



Jieni Shao

AGE	31
EU RANKING	8
NATION	CHINESE, PORTUGUESE
PLAYING STYLE	ATTACKING
PLAYING HAND	LEFT
CLUB	ASRTT ÉTIVAL-RAON IN THE FRENCH PRO A LEAGUE

DATE OF BIRTH

24 JANUARY 1994

HEIGHT

169 CM

PLACE OF BIRTH

ANSHAN, LIAONING, CHINA

GRIP STYLE

SHAKEHAND

COACH

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WORLD RANKING

54

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

ASRTT ÉTIVAL-RAON IN THE FRENCH PRO A LEAGUE

MEDALS AND TITLES

ITTF Challenge / World Tour

- 2019 Indonesia Open, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2019 Indonesia Open, Gold medal – first place, Doubles (with Luo Xue)
- 2016 Nigeria Open, Gold medal – first place, Doubles
- 2015 Nigeria Open, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2015 Nigeria Open, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

European Championships / Team Events

- 2025 Zadar, Bronze medal – third place, Team (Portugal)

PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Left-handed shakehand attacker with an offensive approach built on early-initiative strokes and aggressive rally control. Her left-hand dominance provides advantageous angles and effective placement, particularly on the backhand side, often disrupting opponents' timing. She is recognized as a consistent and adaptable competitor across European leagues and WTT events, maintaining a solid presence against top-50 ranked players. Her career trajectory from China to Portugal reflects determination, resilience, and successful integration into international team structures.

BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

European Team Championships, Zadar

- Bronze medal with Portugal; established her continued relevance in national team competition.

WTT Contender (Lagos)

- Reached the quarterfinals in singles, one of her strongest senior results of the season.

WTT Circuit Presence

- Regular participation across WTT Star Contender and Champions events, facing top athletes including Prithika Pavade and Zhu Yuling, reinforcing her competitive standing on the global tour.

2019

ITTF Challenge Indonesia Open

- Won singles and doubles titles, marking a defining international breakthrough.

2016

Nigeria Open & Olympic Debut

- Captured gold in doubles at the Nigeria Open and represented Portugal at the Rio Olympics, highlighting her rise on the international stage.

CAREER

Born in Anshan, China, Shao Jieni began her career in Beijing before moving to Portugal at age 16 to pursue professional development. She obtained Portuguese citizenship in 2015 and has since become a regular member of the national team, representing Portugal at the Olympic Games, European Championships, and across WTT/ITTF events. Alongside her national duties, she competes in the French Pro A league with ASRTT Étival-Raon and maintains a steady presence on the international tour.

LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Shao is regarded as one of Portugal's leading female players, respected for her longevity, adaptability, and role in elevating the national team's profile in Europe. Looking ahead, she aims to remain active on the WTT circuit, pursue deeper runs in major events, and continue contributing to Portugal's team successes.