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# Dimitrij Ovtcharov

AGE

37

EU RANKING

8

NATION

GERMAN

PLAYING STYLE

ATTACK

PLAYING HAND

RIGHT

CLUB

TTC RHÖNSPRUDEL FULDA-MABERZELL

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| DATE OF BIRTH                 | 2 SEPTEMBER 1988                |
| HEIGHT                        | 186 CM                          |
| PLACE OF BIRTH                | KYIV, UKRAINE                   |
| GRIP STYLE                    | SHAKEHAND                       |
| COACH                         | QING YUMENG                     |
| WORLD RANKING                 | 30                              |
| CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S) | TTC RHÖNSPRUDEL FULDA-MABERZELL |

## MEDALS AND TITLES

### WTT Events

- 2024 Star Contender Goa Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2023 Contender Antalya Singles, Silver medal – second place

### Olympic Games

- 2021 Tokyo Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2021 Tokyo Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2016 Rio de Janeiro Team, Bronze medal – third place
- 2012 London Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2012 London Team, Bronze medal – third place
- 2008 Beijing Team, Silver medal – second place

### World Championships

- 2017 Liège World Cup, Gold medal – first place

### European Championships

- 2024 Linz Singles, Bronze medal – third place
- 2015 Ekaterinburg Singles, Gold medal – first place

### European Games

- 2015 Baku Singles, Gold medal – first place

### World Junior Championships

- 2004 World Junior Championships Singles, Bronze medal – third place

### European Youth Championships

- 2005 Singles, Gold medal – first place
- 2005 Doubles, Gold medal – first place

## PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Ovtcharov is a right-handed, shakehand grip player known for his classical offensive style, combining powerful forehand topspins with a solid backhand counter. His distinctive and deceptive serving technique has long been one of the most studied in the game, earning him crucial advantages in high-pressure matches. A seasoned all-round attacker, he thrives on tactical variety and timing. On court, Ovtcharov is recognized for his resilience, grit, and match-play intelligence—traits that have made him a cornerstone of the German national team for over a decade. As of 2025, he remains a veteran figure in global table tennis, often praised for his leadership, mental strength, and professionalism. Off the table, his disciplined approach and respectful demeanor continue to earn admiration from fans, media, and fellow players.

## BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

### WTT Champions (Frankfurt)

- Scored a major upset against world number two Tomokazu Harimoto in the Round of 16, showcasing his enduring ability to challenge top-tier opponents. He advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Sora Matsushima, marking one of his deepest WTT runs of the season.

### Season disruption and recovery

- Withdrew from the World Championships due to a neck injury and later underwent a successful minor endoscopic cervical procedure in June. Despite the setback, he continued representing TTC RhönSprudel Fulda-Maberzell and extended his club contract through 2027, ensuring career continuity during recovery.

2024

### European Championships (Linz)

- Secured a bronze medal in men's singles after reaching the semifinals, confirming his status among Europe's elite.

### WTT Star Contender (Goa)

- Achieved a third-place finish in men's singles, maintaining strong form on the WTT circuit.

2023

### WTT Contender (Antalya)

- Reached the final in a thrilling match against Félix Lebrun. Despite a 3-4 loss, the performance underscored his continued competitiveness at the top level.

2021

### **Tokyo Olympic Games**

- Won bronze in men's singles and silver in the team event, bringing his Olympic medal tally to five. A hallmark of his experience and match-play resilience.

2018

### **World No. 1 Ranking**

- Reached the top of the ITTF world rankings, a career milestone and recognition of years of elite-level consistency.

2017

### **Men's World Cup**

- Clinched the title with a win over Timo Boll in the final – one of the biggest titles of his career.

2015

### **European Championships (Ekaterinburg)**

- Won gold in men's singles, cementing his status as one of Europe's dominant players.

### **European Games (Baku)**

- Took gold in men's singles at the inaugural edition, making history for Germany.

2012

### **London Olympic Games**

- Captured two bronze medals (singles and team), establishing himself as a global force in the sport.

2008

### **Beijing Olympic Games**

- Made his Olympic debut and helped Germany win silver in the team event at just 19 years old.

2005-2004

### **Youth Achievements**

- Double gold at the 2005 European Youth Championships (singles and doubles), and semifinalist at the 2004 World Junior Championships – early signs of a future world-class career.

**CAREER**

Dimitrij Ovtcharov's journey in table tennis began under the guidance of his father, Mikhail, a former Soviet table tennis champion.

After relocating to Germany in 1992, he developed rapidly through the national youth system and soon became a central figure in German table tennis. His career includes multiple Olympic medals, a World Cup title, and a brief reign as world number one – achievements that reflect his long-standing presence among the sport's elite.

By 2025, Ovtcharov remained a veteran force on the international scene. He continued to compete at top-tier WTT events and in the Bundesliga for TTC RhönSprudel Fulda-Maberzell, where he extended his contract through 2027. His season was marked by a high-profile upset over Tomokazu Harimoto in Frankfurt and a quarterfinal finish, but was also disrupted by a neck injury that forced him to withdraw from the World Championships and undergo minor surgery. Despite the setback, he remains focused on recovery and returning to full competitive form.

## LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Dimitrij Ovtcharov has long been regarded as one of the cornerstones of German and European table tennis. With multiple Olympic medals, a former world number one ranking, and a career spanning nearly two decades, his impact on the sport is both historical and ongoing. His professionalism, trademark resilience, and high-level consistency have made him a role model for aspiring players worldwide.

As of late 2025, Ovtcharov remains determined to extend his playing career. Following a cervical procedure earlier in the year, his immediate focus is on full recovery and regaining form. With a club contract at Fulda secured through 2027, he aims to continue contributing at Bundesliga level and, if fit, to return to WTT and national competition in the coming seasons.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: [@dimaovtcharov](https://www.instagram.com/dimaovtcharov)