

# Adaptation of Sport Brand Personality Scale to Turkish

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**Abstract** Validity and reliability of Turkish form of sport brand personality scale, which was developed by Mitsis and Leckie (2016), was presented in this study. Scale was designed to reflect the impact of individuals' favorite athletes on them in other words the strength of the role model factor. In study, participants were tried to reach through an online form on voluntary basis and participants were included into the study in two stages as pilot and main study. After the incorrect and incompletely filled scale forms had been taken out, 107 people were taken for the pilot study and 326 people were taken for the validity and reliability of the study, in total 433 people were taken into account for the statistical procedures. When the educational status of participants were asked in the study; it was stated that, 1 of participants was literate, 2 of participants were primary school, 6 of participants were secondary school, 69 of participants were high school, 300 of participants were university graduate and 55 of participants were undergraduate. When we look at age distribution of the participants, 10.6% of them were in 14-19 age group, 37.4% of them were in 20-25 age group, 20.6% of them were in 26-31 age group, 14.3% of them were in 32-37 age group, 9.5% of them were in 38-43 age group, 5.3% of them were in 44-49 age group, 2.1% of them were in 50-55 age group and .2% of them were in 56 age and above group. For the Turkish adaptation of scale, language validity was provided through expert opinion. Validity of scale was assessed with confirmatory factor analysis and reliability of scale was assessed with split-half reliability methods. For the six subscales, it was seen that fit indices were in acceptable level for  $X^2/df$ , RMSEA, RFI, GFI, AGFI and in perfect level for CFI, NNFI, NFI, IFI. In conclusion, the internal consistency for all scale was .95 and for the six subscales respectively were .91, .86, .86, .84, .77 and .90. In conclusion, obtained data by the application of Turkish form of scale showed that adapted scale having six subscales, 19 items and 7 Likert type scoring tool, was a valid and reliable scale.

**Keywords** Sport, Brand, Personality, Scale, Validity, Reliability

## 1. Introduction

Product variety and rapid movement of capital in today's globalized world have forced companies to apply different marketing strategies. Companies have been designing their human resources in accordance with this and try to implement their in-service trainings in accordance with this. Taking the individual directly into the center and doing projections considering his or her tendencies are among the goals of these trainings. Particularly, the personality, habits and attitudes of individuals, and their role models constitute the target audience and majority of these studies.

Personality is defined as distinct characteristics peculiar to a person; all of the spiritual and moral qualities; and all of the habits and behaviors of a person or individual acquired in social life [1]. Robbins and Judge [2] defined personality as the dynamic organization within the individual of those psychophysical systems that determine his unique adjustments to his environment. Özarlan [3] stated it as all of the distinct, stable and consistent characteristics of the individual. Sudak (2011) defined personality it as integrity of unique, decisive and consistent behaviors that are revealed with stimulation, feeling and opinions and with learning and beliefs [4].

Personality is considered as combination of various physical and psychological characteristics. On the other hand, as it is a product of heredity and environment, individuals living in the same neighborhood are expected to have some common points that significantly reflect their personalities [5]. In general, personality of an individual includes the combination of all characteristics including physical appearance in addition to regularity of his/her attitudes and experiences [6]. Finally, personality can be defined as a unique consistent and structured relationship type that distinguishes the individual from others he or she is in communication both in terms of his or her inner world and interactions that reflect all characteristics of the individual. [7].

Personality of an individual is represented by his or her own features, feelings, thoughts and motives that catalyze them in a permanent or temporary way, and consists of some characteristics [8]. Thus, the existence of various

personality types can easily be understood from abovementioned definitions. These personality characteristics were analyzed under four titles as analytic personality which refers to people who focus on details, are competitive, and open to trying new things; showman personality which refers to people who are fond of attracting attention of others, speak fluently, and who focus on important aspects of sports competitions; dominant personality referring to people who never gets tired, are willing to lead others, ambitious for significant successes, and are sometimes nervous; and conciliating personality which refers to people who can effectively develop communication with others by Ioan and Mihaela [9].

