ABSTRACT

Aim: The aim of this study is to define the reasons of elite archers for taking up archery and their expectations. Method: 171 (73 female, 98 male) archers joined to the study voluntarily who attended 18 Mart Şehitler Turkey Championship. In collecting datas, totally 33 questioned questionnaire was used to aim evaluating the reasons and expectations of athletes for taking up archery. The questionnaire was organized to research's aim and was applied to the athletes as data collection tool. Evaluation of datas were done by calculating frequency, percentage and mean distributions at statistic package programme. Findings: The most important reasons of archers for taking up archery were defined as “the effect of the desire to become a national team sportsman for taking up a sport” (43.3 %), “the effect of mother, father and brother/sister for taking up sports” (22.8 %) and “the effect of having a desire as a world-famous athlete for taking up sports” (21.6 %). On the other hand, as investigating the reasons of archers’ efforts with archery professionally, these responds were seen effective that “enjoy archery” (76.6 %), “enjoy being successful” (62 %) and “spending free times by doing sports” (53.8 %). From athletes’ expectations of archery, these options came forward that “being a national athlete” (60.8 %) “being healthy and protect health” (41.5 %) and “being a well-known athlete by everyone” (40.4 %). Discussion-Result: It was seen that the responses of archers’ efforts with archery professionally and expectations from archery were more dominant than responses of the reasons for taking up archery. Therefore, it can be ensured that the planning of positive approaches that cause the start of archery and activities in a style that can meet the expectations of the archery. Key Words: Archery, Reasons for Taking Up Archery, Expectations from Archery.