

General Information

Country:	KAZ
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1986-10-05
License:	05101986001

Further Personal Information

Family	Wife Nellia, sons Ramil [2012] and Amir [2014]
Residence	Almaty, KAZ
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	English, Russian
Higher education	Industrial Engineering - Kazakh National Technical University: Almaty, KAZ

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age 10 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
Why this sport?	His father is a fencing coach. "It's possible to say I was involved in fencing from birth. I love this sport and I am happy everything happened this way."
Club / Team	Shymkent City [KAZ] / Dynamo [KAZ]:
Name of coach	Ferenc Toth [national], HUN; Eldar Alimzhanov [father], KAZ
Handedness	Right

International Debut

Year	2006
Competing for	Kazakhstan

General Interest

Nicknames	Champion (Athlete, 20 Jan 2013)
Hobbies	Spending time with family. (Athlete, 09 Feb 2023)
Memorable sporting achievement	Winning a gold medal in team epee at the 2006 Junior World Championships in Taebaek, Republic of Korea, and competing at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. (Athlete, 08 Feb 2023)
Most influential person in career	His father. (comode.kz, 16 Apr 2015)
Hero / Idol	Swiss tennis player Roger Federer. (Athlete, 09 Feb 2023)
Awards and honours	He has received the title of Master of Sport of International Class in Kazakhstan. (shooting-sports.kz, 20 Dec 2021; Athlete, 01 Jun 2018)
Famous relatives	His father Eldar Alimzhanov competed in fencing and received the title of Master of Sport in the Soviet Union. He has also worked as a coach. His mother Elina Alimzhanova has served as president of the Fitness and Aerobics Association of Kazakhstan. His younger brother Enver Alimzhanov [who died in a car accident in 2011] competed in fencing and won a silver medal at the 2005 World Cadet Championships in Linz, Austria. (qazaqtv.com, 05 Aug 2021; sports.kz, 21 Jun 2012, 29 May 2011)
Ambitions	To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (qazaqtv.com, 05 Aug 2021)
Other information	<p>COACH IMPACT He approached coaches from the Kazakhstan fencing team about bringing in a trainer from abroad after the national epee team failed to qualify for the 2016 Olympic Games. Hungarian coach Ferenc Toth was later appointed. "[Toth] then worked in Denmark, and we somehow crossed paths at a training camp. He is a great professional, a wonderful person. I suggested to our coaching staff, and they agreed to involve him. I called him and explained everything. Ferenc listened to everything with pleasure and reacted positively. He said that we had a good and a strong team. He said that he had a lot of ideas about us. In the first year, he did not get to us. But a year later he was already working with us. It may not suit some [fencers], but I am very pleased. His methodology is the European style, the European school, while ours is Soviet. He presents in completely different ways. He did not break or change anyone. He studied the statistics, the style of each [fencer]. He did it before his arrival, and then was just improving. He has made effective changes." (olympic.kz, 20 Apr 2020)</p> <p>FURTHER EDUCATION He has graduated from the University of International Business and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Kazakhstan. (Athlete, 01 Jun 2018)</p>