Personality plays an important role in all areas of life. One of these areas is sports. It is possible to mention about a strong relationship between personality and sports. Especially as the participation in sports can affect personality development and on the other hand, that personality development affects participation to physical activities and sports reveals the mutual relationship between personality and participation in sports [10]. Thus, people who do sports are thought to be affected positively from both situations. Success and competition is the focus point of every athlete. Earning money, getting a higher status or experiencing success at the top can be counted among the goals of athletes as well. Although many athletes have the same goals, each individual commits success differently in accordance with his or her personality traits [11]. This expression leads us to the concept of role model based on various theories including social cognitive theory, role theory, role definition theory and social comparison theory [12]. A role model can be defined as, “an individual who is perceived as exemplary, or worthy of imitation” [13]. Individuals start behaving in accordance with role models they choose. For example, they wear or eat the same as the athlete they imitate, in other words, they reveal behavioral changes according to their role models. The changed behavior warns role model while it attracts the observers, and it creates permanent images and offers opportunities [14]. The concepts that are mentioned in previous research showed that role models had at least three characteristics such as outstanding performance, worthy of imitation and similarity [15]. Superior performances of athletes are adopted by people who follow them and are tried to be imitated. Furthermore, regarding the fact that sports supports the moral qualities and ethical principles of sports lovers, it is considered to be an important moral role model for others [16]. For this reason, in order to provide commercial reliability and effectiveness, famous athletes are exploited in advertisements. This is a worldwide preferred common application which organizations and marketing experts particularly focus on. This is because the famous athletes’ being in the public eye affects all masses regardless to age and gender. By this way, the attitudes and behaviors of famous athletes attract the young and thus they consider those athletes as dynamic people with good qualities [17].

In conclusion, successful athletes are considered as effective role models that can inspire from children to adolescents to participate in sports and physical activities or be in sports places [18]. For this reason, the existence of teams and athletes with a high amount of fans makes it necessary to identify and measure the expectations of sports industry that has become a gross market all around the world. Namely, in addition to the studies that promote sports, the effect of athletes on individuals and the level of this effect have a significant role in stock and marketing strategies of companies and activities leading those strategies. For this reason, this study aims to adapt the “Sport Brand Personality Scale” into Turkish which is thought to provide the required data to researchers and the units working on strategy development.

## 2. Materials and Methods

The adaptation process of “Sport Brand Personality Scale” was conducted through following all of the scientific steps including language validity, piloting, reliability and validity studies that are all necessary for the adaptation of a scale.

### 2.1. Participants

The study consists of two steps. During the first step, participants from different levels of society were reached through the online form of the scale. 107 people were included in piloting of the scale during this step, and 16 people who did not fill in the scale appropriately were excluded from the study. As for the second step, 326 people who were reached online as well were included in the reliability and validity studies of data collection tool, and answers of 12 people were excluded from the study. The remaining number, 314, is considered to be sufficient for adaptation studies. There are various suggestions in literature in terms of the number of participants in adaptation studies. Tabachnick and Fidell [19] suggested at least 300 participants for factor analysis in a study. On the other hand, Bryman and Cramer [20] stated that a group that would be at least five to tenfold of items in a scale form should be included in adaptation process. As to Hair et al., [21] they stated that fivefold of items in a scale would be enough for deciding on the number of participants who would sample the during the adaptation studies.

### 2.2. The Original Form That Was Used for Adaptation Study

The scale that was going to be adapted into Turkish, “Sports Brand Personality Scale” was developed by Mitsis and Leckie [22]. The original version consists of six sub dimensions and 19 items. Alpha values was found to be .88 for Competitiveness; .92 for Prestige; .82 for

Morality; .84 for Authenticity; .81 for Credibility; and .90 for Role model Influence, and 7 point Likert type was used in scoring the scale.

**2.3. Data Analysis and Procedure**

Before the adaptation process, the developers of the scale were reached through email, and required permissions and notifications about the scale were received. Then, the translation/retranslation process of the original scale was conducted and completed by experts in the field. Moreover, the scale was checked by other field experts in terms of semantic aspects, and seeing that there wasn't any shift in meaning from the original version, the Turkish form of the scale was decided to be used.

Since a new scale was not developed, appositeness of existing situation was sought. Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA) was made to find out whether the scale was appropriate for Turkish participants or not. Meydan and Şeşen [23] described CFA as a useful method in terms of testing whether existing data of a researcher would suit with the previously discovered original structure. The adaptive values regarding CFA such as  $X^2/df$ , RMSEA, CFI, NNFI, NFI, IFI, RFI, GFI and AGFI were examined through Lisrel 8.80 analysis program.

