THE ROLE OF FAMILY IN GOLF DEVELOPMENT IN TURKEY
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A project which aimed to spread the game of golf in Turkey and to find new talents was started in Istanbul province of Turkey 1998. One of the largest and well known golf facilities in Turkey is located in Silivri, Istanbul. A questionnaire was applied to the families of 400 children aged 8-13. The aim of the study was to find the awareness and knowledge of the families about the game of golf in this region. The results of this questionnaire showed that the large number of the subjects’ mothers was housewives and the majority of the fathers were workers or free lance individuals.

59 % of the children were active in other sports activities other than golf. The majority of the children started their active sports life at the age of eight. The majority of the children preferred to play basketball, volleyball and soccer among the sports activities before they involved playing golf.

The family members were active in several sports but 67.6 % did not have any knowledge about sport of golf and never actively involved in this game before. Even though the majority of the families were not active in golf, they wanted their children to be involved in golf activities.

As a result, we conclude that the majority of the public who live in Silivri – where one of the largest and well known golf facilities in Turkey is located – did not have any knowledge about the sport of golf when the questionnaire was applied but they wanted their children to play golf and be supported by the Turkish Golf Federation and also future of their children be open to new opportunities.

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