

Cuban archers with four tickets to Santiago de Chile Games

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Havana, November 26 (RHC)-- Cuban archers achieved four individual tickets to the Pan American and Parapan American Games of Santiago de Chile 2023, in the continental archery qualifying tournament being held in the Chilean capital until tomorrow, Sunday.

Without quotas in the team section of recurve archery, Cuba's representatives did get places in Friday's elimination rounds, in the women's and men's categories, with Javier Vega and Elizabeth Rodriguez playing a leading role.

Vega, with hardly any experience as a member of the national team, was able to reach the semifinals after defeating his compatriot Hugo Franco in the quarterfinals with a tie-breaking arrow, according to the official site of the competition.

Afterwards, with the qualification already assured, he beat Mario Damián Jajarabilla from Argentina with a score of 6-2 and in the discussion of the first place he defeated Adrián Muñoz from Puerto Rico in the second tie-breaking arrow, due to the fact that in the first one they both shot for 10.

Among the women, Rodríguez and Maydenia Sarduy reached the final, with a 6-2 success in favor of the former.

In this round of qualifying matches, only the archers of those countries that did not win tickets in the team competition were included, where the five best teams of both sexes guaranteed the participation of three athletes in the 2023 continental multisport event.

Finally, in the tournament for people with disabilities, the other two places for Cuba were obtained by Leydis Posada and Alejandro Hernandez, led by the now retired Juan Carlos Stevens, the island's archery glory, who won fifth place in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

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