited by the International Swimming Federation," he said.

The championship for the most novice swimmers will be held from August 20 to 27 and the 25-meter pool championship from December 17 to 23, both in Kazan, Russia, where there is one of the International Swimming Federation's International Centers.

"Swimmers with disabilities have their national championship from April 26 to 30 in Varadero; the world championship in June in Portugal and the Pan American Youth Games in December, Colombia. In addition, they are inserted in our national competitions," he added.

Those in the master group will also be able to enjoy competitions for their ages, such as the second phase of the Marcelo Salado Cup and the Ramon Cordobes Cup from April 20 to 24, in Varadero, with foreign participation; the Pan American Games in June, in Colombia and the Matanzas Bay Crossing on August 13.

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