















# **XIAONA SHAN**

AGE
EU RANKING
NATION
GERMAN
PLAYING STYLE
PLAYING HAND
CLUB
KTS TARNOBRZEG
TTC BERLIN EASTSIDE

DATE OF BIRTH
HEIGHT
PLACE OF BIRTH
GRIP STYLE
COACH
WORLD RANKING
CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

18 JANUARY 1983 165 CM ANSHAN, LIAONING, CHINA PENHOLD

> 52 KTS TARNOBRZEG TTC BERLN EASTSIDE

# MEDALS AND TITLES

## July 2024:

• Competed in the women's team event at the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics, where the German team reached the semifinals but finished fourth after a loss to South Korea in the bronze medal match.

## **Olympic Games:**

2016 Rio de Janeiro, Silver medal – second place, Team

## **World Championships:**

2022 Chengdu, Bronze medal – third place, Team

## **European Games:**

- 2015 Baku, Gold medal first place, Team
- 2019 Minsk, Gold medal first place, Team
- 2023 Kraków–Małopolska, Silver medal second place, Team

## **European Championships:**

- 2013 Schwechat, Gold medal first place, Team
- 2014 Lisbon, Gold medal first place, Team
- 2015 Yekaterinburg, Gold medal first place, Team
- 2021 Warsaw, Gold medal first place, Doubles
- 2023 Malmö, Gold medal first place, Team
- 2013 Schwechat, Silver medal second place, Singles
- 2013 Schwechat, Silver medal second place, Doubles
- 2016 Budapest, Silver medal second place, Doubles
- 2017 Luxembourg City, Silver medal second place, Team
- 2021 Warsaw, Silver medal second place, Singles
- 2022 Munich, Bronze medal third place, Singles

# PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Shan Xiaona is known for her penhold grip and attacking playing style, a combination that is relatively rare in women's table tennis. Her quick reflexes and aggressive play make her a formidable opponent. Off the table, she is recognized for her dedication, professionalism, and ability to overcome cultural and language barriers, endearing her to teammates and fans alike.

# BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2013:

#### October:

• Her participation in the European Championships marked her debut in major international competitions representing Germany, where she contributed to the team's gold medal victory.

## 2016:

#### **August:**

• Winning the silver medal at the Rio Olympics was a pivotal moment, elevating her status in international table tennis and highlighting her as a key player for Germany.

# CAREER

Born in Anshan, Liaoning, China, Shan Xiaona developed her table tennis skills within China's competitive sports system. In the early 2010s, she moved to Germany, seeking broader opportunities in her professional career. After acquiring German citizenship, she became eligible to represent Germany in international competitions from 2013 onwards. Her aggressive penhold playing style, combined with her experience, made her a valuable asset to the German national team.

# LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

As of December 2024, Shan Xiaona's career reflects a successful integration into German table tennis, with significant contributions to the national team's achievements. Her journey from China to Germany serves as an inspiring narrative of adaptability and perseverance. Looking forward, she may focus on mentoring young players and contributing to the development of table tennis in Germany.

# SOCIAL MEDIA

• Instagram: @xiaonashan