

General Information

Country:	FRA
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Left-handed
Date of birth:	1986-11-07
License:	07111986002

Further Personal Information

Occupation	Athlete, Coach
Languages	French
Higher education	Physical Education - National Institute of Sport, Expertise and Performance [INSEP]: France

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing in 1991 after watching the sport on television. His mother then enrolled him at a club in Henin-Beaumont, France, where the instructor made him take up foil.
Why this sport?	"I fell in love with the sport thanks to my first master at arms, Fabrice Van Hems. The CE Henin-Beaumont club made me who I am today. At my first big junior international competition, in Germany, I got a taste for elite competition. That day I said to myself, 'One day I hope to become an Olympic champion!'"
Club / Team	CE Henin Beaumont: France
Name of coach	Emeric Clos [national], FRA
Handedness	Left

General Interest

Nicknames	Mimi, Snake [for his agility]. (france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr, 27 Jul 2016; NOC Media Guide, 2016)
Hobbies	Video games, manga. (NOC Media Guide, 2016)
Hero / Idol	French fencer Brice Guyart, Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, French judoka Teddy Riner. (hautsdefrance.fr, 01 Jan 2016)
Superstitions / Rituals / Beliefs	He has a lucky gold bracelet that was given to him by an uncle. (hautsdefrance.fr, 01 Jan 2016)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Never give up." (equipeolympique.pasdecals.fr, 23 Mar 2013)
Ambitions	To compete at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (emag.sportmag.fr, 01 Jan 2018)
Other information	<p>RETIREMENT PLANS He postponed his plans to retire by one year due to the rescheduled 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. "My partner was not very happy, she is looking forward to me finishing my career." (lavoixdunord.fr, 24 May 2020)</p> <p>OCCUPATION He works for the state-owned RATP public transport network in Paris, France. "I'm part of the RATP's elite athlete employment programme, which provides the financial support to allow me to train and compete 100% in my sport." (FFE Facebook page, 18 Sep 2018; emag.sportmag.fr, 01 Jan 2018)</p>