**3. Findings**

**Table 1.** Age/Gender Distribution of Participants

Age	Gender				Total	
	Male		Female			
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
14-19 Years	14	4.7	32	23.5	46	10.6
20-25 Years	106	35.7	56	41.2	162	37.4
26-31 Years	67	22.6	22	16.2	89	20.6
32-37 Years	46	15.5	16	11.8	62	14.3
38-43 Years	35	11.8	6	4.4	41	9.5
44-49 Years	20	6.7	3	2.2	23	5.3
50-55 Years	8	2.7	1	.7	9	2.1
56 Years and above	1	.3	0	.0	1	.2
Total	297	100.0	136	100.0	433	100.0

As it is shown in Table 1, the distribution of the participants in terms of the age variable varied between 37.4% and .2%. 10.6% of participants belonged to 14-19 years group; 37.4 to 20-25 group; 20.6% to 26-31 group; 14.3% to 32-37 group; 9.5% to 38-43 group; 5.3% to 44-49 group; 2.1% to 50-55 group; and .2% to ' 56 and above group.

Distributions of the participants in terms of their educational attainments are shown in Table 2. .2% of the participants were just literate; .5% of them were primary school graduate; 1.4% were secondary school graduate;

15.9% of them were high school graduate; 69.3% were university graduate; and 12.7% were postgraduates.

**Table 2.** Education/Gender Distribution of Participants

Educational Attainment	Gender				Total	
	Male		Female			
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
Literate	0	.0	1	.7	1	.2
Primary school	2	.7	0	.0	2	.5
Secondary School	6	2.0	0	.0	6	1.4
High School	52	17.5	17	12.5	69	15.9
University	195	65.7	105	77.2	300	69.3
Postgraduate	42	14.1	13	9.6	55	12.7
Total	297	100.0	136	100.0	433	100.0

**Table 3.** Favorite Athlete/Gender Distribution of Participants

Favorite Athlete	Gender				Total	
	Male		Female			
	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
Emre Mor	3	1.0	2	1.5	5	1.2
Zlatan Ibrahimović	4	1.3	1	.7	5	1.2
Selçuk İnan	4	1.3	2	1.5	6	1.4
Burak Yılmaz	6	2.0	3	2.2	9	2.1
George Hagi	8	2.7	2	1.5	10	2.3
Moussa Sow	9	3.0	1	.7	10	2.3
Neslihan Demir	1	.3	10	7.4	11	2.5
Quaresma	9	3.0	3	2.2	12	2.8
Volkan Demir	9	3.0	4	2.9	13	3.0
Demba Ba	8	2.7	6	4.4	14	3.2
Lionel Messi	13	4.4	3	2.2	16	3.7
Wesley Sneijder	15	5.1	6	4.4	21	4.8
Arda Turan	17	5.7	7	5.1	24	5.5
Fernando Muslera	16	5.4	12	8.8	28	6.5
Alex De Souza	20	6.7	11	8.1	31	7.2
Cristiano Ronaldo	29	9.8	3	2.2	32	7.4
Other	126	42.4	60	44.1	186	43.0
Total	297	100.0	136	100.0	433	100.0

Findings regarding the favorite athlete of the participants are shown in Table 3. These findings revealed that the top five mostly preferred athletes respectively were Cristiano Ronaldo with 7.4% (32 participants); Alex De Souza with 7.2% (31 participants); Fernando Muslera with 6.5% (28 participants); Arda Turan with 5.5% (24 participants); and Wesley Sneijder with 4.8% (21 participants).

Examining the favorite team distributions of the participants in Table 4, it could be seen that Galatasaray with 133 participants and 30.7%; Fenerbahçe with 131 participants and 30.3%; and Beşiktaş with 77 participants and 17.8% was the top three preferred teams.

**Table 4.** Favorite Team/Gender Distribution of Participants

Team	Gender				Total	
	Male		Female			
Galatasaray SK	92	31.0	41	30.1	133	30.7
Fenerbahçe SK	87	29.3	44	32.4	131	30.3
Beşiktaş SK	49	16.5	28	20.6	77	17.8
Does not support any team	36	12.1	12	8.8	48	11.1
Other teams	17	5.7	3	2.2	20	4.6
Handball Teams	2	.7	4	2.9	6	1.4
Foreign Football Teams	4	1.3	0	.0	4	.9
Basketball Teams	0	.0	1	.7	1	.2
Volleyball Teams	0	.0	1	.7	1	.2
Total	297	100.0	136	100.0	433	100.0

**Table 5.** Findings Related to the Pilot Study

	Corrected Item-Total Correlation
Item 1	.82
Item 2	.74
Item 3	.76
Item 4	.72
Item 5	.64
Item 6	.83
Item 7	.71
Item 8	.73
Item 9	.73
Item 10	.72
Item 11	.74
Item 12	.80
Item 13	.68
Item 14	.66
Item 15	.75
Item 16	.74
Item 17	.68
Item 18	.72
Item 19	.73
<i>Internal Consistency: .95</i>	

As it can be seen in Table 5, distribution of adjusted total item correlations of pilot study varied between .64 and .83.

