

# Coach of Borregos is new manager of Mexico's basketball team



Coach **Sergio Molina**, who made **Borregos Hidalgo** triple champions in Mexican college basketball, is the **new manager of Mexico's** national **basketball team**.

Molina **coaches the Borregos (Rams) from the Tec's Hidalgo campus**, who last year won the **Student Basketball Association (ABE) Big 8 championship**, as they had done in 2014 and 2017 too.

The **Mexican Basketball Sports Association (ADEMEBA)** announced the **appointment** before the coach was **officially presented** to the press.

***"We want to restore Mexico to its rightful place,"*** said Molina at the official press conference.

***"I'm taking up the gauntlet with responsibility, commitment, and humility,"*** he said, prior to the announcement of his appointment.

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**TWO FORMER PLAYERS AND ONE CURRENT PLAYER FROM THE TEC ON THE TEAM**

**Molina** will manage the Mexican team for the **pre-qualifiers of the 2021 FIBA AmeriCup**, the most important tournament on the continent.

Today, **he presented the players who'll be on the Mexican team** for the first **2 games against the Bahamas** on February 20 and 23.

On the list are **professional former Borregos players from the Tec Israel Gutiérrez (Hidalgo) and Omar de Haro (Guadalajara)**, as well as current member of the Hidalgo Rams **Josué Andriassi, MVP for the most recent college finals**.

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Also of note are players such as **former NBA player Jorge Gutiérrez; Francisco Cruz**, who's already been on the Mexican team and plays in Lithuania; and **Moisés Andriassi**, the player from **Capitanes CDMX in the NBA G League (and Josué's brother)**.

There are also players from teams that are **currently competing in the finals of the Mexican Professional Basketball League**, Lucas Martínez and Daniel Amigo, from **Soles de Mexicali**, and Joshua Ibarra, from **Fuerza Regia**.



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## **COACH SERGIO MOLINA'S CAREER**

**Molina hails from Spain**, but has also made his mark in Mexico, **not only with the Rams**, but also having managed the **Fuerza Regia team in the Champions League Americas**, as well as

already having been assistant coach for the Mexican team.

*“Molina, who’s lived in Mexico for the past 10 years, **has distinguished himself in recent years due to his efforts** (...) managing the team from the **Hidalgo campus of Tecnológico de Monterrey** and winning the championship three times...”* said the ADEMEBA in its announcement.

These championship wins, added the institution, earned him *“the call to the **national team as part of its technical staff** for the June/July 2018 window.*

*“(In that period) **Mexico defeated the United States** at Juan de la Barrera and at the Central American and Caribbean Games in Barranquilla in that same year.”*

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