

Mijaín López, America's Olympic ambassador to Paris 2024

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Havana, Jun 24 (JIT) - Cuba's Mijaín López is among the nine ambassadors from different countries chosen Monday to be part of Team Panam Sports, a reference for the Americas in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

"All of them, Olympic, World and Pan American medalists, not only represent sporting excellence on the field of play, but are a true example for their countries and promoters of Olympic values around the world," said Panam Sports through its social media profiles.

With the slogan America one team, a publicity video was also presented in which the chosen players talk about their pride in being part of the team and their commitment to the entire continent, beyond the honor of competing for each of their nations.

"It will be very nice to represent Panam Sports in Paris 2024. It is a union of all our cultures, of all the best of America", proudly commented the Giant of Herradura, classic style wrestler and idol of everyone on the Island.

Mijaín will seek in the French capital his fifth gold medal in the Olympic Games, a deed never achieved before by a Cuban, a feat that has never happened in his sport either.

Also included in Team Panam Sports are Dominican sprinter Marileidy Paulino, Brazilian gymnast Rebeca Andrade, Mexican diver Osmar Olvera and Canadian swimmer Margaret McNeil.

Rounding out the select group are Argentine rugby7 player Marcos Moneta, St. Lucia runner Julien Alfred, Chilean tennis player Nicolas Jarry and U.S. discus thrower Valarie Allman.

"They are exceptional athletes. Idols in their countries, successful in their sporting careers and most importantly, extraordinary human beings. We are very happy with this Team Panam Sports and we are sure that all of them will give us a lot of joy in Paris 2024," commented Chilean Neven Ilic, president of the organization, after the announcement.

Among all the members of the team, they have 14 Olympic, 33 world and 26 Pan American medals, figures that confirm their successful careers, which will surely continue to grow in Paris 2024.



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