

General Information

Country:	KOR
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1989-04-27
License:	27041989002

Further Personal Information

Family	Wife Park Eun-Joo, one son [2023]
Residence	Seoul, KOR
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Korean
Higher education	Physical Education - Dong-Eui University: Busan, KOR

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing in 2002 in Daegu, Republic of Korea.
Why this sport?	He was playing football with his friends when he was encouraged to take up the sport by a fencing coach at his middle school. He was included in the school's sabre team because it was short of members.
Club / Team	Korea Sports Promotion Foundation: Jeonnam, KOR
Name of coach	Won Woo-Young [national], KOR
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Hobbies	Golf, playing video games. (xsportsnews.com, 09 Oct 2021; Instagram profile, 02 Feb 2020; isplus.live.joins.com, 25 Apr 2019)
Superstitions / Rituals / Beliefs	"I don't eat food on the day of a competition and avoid water as much as possible because it feels like my body is getting heavier." (hankookilbo.com, 03 Jan 2020)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"My style is 80% attack and 20% defence." (sports.news.naver.com, 14 May 2019)
Awards and honours	<p>He received the 2023 Outstanding Athlete Award from the Korean Fencing Federation. (Instagram profile, 05 May 2024)</p> <p>He and swimmer Kim Seo-Yeong were named flag bearers for the Republic of Korea for the opening ceremony of the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China. (news1.kr, 12 Sep 2023)</p> <p>In 2020 he was inducted into the International Fencing Federation [FIE] Hall of Fame. (Instagram profile, 24 Sep 2020; usafencing.org, 18 Sep 2020)</p> <p>In 2019 he was presented with the Cheongryong [Blue Dragon] Medal, the highest Order of Sport Merit in the Republic of Korea. (sports.chosun.com, 15 Oct 2019)</p> <p>He was flag bearer for the Republic of Korea at the opening ceremony of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (news.joins.com, 20 Jul 2016)</p>
Milestones	He was a member of the team that won the Republic of Korea's first Olympic gold medal in a fencing team event when he joined Kim Jung-Hwan, Oh Eun-Seok, and Won Woo-Young to claim victory in men's team sabre at the 2012 Games in London. (SportsDeskOnline, 10 May 2021)
Ambitions	To win a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (yna.co.kr, 06 May 2024)
Other information	<p>FURTHER EDUCATION</p> <p>He has studied for a postgraduate degree at Kookmin University Graduate School of Sports Industry in Seoul, Republic of Korea. (cst.kookmin.ac.kr, 27 Jul 2021; UniK Naver blog, 04 Dec 2018)</p>