

COUNTDOWN FOR THE CHALLENGE SALOU 2019

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April 7**

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Tarragona April 1, 2019. Next Sunday April 7 will be held the 5th edition of the Salou Challenge, one of the most important international triathlons in the Costa Daurada. The event will have a total of 1050 participants who will swim 1.9km, cycle 90km and run 21.1km in HALF and HALF RELAY distances; and swim 1,9km, cycle 60km and run 11km in the SHORT distance.

The race will start on Sunday at 08:00 AM and the arrival of the first runner is expected at 11:50 AM at the finish line located in the Plaza de las Comunidades Autónomas, epicenter of the triathlon during the weekend. With a fast 3 laps cycling circuit and a running race along the promenade, the race will not leave any participant indifferent. In addition, the race can be followed on streaming through the official social networks.

It is important to highlight that the Challenge Salou not only hands out € 25,000 in prizes, but it is also a qualifying event for the World Championship (The Championship) to be held in Samorin, Slovakia, next June 2.

International consolidation

After closing registrations on February 22, Challenge Salou consolidates its international prestige with a spectacular team of triathletes from 40 countries and 78 professional triathletes who will take part in the PRO start list.

Among the most important names who will compete in Salou there are Pablo Dapena (ESP), who repeats for the third consecutive year, as well as Judith Corachan (ESP) and Margie

Santimaria (ITA) who also return to Salou after their first and third place in 2018, respectively.

Fastest and safest circuit

Thanks to the joint work between the organization and the Local Police, Mossos d'Esquadra and Servei Català de Trànsit, the cycling and running circuit of the Challenge Salou 2019 will be safer and faster. The improvements consist of eliminating 6 roundabouts for each turn (18 roundabouts in total) and changing 6km of secondary road into 6km of highway. Thus, the triathletes will be able to compete this year in an improved, faster and safer circuit.

The Festival: activities all weekend

Beyond the mid-distance triathlon, Challenge Salou presents The Festival, an offer of activities so that families can also live a unique experience and enjoy this wonderful sport that merges family and sport.

On the other hand, in addition to a fantastic free-access Expo at the Resort La Siesta in Salou, on Friday April 5 afternoon a "Meet & Greet" will be held with the best professional athletes of the Challenge. On Saturday, April 6, in the morning it will be the turn for the swim test "Open Water", the 4km family run "Breakfast Run" and the "Junior Challenge", the foot race of the youngest. Later, the "Pasta Party" and the "Challenge Women" will complete the offer of activities of the day before the Challenge.

More information: <http://challenge-salou.com/>

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