

Investigating the Motivations and Expectations of Individuals Interested in Paragliding

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ABSTRACT The present study aims to investigate the motivations and expectations of individuals who take up paragliding. Significant relationships were found with gender, marital status, age and level of education. According to the results, individuals generally take up paragliding because they enjoy the sport and they want to look healthier. Although, there is no obvious factor that affects the selection of paragliding as a sport, existence of a trainer in the immediate vicinity and the impact of the environment are found to be effective in taking up paragliding. Family impact and expectations to be famous are found unrelated to taking up paragliding. Expectations from paragliding decrease when educational level increases. It is observed that expectations of young individuals are higher and they are more willing to take up the sport. The study concludes that people take up the sport since they enjoy it and they want to stay healthy. Encouraging young and middle aged sportsmen to take up paragliding and arranging areas to do this sport will have positive contributions to paragliding.