

General Information

Country:	JPN
Gender:	F
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1999-08-20
License:	20081999001

Further Personal Information

Occupation	Athlete, Office Worker
Languages	Japanese
Higher education	Physical Education - Nippon Sport Science University: Tokyo, JPN

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age 10 in Wakayama, Japan.
Why this sport?	She and her sister Rio were encouraged to take up the sport by their mother Miki, who had competed in fencing at international level.
Club / Team	Kyodo Ky-Tec: Japan
Name of coach	Franck Boidin [national], FRA
Handedness	Right

General Interest

Hobbies	Listening to music. (tokyo-sports.co.jp, 20 May 2017)
Most influential person in career	Her mother Miki. (sports.smt.docomo.ne.jp, 29 Jul 2019)
Hero / Idol	Brazilian footballer Neymar. (Instagram profile, 25 Apr 2021; sponichi.co.jp, 30 May 2017)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Fencing is my life." (Instagram profile, 12 Apr 2022)
Awards and honours	She received a Sports Promotion Award at the 2017 Wakayama City Sports Awards in Japan. (rokaru.jp, 01 Mar 2018)
Famous relatives	Her mother Miki represented Japan in fencing at the world junior championships. Her older sister Rio has also competed in the sport and represented Japan at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (SportsDeskOnline, 14 Apr 2022; hochi.news, 25 Apr 2021; olympicchannel.com, 29 Jan 2019; motherld.com, 07 May 2018; tokyo-sports.co.jp, 02 Apr 2024)
Ambitions	To win a medal at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris and the 2028 Games in Los Angeles. (tokyo-sports.co.jp, 02 Apr 2024)
Other information	FAMILY INSPIRATION She admits that the rivalry with her older sister Rio has been a motivating factor in her fencing career. "Since I started fencing at the local Wakita Junior Club, my sister has always been one step ahead in terms of mastering new techniques, but I just kept swinging my sword so that I wouldn't lose to her." Ahead of competing at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, she said she had been inspired by the fact that her mother Miki never got the opportunity to compete at the Games. "I decided to go to the Olympics for my mother. I always remember that feeling if I lose sight of my goals when I'm losing." (sports.smt.docomo.ne.jp, 29 Jul 2019; olympicchannel.com, 29 Jan 2019)