

The office of sport of the Formentera Council announces that Thursday November 22 marks the start of the first round of signups (*preinscipcions*) for the Formentera half-marathon and 8K run, both of which are scheduled to take place Saturday May 11, 2019, with space available for 2,000 and 1,000 respectively.

At the close of signups today, the first day, the sports department reported 300 requests.

## How the first round works

Due to the large number of runners who wish to participate every year, organisers use a lottery system for the two events to determine who can run. The first round of registration closes Monday December 17. After completing this step, hopeful participants will receive an email with their lottery number.

Runners wishing to compete together should complete *preinscripcions* simultaneously to ensure consecutive lottery numbers.

The notary public overseeing the drawing on Wednesday December 19 will choose a number at random for each distance. The process continues until no places remain, and runners whose number is called will compete in the corresponding circuit.

The second round of registration, including online payment, can be completed between December 21 and January 10, 2019 at <u>unisportconsulting.com</u>. Registration costs €33 for the half-marathon and €18 for the 8K run from Sant Ferran to La Savina. Runners who not already have the required "yellow chip" must add another €3 for chip rental to the final price-tag.

If places remain at the close of signups, available spots will be assigned consecutively to the numbers after the cut-off point until none are left.

Some runners, like those who have competed in at least five past editions of the runs, are not required to participate in the lottery and are guaranteed inclusion. These individuals will receive instructions via email on how to access the second-round signup page. Also exempt are Formentera residents, who should contact the CiF sports department for their access code.