

General Information

Country:	EST
Gender:	F
Height:	186
Weight:	65
Handedness:	Left-handed
Date of birth:	1994-12-19
Education:	pupil
Profession:	pupil
License:	19121994000

Further Personal Information

Family	Partner Harri, son Henri
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	English, Estonian

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing in 2004.
Why this sport?	Her sister was a fencer. A coach asked Katrina to try the sport too because of her height and the fact that she is left handed. Her natural ability immediately shone through. "Fencing has been a very popular sport in Haapsalu [her hometown in Estonia]. My sister was doing it and I started going to see her workouts."
Club / Team	Vehklemisklubi Le Glaive: Tallinn, EST
Name of coach	Nikolai Novosjolov [personal], EST, from 2019
Handedness	Left

General Interest

Injuries	<p>In July 2022 she sustained a right knee injury during training in Germany. She missed the 2022 World Championships and underwent surgery in August that year, before returning to competition in April 2023. (Facebook page, 22 Apr 2023, 20 Sep 2022, 13 Jul 2022; sport.err.ee, 11 Nov 2022, 14 Jul 2022)</p> <p>She required surgery on the meniscus in her knee five months prior to winning individual gold at the 2014 World Junior Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. (blog.pbtffencing.com, 19 Oct 2020)</p>
Awards and honours	<p>In 2022 she received the Order of the White Star 2nd class in recognition of her services to the Estonian state following her gold medal in team epee at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (sport.delfi.ee, 21 Feb 2022)</p> <p>In 2021 she was named Female Athlete of the Year in Tallinn, Estonia. (eestiulu.goodnews.ee, 08 Dec 2021)</p> <p>She and her teammates Julia Beljajeva, Irina Embrich, and Erika Kirpu received the Best Female Multiple Athlete Event of Tokyo 2020 prize at the 2021 ANOC [Association of National Olympic Committees] Awards in Crete, Greece. (fie.org, 25 Oct 2021; anocolympic.org, 24 Oct 2021)</p> <p>In 2018, 2019, and 2020 she was named Female Fencer of the Year by the Estonian Fencing Federation. (sport.err.ee, 28 Dec 2020; le.ee, 18 Dec 2019; Facebook profile, 05 Dec 2018)</p> <p>In 2019 she was named the People's Favourite at the Laane County Annual Awards in Estonia. (laanesport.ee, 14 Jan 2020)</p> <p>She was named the 2014 Student Athlete of the Year in Estonia. (baku2015.com, 23 Jun 2015)</p>
Milestones	<p>Along with Erika Kirpu, Irina Embrich, and Julia Beljajeva, she was part of the women's epee team that won Estonia's first gold medal in fencing at the Olympic Games. They beat the Republic of Korea in the final at the 2020 Games in Tokyo. (SportsDeskOnline, 06 Apr 2022; estonianworld.com, 27 Jul 2021)</p>