

= Annabel Breuer =

Annabel Breuer (born 23 October 1992) is a wheelchair fencer and 1 @. @ 5 point wheelchair basketball player . She has played for SKV Ravensburg and Sabres Ulm in the German wheelchair basketball league . In December 2012 she was contracted to play for first division club RSV Lahn @- @ Dill as well as Sabres Ulm . She has also played the national team , with which she won two European titles , was runner @- @ up at 2010 World Championships , and won a gold medal at the 2012 Summer Paralympics in London . After the London Games , President Joachim Gauck awarded the team Germany 's highest sporting honour , the Silbernes Lorbeerblatt (Silver Laurel Leaf) .

= = Biography = =

Annabel Breuer was born on 23 October 1992 . She lives with her three siblings , her parents and her dog in Birkenhardt , a small town in Swabia roughly halfway between Lake Constance and Ulm . She became a paraplegic as a result of an automotive accident when she was a child .

Breuer started playing wheelchair fencing recreationally . She won silver at the 2006 Wheelchair Fencing World Cup in Turin at the age of 13 @. @ but was unable to participate in the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing due to surgery on her spinal cord . At the 2009 European Championships in Warsaw she won gold with the German epee team , and silver and bronze in the singles . As a result , the German Sports Foundation named 16 @- @ year @- @ old Breuer as its Junior Sportsman of the Year for 2009 in Disability Sport . She competed in the 2010 World Championships in Paris , but was placed fifth and did not medal . She was awarded the Hilde Frey Prize in 2011 , and said that her goal was to be at the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games in London .

Breuer attended the Paralympics in London , but as a wheelchair basketball player rather than as a fencer . She was introduced to the sport by a friend , and spot by a national trainer . Breuer played for Sabines Ulm , where she was the only woman on a mixed gender side . She is classified as a 1 @. @ 5 point player , but women get a 1 @. @ 5 point bonus when playing on a mixed team , making her in effect a zero @- @ point player . Her classification , along with her high technical acumen , means that she is a valuable asset on any team .

Breuer was part of the German national team which won win gold at the 2011 European Championships in Nazareth , Israel , defeating the Netherlands in the final , 48 ? 42 . In June 2012 she was named as one of the team that competed at the 2012 Summer Paralympic Games in London . In the Gold Medal match , the team faced the Australia women 's national wheelchair basketball team , a team that had defeated them 48 ? 46 in Sydney just a few months before . They defeated the Australians 44 ? 58 in front of a crowd of over 12 @, @ 000 at the North Greenwich Arena to win the gold medal , They were awarded another Silver Laurel Leaf by President Joachim Gauck in November 2012 , and were again named Team of the Year for 2012 . In a ceremony in Ulm , Breuer was congratulated by the Lord Mayor , Ivo Gönner , and her name was entered in the Golden Book of the city . In December 2012 , it was announced that in addition to playing for second division Sabres Ulm , she would also play for five @- @ time Champions League winning first division club RSV Lahn @- @ Dill in 2013 .

As of February 2013 , due to the constant interruptions to her education due to training and competitions , Breuer , who speaks English , French , German and Spanish , had yet to complete her final high school examinations at Matthias Erzberger school in Biberach .

= = Achievements = =

2006 : Silver Wheelchair Fencing World Cup (Turin , Italy)

2009 : Gold (team) , Silver and Bronze (individual) European Championships (Warsaw , Poland)

2010 : Silver World Championships (Birmingham , Great Britain)

2011 : Gold European Championships (Nazareth , Israel)
2012 : Gold Paralympic Games (London , England)
2013 : Silver European Championships (Frankfurt , Germany)
2014 : Silver at the World Championships (Toronto , Canada)

= = Awards = =

2009 : Junior Sportsman of the Year in Disability Sport
2012 : Team of the Year
2012 : Silver Laurel Leaf
2012 : Entry in the Golden Book of the city of Ulm .
2015 : Gold at the European Championships (Worcester , England)