

General Information

Country:	HUN
Gender:	F
Height:	162
Weight:	58
Handedness:	Left-handed
Date of birth:	1976-03-12
Education:	university
Profession:	sportsman
License:	12031976000

Further Personal Information

Family	Husband Laurie Shong, daughters Olivia and Leila
Residence	Hungary
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	English, French, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age 12.
Why this sport?	Her physical education teacher encouraged her to try the sport.
Club / Team	Ujpesti Torna Egylet [UTE]; Hungary
Name of coach	Viktor Feczner [national], HUN; Antal Solti
Handedness	Left

General Interest

Hobbies	Making cosmetics. (borsonline.hu, 17 Jun 2018)
Memorable sporting achievement	Competing at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. (magyarnemzet.hu, 29 Jul 2021)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Sometimes you have to do the exact opposite of what you think you should do and sometimes you just have to trust your feelings. So far, this has always helped me." (lokal.hu, 17 Jan 2019)
Awards and honours	She and swimmer Laszlo Cseh were Hungary's flag bearers at the opening ceremony of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. (en.as.com, 23 Jul 2021)
Milestones	At the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo she became the first athlete to represent Hungary in any sport at seven editions of the Olympic Games. She made her Olympic debut at the 1996 Games in Atlanta. (magyarnemzet.hu, 29 Jul 2021; SportsDeskOnline, 11 Apr 2022)
Famous relatives	Her husband Laurie Shong has represented Canada in fencing. He won bronze in individual epee at the 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, MB, Canada. (SportsDeskOnline, 26 Jun 2015; ujpestkartya.hu, 06 Aug 2014)
Other information	<p>OLYMPIC VETERAN Having made her Olympic debut at the 1996 Games in Atlanta, she went on to become the first athlete to represent Hungary in any sport at seven Olympic Games with her appearance at the 2020 Games in Tokyo. "I'm training harder than 10 or 20 years ago, probably because fencing has changed and it's more athletic. Plus, I have to catch up with the younger ones, so I have to put in more effort than at the Olympics before. It never feels routine. Even [during] my last tournament, I was [as] excited as my first tournament, and I can say the same for the Olympic Games. Only one thing changed, it's that I'm more experienced." (SportsDeskOnline, 11 Apr 2022; abcnews.go.com, 29 Jun 2021; theworld.org, 23 Jul 2021)</p> <p>COACHING EXPERIENCE She has organised and coached a number of international fencing camps focused on high-performance training. (LinkedIn profile, 01 Jan 2020)</p> <p>FURTHER EDUCATION After completing her studies at the University of Physical Education in Budapest, Hungary, she completed a bachelor's degree in economics at the College of International Management and Business in Budapest in 2001. She later earned a master's degree in economics and marketing at Szent Istvan University in Godollo, Hungary, in 2004. (LinkedIn profile, 01 Jan 2020)</p> <p>HERITAGE She was born to a Syrian father and a Hungarian mother. (ujpestkartya.hu, 06 Aug 2014)</p>