

General Information

Country:	GER
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1989-10-08
License:	08101989000

Further Personal Information

Residence	Cologne, GER
Languages	English, German
Higher education	Economics, Politics, Sociology - Zeppelin University: Friedrichshafen, GER

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age eight at primary school in Germany.
Why this sport?	"My coach was very serious about it from the start and I won my first competition as a child."
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Injuries	<p>He sustained an ankle injury in June 2019 but the injury did not prevent him from competing at the European championships the same month. (Instagram profile, 06 Jun 2019; SportsDeskOnline, 12 Apr 2022)</p> <p>He sustained a wrist injury at the 2018 World Cup event in Padua, Italy. (sportverband-dormagen.de, 05 Feb 2018; Twitter profile, 04 Feb 2018)</p> <p>He was injured during the semifinal of the 2013 World Cup event in Madrid, Spain, and had to withdraw from the tournament. (fechten.org, 11 Feb 2013)</p> <p>He had a knee injury in 2009 but recovered in time to win gold at the 2009 World Junior Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland. (dormagen-fechten.de, 01 Jul 2009)</p>
Sporting philosophy / motto	<p>"The sporting career of all athletes should take place in a protected space in which they can fully develop their potential as athletes and personalities. This space can only be created with the participation of the athletes." (athleten-deutschland.org, 10 Feb 2021)</p>
Awards and honours	<p>In 2019 he was named Fencer of the Year by the German Fencing Federation [DFB]. He, Benedikt Wagner, Matyas Szabo, and Bjorn Hubner-Fehrer were also named Team of the Year. (dormagen-fechten.de, 06 Apr 2020; rp-online.de, 08 Apr 2020)</p> <p>He was presented with the 2018 Athlete of the Year Award in Cologne, Germany. (sport-rhein-erft.de, 06 Apr 2019)</p> <p>In 2017 he received the Ministermedaille [Minister Medal] from the German Armed Forces. (faz.net, 06 Feb 2017)</p> <p>He was named the 2015 Sportsman of the Year in Dormagen, Germany. (Facebook page, 18 Mar 2016; dormagen.de, 17 Mar 2016)</p>
Other information	<p>RETIREMENT He announced his retirement from the sport after he competed at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. "The Olympic Games in Tokyo were my last after London and Rio. They were the last milestone of an exciting journey. I am proud of my achievements and grateful for what I was able to experience. I will always be connected to fencing. I will remain a fencer all my life." (Instagram profile, 30 Aug 2021)</p> <p>OTHER ACTIVITIES He was named chairman of the athletes' commission of the German Olympic Sports Confederation [DOSB] in January 2017. He has also served as an athlete representative and member of the supervisory board of the foundation German Sports Aid, and as an athlete representative and executive board member at the German Fencing Federation [DFB]. (athlet.one, 01 May 2020; max-hartung.de, 13 Nov 2019; fechten.org, 27 Feb 2019, 15 Sep 2014; sueddeutsche.de, 03 May 2019; LinkedIn profile, 2017; ruhrnachrichten.de, 05 Mar 2017; wdr.de, 14 Mar 2016)</p> <p>FURTHER EDUCATION Having graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology, politics and economics from Zeppelin University, he enrolled in a master's degree in CSR and NGO management at Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg [H-BRS] in 2020. "As far as my career goes, I'd like to help shape society through sport and education after I hang up my sabre. I'm hoping that my degree at H-BRS will broaden my horizons and teach me some really practical skills for working in the tertiary sector." (h-brs.de, 27 Aug 2020)</p> <p>PODCAST In 2019 he started a podcast titled 'Demaskiert' [Unmasked] with German national teammate Matyas Szabo, which followed their journey to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (max-hartung.de, 13 Nov 2019)</p>