

Secretary of sport Jordi Vidal unveiled details today of Formentera's sixth triathlon, scheduled to play out in Es Pujols this Saturday, October 6. He was joined by Manuel Hernández, head of event organisers Unisport Consulting, and Rafael Cardona, a spokesperson for sponsoring company Trasmapi.

Organisers are expecting some 250 triathletes at the trial, half of them competing in the “sprint” category and the other half in “olympic”. Sprinters and teams start at 2.15pm with a 750-m swim in Es Pujols bay before moving on to 20km of cycling and 5km on foot. Olympic athletes set out at 4.00pm, swimming 1,500m, then cycling 40km, then running 10km.

Any aspiring contenders who have not yet signed up can do so tomorrow between 9.30am and 12 noon in Es Pujols' plaça d'Europa. Numbers will also be available for pickup there between 9.30am and 1.30pm.

Road closures

Tomorrow from 2.00pm till 6.45pm, the road linking Es Pujols and La Savina will be **closed to vehicle traffic from Es Pujols to Illetes**
. In Es Pujols, all but the town's ring road will remain closed to traffic from 2.00pm to 7.20pm. Motorists must take alternate routes during that time, and secretary Vidal apologised to islanders for the inconvenience.

Vidal welcomed Trasmapi's support in organising the event for the sixth straight year. The competition is part of **Discover Formentera in October**, an initiative aimed at getting travellers to visit the island outside the high season. Vidal also highlighted the participation and collaboration of **Viatges Es Freus, Carbónicas Tur, Frufor, Pro-Auto, Actuacions La Mola, Formotor, Motor Pujols**
, S'Avaradero, Trasmediterranea and Blue Bar.

The secretary also praised the island's **local police, Guardia Civil, civil protection** and volunteer forces for making the triathlon possible year after year.