

General Information

Country:	KOR
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1988-05-31
License:	31051988001

Further Personal Information

Occupation	Athlete, Coach
Languages	Korean

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing in grade eight at middle school.
Why this sport?	His mother suggested the sport to him.
Club / Team	Gwangju City Hall: Republic of Korea
Name of coach	Kim Jae-Kyung [club], KOR; Kim Byung-Soo [national], KOR
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Hero / Idol	Japanese fencer Yuki Ota. (blog.naver.com, 22 Dec 2015)
Injuries	<p>He required surgery in January 2015 after damaging the cartilage in his left knee. (blog.naver.com, 22 Dec 2015; Facebook profile, 22 Jan 2015)</p> <p>He damaged his hamstring two weeks before the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Republic of Korea. The injury affected him in the individual final at the event. (donga.com, 23 Sep 2014)</p> <p>A wrist injury caused him to pull out of the team event at the 2013 Asian Championships in Shanghai, People's Republic of China. (chosun.com, 08 Jun 2013)</p> <p>He experienced persistent pain in the heel of his right foot while he was a university student. (dt.co.kr, 23 Sep 2014)</p>
Awards and honours	<p>In 2018 he was given an Excellence Award by the Korean Fencing Federation. (news.sbs.co.kr, 19 Dec 2018)</p> <p>He received the Best Athlete Award at the 2016 Gyeonggi Province Athletics Awards in the Republic of Korea. (pedien.com, 21 Dec 2016)</p>
Other information	<p>RETIREMENT He announced his retirement from fencing after competing at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China, which was held in September 2023. "I did my best and have no regrets. I hope that the junior men's foil players will do well in the future." (news.sbs.co.kr, 28 Sep 2023; Instagram profile, 21 Sep 2023)</p> <p>FURTHER EDUCATION He graduated with a master's degree in physical education from Sogang University in Seoul, Republic of Korea. (Naver profile, 31 Mar 2020)</p>