**Table 6.** CFA Results for the Items in the Scale\*

Fit Indexes	Perfect Levels	Acceptable Threshold Levels	Research Findings	Result
X <sup>2</sup> /df	≤3	4-5	3.24	Acceptable Fit
RMSEA	≤ .05	.05-.10	0.082**	Acceptable Fit
CFI	≥ .95	≥ .90	0.97	Perfect Fit
NNFI	≥ .95	≥ .90	0.96	Perfect Fit
NFI	≥ .95	≥ .90	0.95	Perfect Fit
IFI	≥ .95	≥ .90	0.97	Perfect Fit
RFI	≥ .95	≥ .90	0.94	Acceptable Fit
GFI	≥ .90	≥ .85	0.88	Acceptable Fit
AGFI	≥ .90	≥ .85	0.85	Acceptable Fit

\*Resource: (Seçer, 2015, p. 122; Meydan and Şeşen, 2011, p.37; \*\*MacCallum et al., 1996, cited in: Hooper et.al, 2008, p. 54).

According to first level confirmatory factor analysis results of scale form that consisted of 19 items, values of  $X^2/df$ , RMSEA, RFI, GFI and AGFI were at “acceptable level” whereas CFI, NNFI, NFI and IFI, values were at “perfect level”. Path diagram of the first level confirmatory factor analysis is shown below.

