
Six Cuban Judokas to attend Major Tournament in Germany

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Six Cubans appear among the 546 judokas from 72 countries that will compete in the Grand Slam of Dusseldorf, Germany, scheduled for next February 23 to 25.

Kaliema Antomarchi (78 kg), Budapest 2017 world bronze medalist, stands out among the trio of Cuban women attending this event, second stop of the 2018 IJF World Tour.

Antomarchi currently appears 12th in the world ranking and will have major rivals in that contest, as Dutch Guusje Steenhuis, leader of the global list, along with Frenchwomen Audrey Tcheumeo (4th) and Madeleine Malonga (7th), Brazilian Mayra Aguiar (5th), Japanese Ruika Sato (14th), among others. Melissa Hurtado (48 kg) and Maylin del Toro (63) are the other Cuban women registered in the German tournament, which will award 1,000 points to the winners of each division.

Meanwhile, the list of three men is headed by Jose Armenteros (100 kg), world runner-up in the edition of Chelyabinsk 2014, Russia, who now returns after recovering from an elbow injury. Armenteros ranks 13th in his division and will also have tough opponents such as

Georgian Varlam Liparteliani, second in world ranking.

Jorge Martinez (81 kg) and Andy Granda (+100) complete the Cuban men's squad to this event.

The Dusseldorf 2018 Grand Slam will also be attended by other aces such as the multi- world and Olympic champion Frenchman Teddy Riner, as well as other Budapest 2017 world monarchs such as women Ai Shishime and Chizuru Arai, both from Japan, and French Clarisse Agbegnenou, among others.
