

General Information

Country:	KOR
Gender:	F
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1993-01-24
Profession:	Saber fencer
License:	24011993005

Further Personal Information

Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Korean
Higher education	Sport and Recreation Studies - Dong-Eui University: Busan, KOR

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing after starting junior high school in Busan, Republic of Korea.
Why this sport?	She competed in taekwondo when she was a primary school student. She wanted to take up fencing at junior high school, but there was only a male fencing team. She and her father then persuaded the school's headmaster to organise a female fencing team.
Club / Team	Seoul Metropolitan Government: Republic of Korea
Name of coach	Jeon Hee-Sook [club], KOR; Lee Kook-Hyun [national], KOR
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Memorable sporting achievement	Winning bronze in women's team sabre at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (Instagram profile, 01 Aug 2021)
Most influential person in career	Her father Yoon Hak-Kil. (news1.kr, 24 Sep 2014)
Injuries	In June 2018 she tore the meniscus in her knee. She decided to postpone surgery in order to compete at the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia, where she went on to win gold in the women's team sabre competition. In 2021 she underwent a second operation due to the same injury six weeks before the start of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. She returned in time to compete at the Games and claimed bronze in women's team sabre. (sporbiz.co.kr, 08 Feb 2021; yna.co.kr, 23 Aug 2018; seoulwire.com, 18 Aug 2021; E Channel 'Playing Sister', 30 Nov 2021)
Awards and honours	In 2020 she received an Encouragement Award at the Korean Sport and Olympic Committee Sports Awards. (Instagram profile, 08 Jul 2020) In 2019 she was named Athlete of the Year by the Korean Fencing Federation. (Instagram profile, 23 Dec 2019)
Milestones	She and her teammates Kim Ji-Yeon, Seo Ji-Yeon, and Choi Soo-Yeon became the first Korean women's team to win a medal in team sabre at the Olympic Games when they claimed bronze at the 2020 Games in Tokyo. (SportsDeskOnline, 05 Apr 2022; kihoilbo.co.kr, 23 Mar 2022)
Famous relatives	Her father Yoon Hak-Kil has represented the Republic of Korea in baseball and competed at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, where it was a demonstration sport. He also coached the Korean team at the 2009 World Cup in Nettuno, Italy. (busan.com, 26 Apr 2012; hankooki.com, 25 Apr 2012; baseball-softball.se, 01 Jun 2009)
Ambitions	To win a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (Yonhap News TV, 08 Oct 2023)
Other information	MOTHER'S ADVICE Her mother helped her rediscover her passion for the sport after a disappointing performance at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, where the Korean team were eliminated in the first round of the women's team sabre competition. "[After the 2016 Olympics] I didn't even want to see a sword. I kept doubting myself while thinking like, 'Would I achieve something after four years of preparation?'. At that time, my mother told me, 'Don't try to do something. Just let time go by'. The following season, my team began doing well by winning silver in the first international competition. Afterwards, my mother said that she was proud of me after enduring hardships." (E Channel 'Playing Sister', 30 Nov 2021) FURTHER EDUCATION She has a master's degree in sports business from Kookmin University in Seoul, Republic of Korea. (naver.com, 01 Jul 2021; Instagram profile, 21 Aug 2019)