

# **Research into the Process of the Formation of a New Sport**

According to an interview during a stay as a mountain snowboarder

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Recently, “slope style” was chosen to be an official event for snowboarding at the upcoming 2014 Sochi Olympic Games.

Although sports often make use of organization and rules, snowboarding is a not traditional Japanese sport. However, it is very popular in Europe and elsewhere. In relation, skateboarding—which is also very famous in Europe and elsewhere—uses an interesting process. We can see this process on DVDs, through which we can see that there have been big revolutions and turning points.

The cause of all this could be said to be the delinquency of young men and deviant behavior; however, those involved were making big impact and bringing changes to skateboarding. Although it seems destructive in nature, they created skateboarding. They were making it happen. Probably, the same thing could be said for snowboarding. This could be related to prolonged mountain stays.

What is such a stay? This term refers to staying in mountain areas for the purpose of snowboarding during the winter season.

This is not the same thing as young men involved in skateboarding. However, it may be a similar phenomenon, as it is born from the need to escape one’s conditions.

Leaving the monotony of life, they are taking a different path. When something new is born, there are always large amounts of energy at work. This energy is emitted by people. People have the power to change something at every moment. People are trying to make new cultures.

I interviewed these people who are staying in the mountains to snowboard. Many snowboarders spend their life living in such a way.

Snowboarders have self-control. They love “freedom” and “being in the ‘now’.” They seek out that little escape from reality. However, they are creating new things. People

who have the power to act on something move things forward, creating and evolving them.