

**General Information**

Country:	JPN
Gender:	F
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	2001-11-28
License:	28112001000

**Further Personal Information**

Occupation	Athlete, Office Worker
Languages	Japanese

**Sport Specific Information**

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age six and took up the sport seriously during the second grade of primary school.
Why this sport?	Her parents both competed in the sport and she would often go to the training venue where her father coached.
Club / Team	Air Water: Tokyo, JPN
Name of coach	Franck Boidin [national], FRA
Handedness	Right

**General Interest**

Hobbies	Watching baseball. (hochi.news, 30 Jul 2021)
Hero / Idol	Japanese fencer Yuki Ota, Japanese baseball player Shohei Ohtani. (hochi.news, 30 Jul 2021; chunichi.co.jp, 01 Feb 2019)
Injuries	In March 2021 she underwent surgery on her hip. She returned to competition in May that year. (hochi.news, 30 Jul 2021)  In January 2021 she was troubled by a sprain to her right ankle and shin splints in her left leg. (hochi.news, 09 Jan 2021)  In 2019 she suffered an injury to her right leg that prevented her from training or competing for a month. (nishinippon.co.jp, 01 Jun 2020)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"The more difficulties you have, the more you need to stay calm." (chunichi.co.jp, 01 Feb 2019)
Awards and honours	In 2019 she received the International Award at the Oita Godo Shinbun Sports Awards in Japan. (oita-press.co.jp, 08 Mar 2019)  She was presented with the New Face Award at the 2018 Japanese Olympic Committee [JOC] Sports Awards. (seisa.ed.jp, 01 Apr 2019)
Famous relatives	Her parents both competed in fencing at the National Sports Festival in Japan. Her older brother Yuto has represented Japan in fencing at World Cup events. (SportsDeskOnline, 10 Jun 2023; fie.org, 01 Jun 2021; nishinippon.co.jp, 01 Jun 2020; chunichi.co.jp, 01 Feb 2019; sanspo.com, 07 Dec 2018; news.tv-asahi.co.jp, 09 Apr 2024)
Ambitions	To win gold at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (news.tv-asahi.co.jp, 09 Apr 2024)
Other information	<b>INSPIRED BY BROTHER</b> She believes that training with her older brother Yuto from a young age is responsible for her attacking style. "It's often said that I fence like a man, because I'm good at attacking and defending using fast movements. It's my personality to move violently back and forth like a man. I hate to lose so much that I used to really fight against my brother and it's thanks to him that I've been able to fence as fast as a man. If I stop, I can never win, so I just want to move and confuse the other person." (tokyo2020.org, 08 Apr 2021; number.bunshun.jp, 28 Dec 2020; nishinippon.co.jp, 01 Jun 2020)