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### **841 athletes from 43 sports, from 16 countries and 2,342 entries in events support the International Challenge-I compete at home**

### **The dry Lifesaving championship, the world's largest sports competition in confinement by COVID-19**

The response that the "International Challenge-I compete at home" has had, the first lifesaving competition designed to be carried out from the place of confinement of each participant by COVID-19, has made it the largest sports event in the world of these characteristics.

The uniqueness of the competition has not only been motivated by the adaptation of four lifesaving events, two at pool: Lifesaving medley and Lifesaving with fins, and two at beach: Flags and Lifesaving ski, to be able to compete at dry, but because it has given entrance to habitual athletes of 43 different sports modalities, since it is not necessary to be federated or have advanced prior technical knowledge.

This uniqueness shows that lifesaving is a "sport whose origin is solidarity between human beings", as stated in the document Mission, Vision and Values of the Royal Spanish Lifesaving Federation, which had the initiative to call the competition.

In total, there have been 2,342 entries in the four events, 604 in Lifesaving with fins, 593 in Lifesaving medley, 581 in Flags and 564 in Lifesaving ski, by 841 athletes from sixteen countries.

34.6 percent of the athletes come from Serbia, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Japan, Chile, France, Argentina, Belgium, Ecuador, the United States, Guatemala, Norway, Panama and Venezuela, which means that there are participants from three continents, while in the 550 Spanish registered there are fourteen autonomous territories.

Overall, the male presence has stood at 55.53 percent compared to 44.47 for the female, while by categories almost 70 percent of the competition has been concentrated in five categories, the senior, with 17.6 percent, junior and 11 and 12 years old, with 14.15 in each of them, 13 and 14 years old, with 13.56, and 15 and 16 years old, with 9.99.

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Entries have been registered in all of them, a total of twenty-six taking into account the feminine and masculine categories, from children under six years old, which does not exist in the federated competition, to masters +70.

After the deadline for the entries in the four events, the competition committee has already published the results of Flags and Lifesaving medley.

The dimension of the "International Challenge-I compete at home" is also reflected in its promotion and the dissemination in three languages of its Competition Regulations, Spanish, English and Portuguese, and the repercussion in other languages, such as Serbian, and in multiple countries.

The initiative of the Royal Spanish Lifesaving Federation, as part of the actions taken to reinforce the measures of the Government of Spain on the occasion of the health crisis caused by COVID-19, receives the support of the Higher Sports Council (CSD), the Spanish Olympic Committee (COE), the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP) and the Lifesaving federations of Europe (ILSE), International (ILS) and Latin American (FLASS).

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