

**General Information**

Country:	POL
Gender:	F
Height:	177
Weight:	67
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1989-05-01
Education:	Pupil
License:	01051989000

**Further Personal Information**

Other names	Ewa Nelip
Residence	Warsaw, POL
Occupation	Armed Forces Athlete
Languages	English, French, Polish
Higher education	Finance - University of Notre Dame : South Bend, IN, USA

**Sport Specific Information**

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age 10 in Katowice, Poland.
Why this sport?	She saw an advertisement in a local shop for a fencing club and decided to try the sport. "I fell in love with it on the spot. I love the tactical side of fencing. I simply enjoy it, even when I lose. The club I started at only offered epee for women, so that is what I trained. I have never really wondered what it would be like to try another weapon."
Club / Team	AZS AWF Katowice: Poland
Name of coach	Bartlomiej Jezyk [national], POL
Handedness	Right

**General Interest**

Hero / Idol	Fencing coach Cedric Loiseau. (wywiady24.blog.onet.pl, 30 May 2015)
Injuries	In April 2021 she tore two ligaments in her foot and could not train until late May that year. (sportdziennik.com, 18 Jul 2021)  She injured the cruciate ligament in her right knee in late 2014. She continued to train but in October 2015 she was advised to have surgery, which put her out of action for eight months and ended her chances of competing at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (wiadomosci.com, 26 Sep 2018; leparisien.fr, 17 Jan 2019)  In 2013 she underwent surgery on her shoulder. (wywiady24.blog.onet.pl, 30 May 2015)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"Fencing is like chess. Being able to play a mental game against your opponent is just as important as being physically well prepared. Fencing is about deceiving the opponent, hitting them while not getting too tired yourself. In addition to patience and resistance to stress, you also need to be able to play this mental game, and predict some of your opponent's moves in advance." (sportowefakty.wp.pl, 31 Jul 2020)
Awards and honours	In 2011 she was presented with the Gold Cross of Merit in Poland. (isap.sejm.gov.pl, 05 Oct 2011)
Famous relatives	Her mother Grazyna played volleyball at junior international level and her father Pawel was a professional cyclist. (leparisien.fr, 17 Jan 2019)
Other information	<b>INJURY DELAYS OLYMPIC DREAM</b> After graduating from the University of Notre Dame she was offered a job in the United States of America, but turned down the offer as she was aiming to compete at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. When a knee injury ended her chances of competing in Rio, she considered quitting the sport and returning to the United States of America. "I had the work visa in my passport, but then I realised that I still had some unfinished business. I felt that I could still achieve a lot. As a team, we did not manage to qualify for the 2012 Olympic Games in London, and I did not go to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro because of an injury. I thought to myself that I was not through with fencing yet and that I would give myself one more chance." (sportowefakty.wp.pl, 31 Jul 2020; leparisien.fr, 17 Jan 2019)  <b>FURTHER EDUCATION</b> She has a master's degree in accounting from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN, United States of America. (izoliborz.pl, 01 Mar 2018)  <b>COACHING</b> She worked as a coach for the fencing team at the University of Notre Dame in the United States of America during the 2014/15 season. (und.com, 11 Jun 2015)

