





## Georgina Póta

<b>Nickname:</b>	-
<b>Nation:</b>	Hungarian 
<b>Date of birth:</b>	13 January 1985
<b>Height:</b>	170 cm
<b>Place of birth:</b>	Budapest, Hungary
<b>Playing hand:</b>	right 
<b>Style of play:</b>	Shakehand grip
<b>Coach:</b>	-
<b>Current world ranking (week 51 - 2024):</b>	64
<b>Current European ranking (December 2024):</b>	14
<b>Clubs as active player(s):</b>	SH-ITB Budaörsi Sport Club

## Senior Career Highlights

### 2024:

- July: Represented Hungary in the Women's Singles event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, marking her fifth Olympic appearance.

### 2016:

- Georgina Póta competed in the Women's Singles event at the Rio 2016 Olympics but was eliminated in the second round.

### 2008:

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- She won the gold medal in Women's Doubles at the 2008 European Championships, partnering with Krisztina Tóth.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

2007:

- In 2007, Póta played a pivotal role in Hungary's victory at the European Team Championships, securing the gold medal.

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## Medals and Titles

- **European Championships:**

2007 Belgrade, Gold medal – first place, Team

2008 St. Petersburg, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

2007 Belgrade, Silver medal – second place, Doubles

2008 St. Petersburg, Silver medal – second place, Team

2012 Herning, Silver medal – second place, Doubles

2015 Yekaterinburg, Silver medal – second place, Doubles

2007 Belgrade, Bronze medal – third place, Mixed Doubles

2010 Ostrava, Bronze medal – third place, Doubles

- **World Cup:**

2007 Magdeburg, Bronze medal – third place, Team

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## Junior Career and Early Achievements

### Medals and Titles

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- Póta secured the gold medal in Cadet Mixed Doubles at the 1999 European Youth Championships, highlighting her emerging talent.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

Her triumph in 1999 was pivotal, showcasing her talent and setting the stage for her successful transition to senior-level competitions.

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## 2024: Detailed Overview and Achievements

### Medals and Titles

- July: Competed in the **Paris 2024 Olympics**, representing Hungary for the fifth time on the Olympic stage.

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## Breakthrough Moments and Achievements

The 2024 Olympic participation underscores her longevity and consistency in maintaining elite-level performance over two decades.

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## Biography and Career

Póta began practicing table tennis in 1990, which would make her around five years old, aligning with her birth year of 1985. Early in her career, she joined the esteemed **Statisztika Table Tennis Club**, known for producing many of Hungary's top players. Under expert coaching, she developed an attacking playing style that combined power, precision, and tactical intelligence.

Over the years, Póta has been a key figure for Hungary in major international tournaments, helping maintain the nation's strong presence in European table tennis. Her dedication, discipline, and passion for the sport have made her a role model for younger generations.

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## Early Life and Background



Born in Budapest, Póta's early introduction to table tennis came through her family's encouragement. Balancing academics and athletics, she quickly rose through the junior ranks, earning national and international recognition by the time she was a teenager. Her early success at the **European Junior Championships** marked the beginning of an illustrious career.

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### Playing Style and Personality

Georgina Póta is known for her **aggressive attacking style**, utilizing a **shakehand grip**. Her powerful forehand strokes and quick reflexes make her a formidable opponent, especially in fast-paced rallies. Off the table, she is regarded as a committed professional and a humble athlete, respected for her sportsmanship and leadership.

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### Legacy and Future Goals

As of **December 2024**, Póta remains one of Hungary's most celebrated table tennis players. Her participation in five Olympic Games and her numerous successes on the international stage have solidified her legacy as a Hungarian sports icon. Looking forward, she aims to contribute to table tennis through coaching, mentoring, and promoting the sport within Hungary and beyond.

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### Conclusions

Georgina Póta's career is a testament to her talent, perseverance, and passion for table tennis. From her early dominance in junior competitions to her long-standing presence in senior international tournaments, she has left an indelible mark on the sport. Her achievements continue to inspire the next generation of athletes, ensuring her legacy endures for years to come.

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