

#### General Information

Country:	VEN
Gender:	M
Height:	182
Weight:	79
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1996-11-06
Education:	ESTUDIANTE
Profession:	ATLETA
License:	06111996000

#### Further Personal Information

Languages	Spanish
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#### Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age six, and started training more seriously at age 13.
Why this sport?	He followed his parents into the sport. "I started training from age six, but not consistently. My father took me when he could, my mother wanted me to practise, but it was only when I reached adolescence that I stuck with fencing."
Handedness	Right

#### International Debut

Year	2014
Competing for	Venezuela

#### General Interest

Nicknames	Cachalotico (toucheworld.com, 29 May 2018)
Hobbies	Football. (Facebook profile, 25 Jul 2021)
Memorable sporting achievement	Qualifying for the 2020 Olympic Games. (laprensalar.com.ve, 02 May 2021)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"I am one of those people who think that when you lose you should continue training, that you need more work and dedication. When I lose, I don't fall into despair or think that it's because of the referees or that I'm not good. I try to train harder." (toucheworld.com, 29 May 2018)
Awards and honours	In 2022 he received the Jacinto Lara Order [Third Class] from the state government of Lara in Venezuela. The honour was in recognition of his performance at the 2022 Bolivarian Games in Valledupar, Colombia. (elimpulso.com, 16 Jul 2022)
Famous relatives	His father Gerardo represented Venezuela in fencing at the 1982 World Championships in Rome, Italy. His mother Marlene Heredia also was a fencer at national level in Venezuela. (SportsDeskOnline, 10 Jul 2023; aporrea.org, 04 Feb 2023)
Ambitions	To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (Instagram profile, 24 Jun 2022)
Other information	TRAINING IN POLAND Between 2014 and 2017 he spent three years living and training in Lodz, Poland. He was given the opportunity to train in Poland through the support of the Ruben Limardo Foundation, which was co-founded by Venezuelan epee fencer Ruben Limardo. (france24.com, 16 Jun 2021; sport.tvp.pl, 09 Nov 2020; globovision.com, 03 Mar 2016)