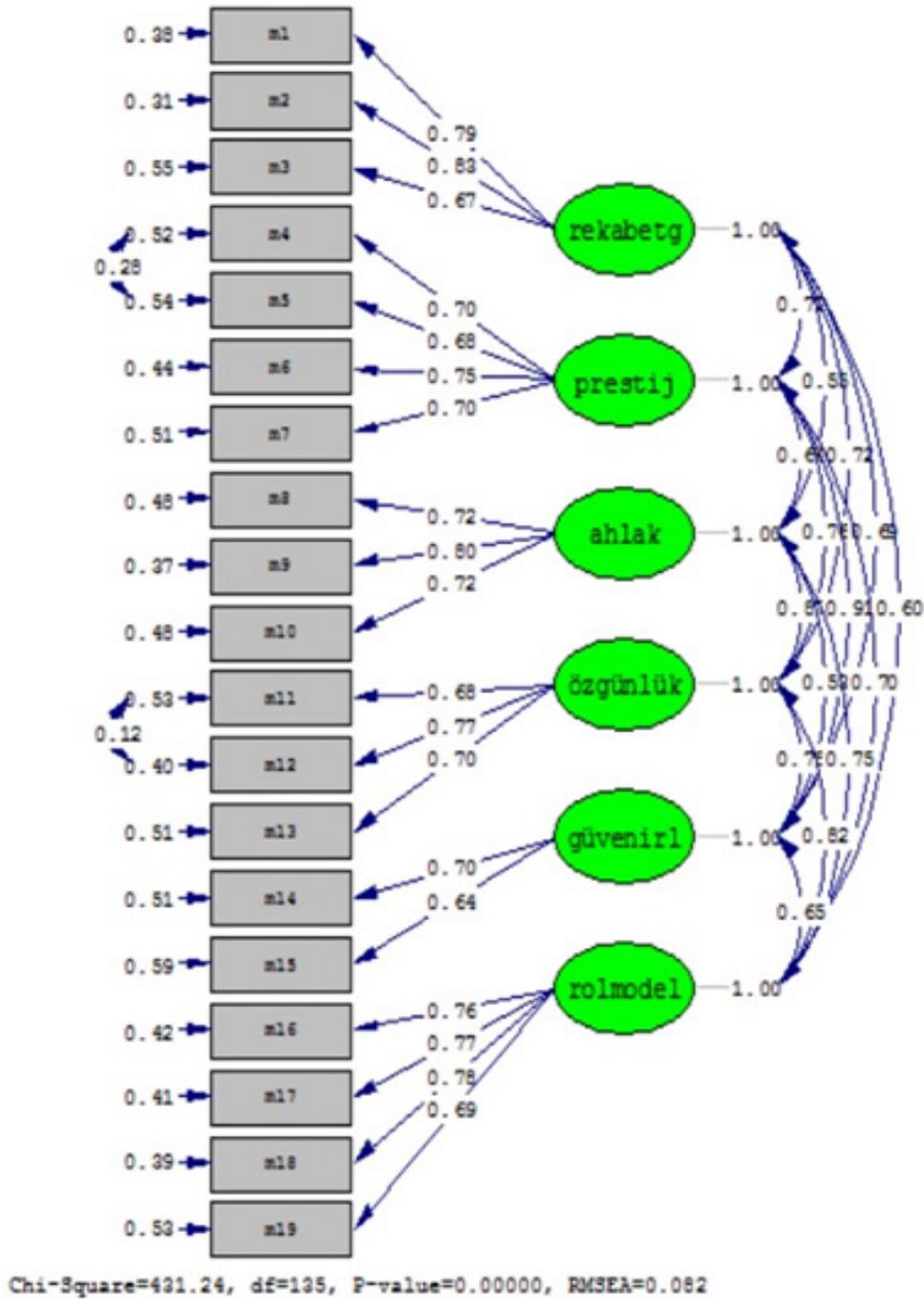


Figure 1. Path diagram of the first level confirmatory factor analysis

As it can be seen from the path diagram, item factor loads varied between .64 and .83.

**Table 7.** Reliability Results of Scale Adaptation

Dimensions	Internal consistency	Split-half reliability
Competitiveness	.91	.91
Prestige	.86	.90
Morality	.86	.85
Authenticity	.84	.90
Credibility	.77	.78
Role Model Influence	.90	.91
<b>Whole Scale</b>	.95	.96

Table 7 reveals the reliability results of scale adaptation process. Whole scale internal consistency was found to be .95; and split half reliability of the whole scale was 0.96. As for the sub dimensions, both internal consistency and split half reliability for competitiveness was .91/.91; for prestige, it was .86/.90; for morality, .86/.85; for authenticity, .84/.90; for credibility, .77/.78; and for role model influence, they were found to be .90/.91.

#### 4. Discussion and Conclusions

Brand personality has been regarded as an instrumental and descriptive factor in identifying the preferences, attitudes and intentions of consumers, and developing their brand loyalty [24]. As personality in sports or the effect of athlete on fans has become an important factor, recent studies have focused on brand personality in sports, namely, the effect of athletes on consumption habits of fans. Some of these studies aim to develop scales that measure those attitudes. Since attitude is to approach to or withdraw from the objects, concepts or circumstances around us, and reflecting behaviors against them [25]. It would provide some benefits for manufacturers in terms of identifying demands for their products. For this reason, scale development and adaptation studies are considered significant.

In their study focusing on existing criticisms, and aiming at reconsidering sports-brand personality literature and restating fundamentals of the brand personality term, Kang et al. [26] found out five factors (Agreeableness, Extraversion/Emotionality, Openness, Conscientiousness,

and Honesty) that closely resemble human personality trait models structure. "Creative Behaviour Questionnaire III" the first version of which was developed by Popek (1990/2000) was revised by Bernacka [27] in accordance with the term of humanistic creative attitudes, and a form including 26 items under 2 sub dimensions as convenience/inconvenience in terms of personality traits area and algorithmic behavior/intuitional behavior in terms of cognitive area.

Developed by Eysenck and Eysenck [28] and updated in 1985, "Eysenck's Personality Inventory" that was created as a result of analysis of responses of more than 30000 participants is a scale that has been used in evaluating relatively independent personality dimensions. The other scales that were applied on athletes to find out personality traits were "The Iceberg Profile" that six sub dimensions developed by Morgan [29]; "Ten Item Personality Inventory (TIPI)" that was developed by Gosling et al., [30]; "Personality Traits of the Champions Questionnaires" developed by Sohrabi et.al., [31]; and "Eysenck's Personality Inventory" that was developed by Bowen (2013) [32].

The fundamental reason of adapting "Sport brand personality scale" that was developed by Tsiotsou [33] and was the original version of the scale adapted in present study, was to measure features that consumers associated with their favorite sports teams and find out personal traits regarding sports teams. It had five dimensions and 24 items. Although there are various scales all around the world focusing on sports brands and personality traits, there has been a need for such scales in Turkey as well. For this reason, in order to serve this aim, "sport brand personality scale" was adapted into Turkish and made available for Turkish researchers.

