An Analysis of Triathletes’ Opinions about the Reasons for Doping Use in Sports Based on Demographic Variables

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ABSTRACT This study aimed to determine triathletes’ opinions about the reasons for doping use in sports. The study was conducted with 92 participants. The study data was collected using a personal information form and a survey form. The analysis was done using the Chi-square test. The distribution of the participants’ opinions about the reasons for doping use showed that 57.6 percent of the participants agreed with the statement, ‘Athletes use doping to show a better performance’, 56.5 percent agreed with the statement, ‘Athletes use doping to be able to overcome the fear of losing,’ 70.2 percent agreed with the statement, ‘Athletes use doping due to an excessive desire to win’, and 52.2 percent agreed with the statement, ‘Athletes use doping to be able to gain and maintain a certain social status’. 