

General Information

Country:	JPN
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1997-05-29
License:	29051997000

Further Personal Information

Residence	Tokyo, JPN
Occupation	Athlete, Office Worker
Languages	Japanese
Higher education	Law - Hosei University: Tokyo, JPN

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age five.
Why this sport?	He and his sister took up the sport after his father established a fencing club in Minowa, Japan. At the time he was interested in television shows about Japanese superheroes.
Club / Team	Septeni Holdings: Japan
Name of coach	Erwann Le Pechoux [national], FRA
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Nicknames	Chiri Chiri (fencingfan.net, 25 Oct 2016)
Hobbies	Yoga. (Instagram profile, 18 Feb 2021)
Most influential person in career	His father Shigeru. (4years.asahi.com, 17 Sep 2021)
Hero / Idol	Japanese fencer Yuki Ota. (joc.or.jp, 16 Mar 2016)
Injuries	In July 2022 he sustained an injury to his hip joint and was sidelined for five months. (hochi.news, 10 Dec 2022)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Where there is a will, there is a way." (Ameba profile, 18 May 2020)
Awards and honours	In 2018 he received a Special Award at the ABN Sports Grand Awards in Japan. (abn-tv.co.jp, 07 May 2018)
Famous relatives	His father Shigeru Saito competed in fencing at national level in Japan. (sports.yahoo.co.jp, 28 Feb 2018)
Ambitions	To win gold in individual and team foil at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (sports.yahoo.co.jp, 12 Jan 2022)
Other information	INSPIRATION As a primary school student, he was given the chance to compete in an exhibition bout against Japanese fencer Yuki Ota. "Although I was a little child, I could feel that he fought against me with all his heart. He taught me about the attitude a fencer needs to have. Moreover, I started dreaming about the Olympic Games after listening to his Olympic experience. That one day changed my view of life." (king-gear.com, 19 May 2018)