

General Information

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| Country: | GER |
| Gender: | M |
| Handedness: | Right-handed |
| Date of birth: | 1990-06-14 |
| License: | 14061990000 |

Further Personal Information

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| Residence | Cologne, GER |
| Languages | English, German |
| Higher education | Communications, Journalism - University of Media, Communications and Business: Cologne, GER |

Sport Specific Information

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| When and where did you begin this sport? | He began fencing at age seven. |
| Handedness | Right |

General Interest

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| Hero / Idol | German fencer Nicolas Limbach. (stroeer.com, 18 Jun 2012) |
| Injuries | <p>In mid-2020 he underwent laser eye surgery, after which he no longer required glasses. (Instagram profile, 18 Jun 2020)</p> <p>In March 2020 he tore his patellar tendon [knee] while competing at a World Cup event in Luxembourg. He recovered to compete at the World Cup event in Budapest, Hungary, one year later. (rp-online.de, 09 Mar 2020)</p> <p>In June 2019 he was troubled by back pain prior to the European Championships in Dusseldorf, Germany. At the event, he was part of the German squad that won team sabre gold, and he finished fifth in individual sabre. (rp-online.de, 14 Jun 2019)</p> <p>In January 2019 he dislocated his big toe during his semifinal bout at the Kormoczi Memorial Tournament in Koblenz, Germany. (Instagram profile, 13 Jan 2019)</p> |
| Awards and honours | In 2016 he was named Athlete of the Year in his hometown of Dormagen, Germany. (Stadt Dormagen Facebook profile, 09 Mar 2018) |
| Other information | <p>RETIREMENT He retired from the sport after he competed at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (sport-rhein-erft.de, 19 Jan 2022; Instagram profile, 12 Nov 2021, 17 Jul 2021)</p> <p>DOSB PERSONAL MEMBER In late 2018 he was appointed as a personal member of the German Olympic Sports Confederation [DOSB]. The 15 personal members are elected by the General Assembly of the DOSB, and can vote on governance issues. At the 2018 DOSB General Assembly meeting in Dusseldorf, he nominated the president of the German Triathlon Union, Martin Engelhardt, as a challenger to Alfons Hormann for the role of president of the DOSB. Hormann, the incumbent president, won the subsequent vote, which was a first in DOSB history. "I find it surprising that many people said nominating Martin Engelhardt was courageous. In Dusseldorf I got the impression that there is a general fear of having open discussions. But as long as you behave fairly and follow the rules of the game, it is healthy to have debates. Hormann said after his victory that he wanted to introduce a new style of leadership. The main thing is that it will bring about something good for the sport, regardless of who is in charge." (insidethegames.biz, 01 Dec 2018; cdn.dosb.de, 11 May 2019; faz.net, 12 Dec 2018; wr.de, 01 Dec 2018; zeit.de, 02 Dec 2018)</p> |