FIE INTERNATIONAL FENCING

ILIEVA YOANA

General Information		
Country:	BUL	
Gender:	F	
Handedness:	Left-handed	
Date of birth:	2001-06-20	
License:	20062001000	

Further Personal Information		
Residence	Sofia, BUL	
Occupation	Athlete, Student	
Languages	Bulgarian, English, French, Russian	

Sport Specific Information		
When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age eight. "From the very beginning, I decided that whatever sport I started training for would be serious. When I was young and we had to do physical activities, I was never unhappy about it. On the contrary, I wanted to do it better than the others and more often. If the other kids trained four times a week, I would train six times."	
Why this sport?	She took up the sport as an extra-curricular activity after coaches came to her school. She believes the qualities associated with fencing help in other areas of her life. "Speed, agility, stamina, reflexes, these qualities help you a lot in life, not just in sports."	
Club / Team	Vasil Etropolski Fencing Academy [BUL] / Svechnikov Fencing Club [BUL]:	
Name of coach	Ivailo Vodenov [national], BUL	
Handedness	Left	

General Interest		
Hobbies	Bowling, spending time with family and friends. (trud.bg, 03 Aug 2023)	
Most influential person in career	Her grandfather. (bntnews.bg, 28 Apr 2024)	
Hero / Idol	Bulgarian fencer Vasil Etropolski. (sportal.bg, 29 Jun 2016)	
Awards and honours	She received the Bulgarian Sports Glory Award for 2023. (Bulgarian Fencing Federation Facebook page, 03 Feb 2024)	
	She was named the 2019 Best Female Competitor by the Bulgarian Fencing Federation. (bulfencing.com, 13 Mar 2020)	
Milestones	She became the first female sabre fencer representing Bulgaria to win a medal at the world championships when she claimed bronze in the individual competition at the 2023 edition of the tournament in Milan, Italy. (SportsDeskOnline, 15 May 2024; sportal.bg, 27 Jul 2023)	
Ambitions	To win a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (topsport.bg, 12 Jan 2020)	