



Earlier today the Formentera Council (CiF) announced details about the mountain bike competition Non Stop Tracks. Slated to get under way next Sunday 7 February, the El Club Trideporte-organised event has so far secured commitment from 180 participants (60 of whom hail from mainland Spain). According to sports department head Jordi Vidal, the CiF hopes to see that number at 200 by Sunday.

Non Stop Tracks will be the first trial of the 2016 sports calendar. As Vidal noted, the event and others like it are a way to get people taking pleasure in sport – and if it can happen before the start of the high summer season, all the better. The CiF councillor of sport was also sure to thank Formentera local police, the Guàrdia Civil, civil protection services and other volunteers for helping make the race safe for all those participating.

Long race starts and ends in la Savina

Organiser Fátima Blazquez was on hand at the morning press conference to relate event details. «The longer race is 85 km and will start at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in la Savina. The shorter one is 45 km and will begin at 12 noon in Sant Francesc», she said. Both races have their finish line in la Savina, though to get there the circuits snake around the island, «making sure participating cyclists get a chance to take in the natural beauty of the island», Blazquez added.

Organisers hope the event – now in its second year – continues to gain participants and momentum. Registration costs €10 and can be done online at www.elitechip.net. Blazquez noted a team of more than 50 helpers will be there to ensure everything goes off without a hitch. She thanked the Council for its help, «both with logistics and prizes for participants». On race day, road closures will be kept to a minimum (approximately five minutes) and will affect only secondary roads.