

Valentina Vezzali

Italian fencer has won five Olympic gold medals and is aiming for her fourth consecutive title in the individual foil event



■ **Born:** February 14, 1974

■ **Birthplace:** Jesi, Ancona, Italy

■ **Olympics:** Winner of individual foil in 2000, 2004 and 2008 – first fencer in history to win individual title at three consecutive Games. Two team foil golds (1996, 2000)

■ **World championships:** Total of 13 gold medals – including record six in individual competition – between 1995 and 2011

■ **European championships:** Nine titles – five individual and four team – between 1998 and 2010

■ **Fencing World Cup:** Record 11 individual foil titles (1996-2010)

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