



The Formentera Council (CiF) Office of Sport has announced to the delight of cyclists everywhere that the next home-grown bike tour is just around the bend. On Sunday, April 24, cyclists will compete in Ciclisme en Ruta Illa de Formentera, an event organised by the sports club Grup Esportiu Espalmador and which receives additional support from the CiF.

Fifty-some cycling enthusiasts have already signed up for the road cycling trial, which is set to begin at 10.30am in la Mola. However, the actual race doesn't start in earnest until cyclists make it down the hill to Es Caló, where the official starting signal will be given. Riders will follow a straight shot from Es Caló to Sant Ferran before embarking on a quintuple loop around the lake and through Es Pujols, Sant Francesc and Sant Ferran. Cyclists will then make their way back up to la Mola to the town centre.

Federated cyclists have until Saturday night to register for the race on formenterasport365.com. Participants should bear in mind that any cyclist who falls more than five minutes behind the leading group will be disqualified. Intermittent traffic cuts will occur from 10.30am to 1.00pm to allow for the leading group's passage.

Sports councillor Jordi Vidal thanked Formentera Local Police, the Guàrdia Civil and the Guàrdia Civil traffic officer for the assistance they will provide during the event. The councillor also gave thanks to volunteers from Civil Protection forces. According to Vidal, "our volunteers have made this event possible." What is more, he underscored the importance of a road cycling race which, though once a regular occurrence, was only revived six years ago.