

La Fundació Baleària signed several collaborative accords today to sponsor five Formentera sports clubs, the Tennis Club, Les Savines Esquestrian Club, Motoclub Illa de Formentera, Espalmador Sport Group and the Formentera Sailing School.

Also present at the signing, which took place at the Formentera Council head office, were councilor of Sports and Community Involvement, Sergio Jiménez; head of Fundació Baleària, Ricard Pérez; Baleària's delegate to the Pitiüsas, Joan Serra; and representatives from the different sports groups.

Formentera's councilor of Sports, Sergio Jiménez, underscored the importance of promoting and developing sport on the island of Formentera, whether of the individual or team sport variety. Our council wishes to highlight the work in fitness promotion that it has already begun. Among the sporting events organised by the Council are the Formentera Half-Marathon, the International Youth Football Tournament and the Àlex Corretja Tennis Tournament.

For his part, foundation head Ricard Pérez emphasizes that the accords are a symbol of the company's commitment to the island and its commitment to "fomenting the development of sport". To this effect, Pérez stated that an event in Dénia was in the works for the different Marina Alta clubs (Mallorca) and Formentera. Also being organised is a new Formentera-based trial, the results of which will count towards the Circuit de la Marina Alta. It is anticipated that the new trial will foment closer ties among the different Llevant clubs and attract athletes and audiences in the off-season.

The collaborative accord will remain in effect through 2014 with possibility of renewal pending approval by the different participants.