Adapted Turkish version of "Sport Brand Personality Scale" (Spor Marka Kişilik Ölçeği) consists of 6 sub dimensions and 19 items. That total item correlations of the scale were found to be between .64 and .83 showed that the values for the scale were at significantly acceptable levels. To conclude, "Sport Brand Personality Scale" can be said to be a reliable and valid scale for Turkish culture as it meets the requirements of internal consistency coefficients with more than .70 and total item correlation values more than .30 [34]. Moreover, it had adequate DFA fit indexes [35, 23, 36].

English Form of the Scale: Sport Brand Personality Scale

FACTOR/ SUBSCALE		ITEMS	Strongly DISAGREE	DISAGREE	Little Disagree	Undecided	Little Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Competitiveness	1	<b>Ambitious:</b> My favourite athlete is determined to accomplish his or her goals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	<b>Dynamic:</b> My favourite athlete is self-motivated	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	3	<b>Triumphant:</b> My favourite athlete excels in competitions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Prestige	4	<b>Multitudinous:</b> My favourite athlete is supported by countless fans	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	5	<b>Glorious:</b> My favourite athlete is celebrated	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6	<b>Great :</b> My favourite athlete is super	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	7	<b>Honorary:</b> My favourite athlete has received awards for distinction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Morality	8	<b>Principled:</b> My favourite athlete is imbued with acceptable rules of conduct	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	<b>Cultural:</b> My favourite athlete develops and promotes the growth of culture	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10	<b>Ethical:</b> My favourite athlete behaves in accordance with standards for right practice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Authenticity	11	<b>Traditional:</b> My favourite athlete has been around for many years and handed down legends and customs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	12	<b>Uncompromising:</b> My favourite athlete adheres to principal positions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	13	<b>Radical:</b> My favourite athlete is open to changes and new ideas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Credibility	14	<b>Wealthy:</b> My favourite athlete is rich and financially independent	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	15	<b>Influential:</b> My favourite athlete has the capacity and power to exert effects on others and their decisions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Role model influence	16	My favourite athlete provides a good model for me to follow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	17	My favourite athlete leads by example	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	18	My favourite athlete sets a positive example for others to follow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	19	My favourite athlete acts as a role model for me	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

## Turkish Form of the Scale: Spor Marka Kişilik Ölçeği

FAKTÖR/ ALTBOYUT		MADDELER	Tamamen KATILMIYORUM	KATILMIYORUM	Biraz KATILMIYORUM	Kararsızım	Biraz Katılıyorum	Katılıyorum	Tamamen Katılıyorum
Rekabet Gücü	1	<b>Hırs:</b> Favori sporcum hedeflerini gerçekleştirmede kararlıdır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	<b>Dinamik:</b> Favori sporcum kendi kendini motive eder.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	3	<b>Galip:</b> Favori sporcum yarışmalarda başarılıdır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Prestij	4	<b>Kalabalık:</b> Favori sporcum sayısız hayranı tarafından desteklenir.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	5	<b>Ünlü:</b> Favori sporcum ünlüdür.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6	<b>Mükemmel:</b> Favori sporcum süperdir.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	7	<b>Onur:</b> Favori sporcum saygınlığından ötürü ödüller alır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ahlak	8	<b>İlkeli:</b> Favori sporcum kabul edilebilir davranış kurallarını aşlar.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9	<b>Kültürel:</b> Favori sporcum kültürel gelişimi destekler ve teşvik eder.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	10	<b>Etik:</b> Favori sporcum doğru uygulamalar yapabilmek için standartlarla uyumlu hareket eder.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Özgünlük	11	<b>Geleneksel:</b> Favori sporcum hep göz önündedir. Gelenekleri ve efsaneleri kuşaktan kuşağa ulaştırır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	12	<b>İnatçı:</b> Favori sporcum prensiplerine bağlıdır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	13	<b>Radikal:</b> Favori sporcum değişikliklere ve yeni fikirlere açıktır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
İnanırlık	14	<b>Varlıklı:</b> Favori sporcum zengin ve mali açıdan bağımsızdır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	15	<b>Etkili:</b> Favori sporcum başkalarına ve onların kararlarına etki edecek güç ve kapasiteye sahiptir.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rol Model Etkisi	16	Favori sporcum takip etmem için iyi bir rol modelidir.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	17	Favori sporcum örnekler vererek yol gösterir.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	18	Favori sporcum başkalarının takip etmesi için olumlu bir duruş sergiler.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	19	Favori sporcum benim için rol model gibi davranır.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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