

# *Volleyball: More than 50 contracts in 14 countries for next season*

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**Cuban volleyball team**

Havana, September 5 (RHC) - More than 50 Cuban volleyball players have signed for next season in clubs in 14 countries under the aegis of the island's Federation, although the figure could increase, said a senior director of the sport.

"To date we have approved a total of 51 contracts at the Inder level, 21 in the women's and 30 in the men's," said Osvaldo Martínez, methodologist of the Cuban Volleyball Federation (FCV), in a dialogue with Radio Habana Cuba ([www.radiohc.cu](http://www.radiohc.cu)).

With more than a month left for the closing of signings in its first stage - October 15 -, the figure is close to the highest reached in a season (2022), in which 56 figures, including two coaches, signed in clubs in other countries.

"The population of contracted players in both sexes should increase gradually as it has been growing in recent years," said Martínez and specified that of the 51 signed 36 are enrolled in the national teams.

He emphasized that one of FCV's main objectives is to recruit players in the main leagues of the world, but warned that for this to happen, a "staggered" development must be achieved.

## MEN AT THE FOREFRONT

Although the greatest pages of glory of Cuban volleyball have been written by women, with three Olympic and world crowns of the "Spectacular Morenas of the Caribbean", in terms of contracts, men have the upper hand.

"In the men's game, we have managed to place several players in key leagues: Italy, France, Turkey.... Many have had an outstanding performance in recent years, which shows that there is growth. That there has been a potentialization of our players towards those leagues," he added.

Since a new policy for the sport was approved (2013), volleyball was a pioneer in terms of signings. Javier Jimenez (Paok of Greece in 2014) was the first Cuban athlete hired and since 2017 the number of signed players has always exceeded twenty.

Several figures have excelled in leagues in America and Europe, some with notable prominence in their clubs such as Miguel Angel Lopez (Sada Cruzeiro), Jesus Herrera (Perugia) and Marlon Yant (Lube Civitanova).

For the coming season, most of the members of the national team have renewed their contracts, while several young players will be joining other leagues, with their debut this year in China, Germany and Austria.

## WOMEN TO ITALY

"This year for the first time we inserted two players in the Italian League, Dezirett Madam and Ailama Cesé, said the federation official and expressed hope that they will be the "first of a group that could gradually climb" to higher level leagues.

He underlined that the women's team has tried to insert players in fundamental teams in Europe and pointed out in this sense the agreement with the Russian club Uralochka, directed by Nikolai Karpol, who "has given us support for the growth of our players".

"The most important thing (for FCV) is not the number of recruits, but the quality and the possibility of growth according to the interests of our national teams, in order to reach the stellar levels we have been used to in previous years. We are paving a path to be able to get there again," he concluded.

Cubans signed to date for next season

- 1 AILAMA CECÉ FEM ITALIA Azzurra Volley Firenze
- 2 DEZZIRET MADAN FEM ITALIA VOLLEY GROUP ROMA SSD ARL
- 3 AIDACHI AGÜERO FEM RUMANIA SPORT|V CORONA BRASOV
- 4 ALEJANDRO M. GONZALEZ MAS CZECH REPUBLIC CESKE BUDEJOVICE
- 5 BRYAN CAMINO MAS AUSTRIA SK ZADRUGA AICH
- 6 CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ FEM TURKEY Konya Eregli Belediye
- 7 EDISLEYDIS REYEZ FEM ROMANIA FOTBAL CLUB ARGE?
- 8 LISANIA GRAFORT FEM ROMANIA FOTBAL CLUB ARGE?
- 9 GREISY FINE FEM ROMANIA C.S.M. CONSTANSA
- 10 JESUS HERRERA MAS ITALIA Sir Safety Umbria Volley Perugia
- 11 JOSE CARLOS ROMERO MAS PORTUGAL Fonte do Bastardo
- 12 JULIO A.GOMEZ MAS AUSTRIA SK ZADRUGA AICH
- 13 JULIO C. CARDENAS MAS ITALIA S.S.C.D. PALLAVOLO PADOVA
- 14 LAURA B SUAREZ FEM ESPAÑA Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
- 15 SULIAN MATIENZO FEM SPAIN LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA
- 16 LUIS VIDAL MAS SPAIN Club Polideporüvo Conqueridor.
- 17 MIGUEL ANGEL LOPEZ MAS BRAZIL Sada CRUZERIO
- 18 ODAIMIS LELIEBRE FEM SPAIN Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
- 19 YAMILENA RUIZ FEM SPAIN Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
- 20 REY ISAAC FLORES MAS BRAZIL AP Artur Novales
- 21 THALIA MORENO FEM GREECIA ACADEMY Protathlites Pefkon
- 22 VICTOR RAMON ANDREU MAS PORTUGAL Club de Viana
- 23 GRETELL MORENO FEM HUNGRIA UTE PROFISPORT KFT
- 24 CLAUDIA TARIN FEM HUNGRIA UTE PROFISPORT KFT
- 25 YENSY KINDELAN FEM HUNGRIA UTE PROFISPORT KFT
- 26 CARMELA MASSIP FEM RUMANIA FOTBAL CLUB ARGE?
- 27 YELENNI DIAZ FEM RUMANIA FOTBAL CLUB ARGE?
- 28 DIARIS PEREZ FEM RUMANIA Academia Szent Benedek
- 29 ELIESER ROJAS MAS PORTUGAL SANTO TIRSO

- 30 JESSICA AGUILERA FEM ROMANIA CSM CORONA BRASOV
- 31 JOHAN LEON MAS GREECE Pigasus Polichnis
- 32 ADRIAN GOIDE MAS GREECE ATHLOS ORESTESIADA
- 33 JOSE POZO MAS PORTUGAL SANTO TIRSO
- 34 ROAMY ALONSO MAS ITALIA PIAZENCA
- 35 THIAGO SUAREZ MAS ROMANIA MUNICIPAL ZALAU
- 36 LYVAN TABOADA MAS ROMANIA MUNICIPAL ZALAU
- 37 ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ MAS CHINA Tianjin ShiPinJiTuan
- 38 ANGEL GONZALEZ MAS CHINA Tianjin ShiPinJiTuan
- 39 ALEXIS WILSON MAS CHINA Tianjin ShiPinJiTuan
- 40 ENDRIEL PEDROSO MAS CHINA Tianjin ShiPinJiTuan
- 41 DAGMARA NAVARRO FEM TUNEZ Feminin De Carthage
- 42 DENYS GONZALEZ MAS CHINA Nanjing Broadgastav TV
- 43 HERMES QUEVEDO MAS HUNGRIA KAPOSVARI ROPLABDA
- 44 TOMAS LESCAY MAS HUNGRIA KAPOSVARI ROPLABDA
- 45 WHITNEY JAMES FEM HUNGRIA UTE PROFISPORT KFT
- 46 ANGEL SUARES MAS TURQUIA ARKAS SPORT
- 47 CARLOS CHARLES MAS PORTUGAL Alvarez de Gondomar
- 48 OSNIEL MERGAREJO MAS ITALIA POWER MILANO
- 49 JAVIER CONCEPCION MAS FRANCIA Stade Poitevin Volleyball
- 50 JOSE MASSO MAS ALEMANIA FIEDRICHSHAFEN VOLLEYBALL
- 51 JAKDIEL CONTRERAS MAS FRANCIA G.F.C.AJACCIO VOLLEY-BALL

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