

**General Information**

Country:	VEN
Gender:	M
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1996-09-19
License:	19091996000

**Further Personal Information**

Residence	Lódz, POL
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Spanish

**Sport Specific Information**

When and where did you begin this sport?	He began fencing at age 12 in Valencia, Venezuela.
Why this sport?	He was inspired to take up the sport after watching the Venezuelan epee team compete at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. After finishing his military studies in 2015, he decided to focus on fencing and relocated to Poland to train with the team of Venezuelan fencer Ruben Limardo. "I wrote them to ask to train with them. They replied to me after the [2016 Olympic] Games in Rio de Janeiro and I came to Poland to train with them."
Name of coach	Benry Martinez [national, personal]
Training Regime	He trains for up to five hours a day.

**General Interest**

Hobbies	Playing online card games, playing video games. (toucheworld.com, 29 Nov 2023)
Memorable sporting achievement	Winning bronze in team epee at the 2023 World Championships in Milan, Italy. (Instagram profile, 29 Jul 2023; toucheworld.com, 29 Nov 2023)
Most influential person in career	His mother and sister, and coach Lazaro Ortiz. (toucheworld.com, 29 Nov 2023)
Hero / Idol	Venezuelan fencer Ruben Limardo. (mechecelta.com, 03 Jun 2017)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"If you know what your goals are, you must insist on achieving them. Don't complain and go find solutions. You must always insist." (toucheworld.com, 29 Nov 2023)
Milestones	He and teammates Ruben Limardo, Francisco Limardo and Jesus Limardo became the first fencers representing Venezuela to win a medal in a team event at the world championships when they took bronze in team epee at the 2023 edition of the tournament in Milan, Italy. (SportsDeskOnline, 09 May 2024)
Ambitions	To win a medal at the Olympic Games. (toucheworld.com, 29 Nov 2023)
Other information	<p><b>FURTHER EDUCATION</b> He has also studied at the Bolivarian Military University of Venezuela. "I lived very difficult moments at the academy such as when there were parachuting courses and field practises. But all that training helped me to grow up and to be mentally strong." (Facebook profile, 28 Jun 2022; liderendeportes.com, 27 Mar 2024; toucheworld.com, 29 Nov 2023)</p> <p><b>NAME</b> His mother registered him as Grabiél when he was born. "That's my name, not Gabriel. It was not a typo, my mother registered me like that." (mechecelta.com, 03 Jun 2017)</p>