

Consell de Formentera President Alejandra Ferrer and Councillor of Sport Paula Ferrer presented details today about the eighth Formentera Triathlon, including the categories of Sprint and Olympic, set to take place this Saturday in Es Pujols. The race additionally doubles as the Balearic Olympic Triathlon Championship. Participants in the Sprint (750 m swim, 20 km bike and 5 km run) will start at 2.15pm, while Olympic contenders (1,500 m swim, 40 km bike and 10 km run) will start at 4.00pm. There will be individual and team events in both modalities. Also on hand at the presentation were Xisco Mateu, manager of the Tourism Strategy Agency of the Balearic Islands (AETIB); Manuel Hernández, the director of organising entity Unisport Consulting, and Alex Marí, the commercial director of Trasmapi, the event's main sponsor.

President Ferrer expressed satisfaction at being able to celebrate the Formentera Triathlon again after last year's event was called off on account of the pandemic. "We're thrilled to bring back a trial which, in eight years, has put down deep roots on the island", said the president, adding, "May participants and accompanying friends and families enjoy Formentera in October, with all the programming it comes with".

Nearly 340 registered participants, a record turnout

The chief of the Formentera Office of Sport highlighted a current participant count of 340 — "a record number of participants", said Councillor Ferrer, who indicated registrations remained open at www.triatlonformentera.com. "The figures serve to motivate us to continue working to organise events and, above all, to spread the spirit and feeling of sport throughout the island". Finally, the councillor praised "all the groups that have played a hand in the race's evolution" and apologised for any inconveniences caused by traffic restrictions during the hours of the event.

And lastly, Manuel Hernández of Unisport Consulting underscored "Formentera's commitment to sport and events like this and the Half-Marathon" —scheduled for 9 October— "which put the island on the map in terms of major fitness fixtures". He also highlighted this year's record turnout and pointed out that aspiring participants could continue to register until 30 September.

Road closures

For this Saturday's race, from 1.30pm to 6.00pm, road closures will impact PM-820 from the cemetery turn-off to the Sant Ferran roundabout, as well as PM-820-2 from the Sant Ferran roundabout to the Es Pujols roundabout. Likewise, parking will be prohibited on Carrers S'Espalmador, S'Aigua Dolça and Punta Prima on Saturday 2 October between 8.00am and 8.00pm.

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