Abstract

Title: Motivational aspects of FTVS student's increased interest in skydiving and paragliding

Objectives: The main objective of this work is to define in theory the psychological terms connected with motivation based on studied literature and then to make a research focused on identifying the motivational aspects of FTVS UK students to participate in the skydiving and paragliding courses. Another objective is to compare these aspects in the paragliding group and the skydiving group.

Methods: The method I used in an empirical part of the thesis to collect data was the method of non-standardized questionnaire. The researched object was formed by two groups of FTVS UK students. The first group was created by students of skydiving basic course and the other one was created by students of paragliding basic course. The total number of respondent students was 65. Results from the questionnaire were analyzed by using Excel spreadsheet, primarily by a frequency and average functions.

Results: I have found out that most students don’t have just one motivational aspect to practise these sports, but we can mark out several groups of these aspects which appear by each student in certain proportion. After that, it was possible to identify which aspects are dominating in the paragliding group and which are dominating in the skydiving group. Then, we could compare both groups and find out differences. All results are presented by using graphs and then verbally analyzed. The overall evaluation can be found in discussion and conclusion part of this thesis.

Keywords: paragliding, skydiving, motivation, emotion, motive, age, questionnary