

**General Information**

Country:	KOR
Gender:	F
Handedness:	Left-handed
Date of birth:	1985-03-01
License:	01031985001

**Further Personal Information**

Family	Husband Ko Seon-Ji [2015]
Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Korean

**Sport Specific Information**

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing in grade seven of middle school in Incheon, Republic of Korea.
Why this sport?	She played handball at primary school. She switched to fencing after starting middle school following encouragement from her physical education teacher.
Club / Team	Gwangju City Seo-gu Office : Republic of Korea
Name of coach	Park Kwang-Hyun [club]; Gu Gyo-Dong [national], KOR
Handedness	Left

**General Interest**

Most influential person in career	Her mother Choi Geum-Seon. (news.sbs.co.kr, 22 Aug 2018)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Live life without regrets." (seoul.co.kr, 12 Jan 2021)
Awards and honours	In 2019 she was presented with an Excellence Award at the 65th Korean Sport and Olympic Committee Athletics Awards. (jndn.com, 27 Feb 2019)  In 2017 and 2018 she received an Excellence Award from the Korean Fencing Federation in the Republic of Korea. (jnilbo.com, 20 Dec 2018; news.sbs.co.kr, 13 Dec 2017)
Ambitions	To compete at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (namdonews.com, 11 Aug 2021)
Other information	<b>OLYMPIC DREAM</b> She decided to put off her retirement and starting a family in order to compete at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. She won a silver medal in women's team epee at the 2020 Games. "It was my dream, so I thought that I would regret a lot if I gave up the 2020 Olympics [due to the postponement of the Games until 2021]. Thankfully, my husband also supported me a lot." (namdonews.com, 30 Mar 2022, 11 Aug 2021; seoul.co.kr, 12 Jan 2021)