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**NAM HYUN-HEE** 

NOC Korea 🔅
Gender Women

**Born** 29 Sep 1981 in Seongnam, KOR

Height 1.57 m Weight 44 kg

**Head-to-Head results** 

## **HUMAN INTEREST**

### **Further Personal Information**

Marital status Married

Family Husband Gong Hyo Suk, daughter Hi

Residence Seoul, KOR

Occupation Athlete, Public Servant

Languages Korean

Higher education Physical Education - Korea National Sports University: Seoul, KOR

# Sport Specific Information

When and where did She took up fencing in 1994.

you begin this sport?

**Why this sport?** Her teacher suggested she try the sport.

Club / Team Seongnam City Hall: Korea

Name of coach Choi Myungjin

Coach from which Korea

country?

Handedness Left Footedness Left

#### International Debut

Year 2004
Competing for Korea
Location Greece

### **General Interest**

**Hobbies** Shopping, eating out. (zum.com, 20 Dec 2013)

Injuries She was hospitalised with hepatitis after the 2008 Olympic Games. (globalpost.com,

27 Jul 2012)

**Awards and honours** She was named Sport Star of the Year at the 2012 Kyungki Do Sport Awards.

(kyeongin.com, 21 Dec 2012)

She received Best Player of the Year Award at the Seoul City Sport Awards in 2006

and 2008. (news.sbs.co.kr, 26 Dec 2006; news.sbs.co.kr, 22 Dec 2008)

Famous relatives Her husband Gong Hyo Suk has represented Korea in mountain biking.

(sports.khan.co.kr, 29 April 2013)

**Ambitions** To win gold medals at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Korea, and at the 2016

Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. (yonhapnews.co.kr, 03 Aug 2013;

blog.incheon2014.kr, 20 Jan 2014)

#### Other information

#### ATHLETE'S OATH

She was chosen to recite the Athlete's Oath at the opening ceremony of the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, Korea. The oath is taken on behalf of all competing athletes and promises to uphold good sportsmanship and fair play. (Asiad Daily, 17 Sep 2014)

#### **ROLE MODEL**

She returned to fencing four months after giving birth to her daughter in May 2013. "I wanted to become a national team member, not to win a third gold medal at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon,, but because of the future of female fencers who wish to continue the sport after giving a birth." (news.kbs.co.kr, 05 Sep 2013; zum.com, 20 Dec 2013)

#### NATIONAL FIRST

She became Korea's first female fencer to win a medal at the Olympic Games when she claimed the silver medal in the individual foil in Beijing in 2008. (adidas.com, 27 Jul 2012)

#### PLASTIC SURGERY

She underwent facial plastic surgery in 2006 for cosmetic reasons and was disciplined by the Korean fencing association, who barred her from national selection for six months. (newsen.com, 26 May 2011)

#### **MAJOR RESULTS**

Year	Rank	Event	Venue
Olympic Games			
2012	4	Individual Foil	London, England
2008	2	Individual Foil	Beijing, China
2004	8	Individual Foil	Athens, Greece
World Championships			
2011	3	Team Foil	Catania, Italy
2011	3	Individual Foil	Catania, Italy
2010	3	Team Foil	Paris, France
2010	3	Individual Foil	Paris, France
2009	6	Team Foil	Antalya, Turkey
2007	5	Individual Foil	St. Petersburg, Russia
2006	3	Team Foil	Turin, Italy
2006	5	Individual Foil	Turin, Italy
2005	1	Team Foil	Leipzig, Germany
2005	6	Individual Foil	Leipzig, Germany
Asian Championships			
2014	1	Individual Foil	Suwon, Korea
2012	1	Individual Foil	Wakayama, Japan
2011	1	Individual Foil	Seoul, Korea
2009	1	Individual Foil	Doha, Qatar
2008	5	Individual Foil	Bangkok, Thailand

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