



JIA NAN YUAN

AGE

40

EU RANKING

5

NATION

FRENCH

PLAYING STYLE

OFFENSIVE

PLAYING HAND

RIGHT

CLUB

POITIERS TTACC 86

DATE OF BIRTH

11 MAY 1985

HEIGHT

172 CM

PLACE OF BIRTH

ZHENGZHOU, CHINA

GRIP STYLE

SHAKEHAND

COACH

LIANG GE

WORLD RANKING

24

CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)

POITIERS TTACC 86

MEDALS AND TITLES

Europe Top-16 Cup

- 2024 Montreux, Gold medal – first place, Singles (first French woman to win this title)

World Championships

- 2024 Busan, Bronze medal – third place, Team (with France)

Olympic Games

- 2024 Paris, Round of 16, Singles (no medal)

European Championships

- 2022 Munich, Gold medal – first place, Mixed Doubles
- 2023 Malmö, Bronze medal – third place, Team

National Championships

- 2025 French National Championships, Gold medal – first place, Singles
- 2025 French National Championships, Gold medal – first place, Doubles

PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Right-handed shakehand grip with an aggressive, precision-based attacking style. Builds points through controlled placement, powerful forehand loops, and tactical variation created through short-pimped backhand play to neutralize spin and disrupt rhythm. Her serve routine features high tosses and spin-heavy service patterns, allowing her to dictate the pace and direction of rallies. On court, she is recognized for composure, resilience, and a tenacious competitive mindset, frequently performing well under pressure. Off the table, she is respected as a veteran presence and tactical leader within the French national team, valued for her discipline, experience, and ability to guide teammates in crucial moments.

BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

WTT Contender (Skopje)

- Won her first WTT Series title, a landmark achievement and a historic milestone for French women's table tennis. Confirmed her ability to convert deep runs into titles and strengthened her international standing.

2024

Europe Top 16 Cup, Montreux

- Captured the women's singles title, becoming the first French woman to win the event. Demonstrated tactical mastery and consistency against Europe's strongest players, marking a career-defining triumph.

2024

Olympic Games, Paris

- Reached the Round of 16 in women's singles and delivered competitive performances on home soil, reinforcing her status as France's leading player and a key figure on the global stage.

2022

European Championships, Munich

Won the mixed doubles gold medal with Emmanuel Lebesson, securing her first major European title and establishing herself as a threat in both singles and partnership formats.

2020

Olympic Debut, Tokyo

- Represented France at the Tokyo Olympics, marking her entry into the sport's highest competitive stage.

2011

French Citizenship

Gained eligibility to represent France internationally after becoming a naturalized citizen, initiating a new chapter in her professional career.

2003

Transition to France

- Moved to France and integrated into a new training ecosystem, developing the foundation of her later success and ultimately becoming a central figure in French table tennis.

CAREER

Born on 11 May 1985 in Zhengzhou, China, Jia Nan Yuan began playing table tennis at age six before moving to France in 2003 at the age of eighteen. She became a French citizen in 2011 and gradually established herself as a central figure in French table tennis, officially representing France internationally from 2018 onward. Known for her technical precision, tactical adaptability, and short-pimpled backhand style, she has secured multiple French National Championships, won mixed doubles gold at the 2022 European Championships, and became the first French woman to win the Europe Top-16 Cup in 2024.

Her international résumé includes appearances at the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games, a team bronze medal at the 2024 World Championships in Busan, and consistent placements within the top tiers of global rankings. In 2025, she achieved a defining milestone by winning her first WTT Series title at WTT Contender Skopje, confirming her enduring competitiveness and marking a historic moment for French women's table tennis.

LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Jia Nan Yuan is regarded as one of France's most accomplished female players of her generation, instrumental in elevating the country's presence in European and world table tennis. Her achievements – including Europe Top-16 victory, European Championship medals, World Championships team podiums, and her landmark WTT Series title – have positioned her as a reference point for the progress of French women's table tennis. She is recognized for her professionalism, strategic intelligence, and leadership on and off the table, serving as a role model for emerging players.

Looking ahead, she continues to compete on the WTT circuit with ambitions to deepen her runs at major events and sustain her global ranking. As her career progresses, she is expected to take on increasing leadership and mentorship responsibilities within the French national structure, supporting the development of younger athletes while pursuing further international success.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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