FIE INTERNATIONAL FENCING

PEREZ MAURICE MARIA BELEN

General Information		
Country:	ARG	
Gender:	F	
Height:	180	
Weight:	65	
Handedness:	Left-handed	
Date of birth:	1985-07-12	
Education:	Estudiante Universitaria	
Profession:	Modelo	
License:	12071985000	

Further Personal Information		
Family	Partner Lucas Guillermo Saucedo	
Residence	Buenos Aires, ARG	
Occupation	Armed Forces, Athlete	
Languages	Spanish	
Higher education	Food Technology - Argentine University of Enterprise [UADE]: Buenos Aires, ARG	

Sport Specific Information		
When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age 13 at Club Circulo Militar in Argentina.	
Why this sport?	She was encouraged to try the sport by her diving coach. "At the beginning I said no. But he said he would keep insisting until I tried, and once I tried he would not insist anymore. He made me win all my bouts and I loved that."	
Name of coach	Lucas Guillermo Saucedo [national, personal], ARG	
Training Regime	She trains at the Enard High Performance Centre in Buenos Aires, Argentina.	
Handedness	Left	

	General Interest
Nicknames	Flaca [Spanish for 'Skinny']. (lanacion.com.ar, 26 Jul 2021; coarg.org.ar, 09 Nov 2012)
Hobbies	Reading, listening to music. (aadeporte.com.ar, 25 Sep 2020)
Hero / Idol	Argentinian fencer and coach Lucas Guillermo Saucedo. (detaco.com.ar, 20 Jan 2021; coarg.org.ar, 09 May 2019)
Injuries	In the early part of 2021 she sustained an injury to her hamstring. (clarin.com, 19 Mar 2021; Instagram profile, 13 Mar 2021)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Keep trying and you will succeed." (eliteamateur.blogspot.com, 01 Apr 2012)
Awards and honours	In 2022 she received the Silver Jorge Newbery Award as Fencer of the Year in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (buenosaires.gob.ar, 27 May 2022)
	In 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2021 she won the Argentinian Fencing Federation's Silver Olympia award. (argentina.gob.ar, 14 Dec 2021; diario24.com.ar, 21 Dec 2016; espn.com.co, 17 Dec 2014; esgrima-fae.com.ar, 19 Dec 2012)
Milestones	She became the first female fencer representing Argentina to win a medal in individual sabre at the Pan American Games when she claimed bronze at the 2015 Games in Toronto, ON, Canada. (SportsDeskOnline, 20 Mar 2016; deportes.terra.cl, 21 Jul 2015)
Famous relatives	Her partner Lucas Guillermo Saucedo represented Argentina in fencing [sabre] at the world championships in 1999 and 2003. He has also served as a coach for the Argentinian national sabre team. (SportsDeskOnline, 06 May 2021; detaco.com.ar, 20 Jan 2021; aadeporte.com.ar, 25 Sep 2020)
Ambitions	To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (ole.com.ar, 23 Sep 2021)
Other information	OLYMPIC PROPOSAL Her partner and coach Lucas Guillermo Saucedo proposed to her during a television interview shortly after she was eliminated from the women's individual sabre competition at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. "They [the interviewer] told me to turn around, and he had the piece of paper. I forgot everything. I was like, 'Oh my God'. I said yes, of course. We are very happy. We are very good partners. Of course, we have fights, but we enjoy each other's time. We love each other so much, and we want to spend our lives together. We are going to celebrate in Buenos Aires [Argentina] with a big barbecue." (theguardian.com, 26 Jul 2021; lanacion.com.ar, 26 Jul 2021; reuters.com, 26 Jul 2021)