The Formentera Council department of sport reports that the drawing overseen by local notary public Javier González Granado to determine spots in the island's XI Mitja Marató (“11th Half-marathon”) and 8K run took place on Wednesday.

Sport councillor Jordi Vidal described the raffle format as “the fairest way to make sure everyone who wants to run can do it”. Vidal said the 2019 runs, both scheduled for Saturday May 11, have already received participation requests from 4,693 runners.

**Three-thousand spots**

Officials drew 2,000 spots for the Half-marathon and half as many for the 8K run. Of the 4,693 obtained, 3,033 were for the Half-marathon and the other 1,660 for the 8K circuit. A computer programme generated the first number in the series used to calculate the participants in each event.

The drawing for Half-marathon runners started at 1,506, meaning any runners with numbers from 1,506 to 3,033 and 1 to 472 were awarded spots. The starting point for the drawing for the 8K run was 146, so winning participants were those with numbers between 146 and 1,145 inclusive.

Individuals whose numbers are among those selected have from December 21 to January 10 to confirm participation. If spots remain at this phase, a new series of numbers will be drawn picking up from where both drawings left off. The second round of drawings and subsequent confirmation will take place January 14 to 21, with additional drawings to follow as necessary. Updated dates will be posted to the CiF website and social media.

**Runners exempt from drawing**

Any runner who has competed in at least five editions of either run will receive what is termed a “direct spot” and be exempt from the drawing process. These individuals will be sent email instructions during pre-registration about accessing the platform for signups.

Formentera residents are exempt from the drawings as well. Islanders should complete their requests at the CiF sports department, or àrea d'Esports, where they will be given an access code for the registration page.