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havana, aug 25, reuter -- cuba will not compete in the world amateur baseball championships to be held in seoul, south korea, in september, because of below standard showings in recent events, the cuban sports' institute announced today.

cuba is the present world amateur champion.

the announcement said that +presently, our country is not in condition to play the role that corresponds to its normal baseball quality.+

+it would be unethical to defraud baseball fans in cuba, south korea and the world who expect the present world champions to give a superlative account of themselves,+ the ait said.

galvan vila, president of the cuban sports' institute declared that +rather than end up in third or fourth place in the championships by playing below our accustomed quality, it would be preferable not to attend.+

the announcement gave as among the causes for the decision the suspension recent of five of cuba's best baseball players for infractions of discipline related to their late arrival for training sessions.

earlier this month, cuban sports' writers and fans severely criticised the cuban teams' performance and especially its manager after it lost the championship at the central american and caribbean games that were held here.

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