

General Information

Country:	JPN
Gender:	F
Handedness:	Right-handed
Date of birth:	1998-11-20
License:	20111998000

Further Personal Information

Occupation	Athlete
Languages	Japanese
Higher education	Law - Chuo University: Hachioji, JPN

Sport Specific Information

When and where did you begin this sport?	She began fencing at age nine.
Why this sport?	She was encouraged to try the sport by her parents, and went to a fencing class where her father coached. She took up foil in grade three of primary school, but competed in sabre at a competition which had a prize of a jigsaw puzzle. She then switched to sabre before starting middle school.
Name of coach	Jerome Guth [national], FRA
Handedness	Right

International Debut

Year	2014
Competing for	Japan

General Interest

Hobbies	Shopping, fashion. (championship.fencing-jpn.jp, 15 Nov 2022; Instagram profile, 20 Mar 2021)
Most influential person in career	Coach Lee Wook-Jae. (sportiva.shueisha.co.jp, 23 Feb 2023)
Injuries	She sustained an injury to her left foot in 2022, and was still dealing with the problem in 2024. (olympics.com, 20 May 2024)
Sporting philosophy / motto	"The attraction of fencing lies in the spectacle offered. Looking for perfectly precise movements and winning with impeccable technique is exhilarating." (shinken-oita.jp, 05 Apr 2021)
Awards and honours	She and shooter Akihito Shimizu were named flag bearers for Japan for the opening ceremony of the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, People's Republic of China. (nhk.or.jp, 15 Sep 2023) She was given the 2014 Sports Prize for Encouragement in Tokyo, Japan. (tokyo.jp, 25 Nov 2014)
Milestones	She became the first fencer representing Japan to win gold in individual sabre at the world championships by claiming victory at the 2022 edition of the tournament in Cairo, Egypt. (SportsDeskOnline, 10 Jun 2023; nhk.or.jp, 21 Jul 2023)
Famous relatives	Her father Koji Emura has represented Japan in fencing, and competed in foil at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. He also served as head coach of the Japanese fencing team at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Her mother Takae Emura competed in epee at the 1997 World Championships in Cape Town, South Africa. Her younger brother Ryohei has competed in sabre at Grand Prix events, while her older brother Syotaro has competed in fencing at national level in Japan. (yomiuri.co.jp, 13 Jan 2024; SportsDeskOnline, 10 Jun 2023; sanspo.com, 26 Apr 2021; nikkansports.com, 09 Apr 2021, 03 Jun 2018; eurofencing.info, 01 Jan 2021; fencing-jpn.jp, 01 Oct 2020; hochi.co.jp, 24 Sep 2014)
Ambitions	To win two medals at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris. (sportiva.shueisha.co.jp, 23 Feb 2023)
Other information	TURNING PROFESSIONAL In April 2021 she turned professional after completing her studies at Chuo University in Hachioji, Japan. "There were two reasons. Firstly, I wasn't able to give back to my sponsors who supported me ahead of the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo due to the postponement of the Games. Secondly, there have been no fencers who were able to continue their sporting careers solely on income received from sponsors. I'm still not sure whether this choice will bring good results, but I'm confident that my success will give the next generation new dreams and possibilities." (sportiva.shueisha.co.jp, 23 Feb 2023; Instagram profile, 11 Apr 2021; nikkansports.com, 09 Apr 2021)