The Formentera departments of sport and tourism marketing report that, following indications from the Balearic ministry of sport amid the covid-19 public health situation, the twelfth Mitja Marató (Half-Marathon) and 8K fun run that were scheduled for 10 October will be suspended until 15 May 2021.

Initially moved from 16 May to 10 October, the ongoing pandemic has forced the event's adjourning until next year. "It's crucial we ensure the safety of everyone involved in the event", said sport department chief Paula Ferrer, "whether participants, volunteers, public health workers, security personnel or spectators". Ferrer described suspending the runs as "the most reasonable solution".

The decision was reached by consensus between the event's organisers at Unisport Consulting, the Formentera sport and tourism marketing offices and representatives of the local tourism sector on the Consell's Committee on Tourism Marketing (Comissió de Promoció Turística).

Applauding would-be participants' "support and understanding" amid what the company described as a "painful decision", Unisport Consulting apprised athletes that, by 31 October, they could opt to either automatically transfer their registration to 2021 or receive a full refund. Local business owners pledged to do everything possible to work with each participant on the issue of bookings.

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