

General Information

Country:	JPN
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1994-06-14
License:	14061994001

Further Personal Information

Family	Wife Rie Ohashi, one son [2020]
Residence	Tokyo, JPN
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Japanese
Higher education	Physical Education - Nihon University: Tokyo, JPN

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing in grade two of primary school in Toba, Japan.
Why this sport?	He was influenced by one of his friends. He also thought that it was impressive to be able to use a sword. He was previously involved in foil, but switched to epee after starting middle school.
Club / Team	Yamaichi Shoji: Japan
Name of coach	Oleksandr Gorbachuk [national], UKR
Handedness	Right

International Debut

Year	2013
Competing for	Japan

General Interest

Nicknames	Masarun, Makun (fencingfan.net, 26 Nov 2015)
Most influential person in career	Coach Oleksandr Gorbachuk. (jiji.com, 22 Dec 2020)
Injuries	In May 2020 he underwent surgery on a slipped disc. He returned to training and competition in early 2021. (SportsDeskOnline, 05 May 2021; nikkei.com, 25 Aug 2020; olympicchannel.com, 25 Aug 2020)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Review the old and learn the new." (fencingfan.net, 26 Nov 2015)
Awards and honours	In 2014 he was given the Kozuki Sports Prize by the Kozuki Foundation. He also received a Sports Excellence Award in Setagaya, Japan. (se-sports.or.jp, 23 Feb 2015; kozuki.or.jp, 11 Aug 2014) He received an Excellence Award at the 2012 Toba Players and Teams Excellence Awards. (toba.mie.jp, 14 Dec 2012)
Milestones	Along with Kazuyasu Minobe, Koki Kano, and Satoru Uyama, he was part of the men's epee team that won Japan's first gold medal in any fencing discipline at the Olympic Games. They beat ROC in the final at the 2020 Games in Tokyo. (SportsDeskOnline, 09 Apr 2022; mainichi.jp, 30 Jul 2021)
Famous relatives	His older sister Ayumi has represented Japan in fencing. She won bronze in team epee at the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia. His wife Rie Ohashi also competed in fencing for Japan and won bronze in team epee at the 2015 Asian Championships in Singapore and at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Republic of Korea. She also competed in epee at the world championships in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017. (SportsDeskOnline, 05 May 2021; jiji.com, 22 Dec 2020; bs-asahi.co.jp, 03 Jan 2020)
Ambitions	To win gold at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (pref.saitama.lg.jp, 09 Nov 2021)
Other information	YAMADA MASARU CUP In January 2023, the first Yamada Masaru Cup Toba Epee Fencing Tournament was held in his hometown in Japan. The tournament aimed to increase the interest in fencing among middle school and high school students aged between 13 and 17. (yomiuri.co.jp, 09 Jan 2023)