

jogo do braze

Brazilian judoka

Not to be confused with Rafael Silva (judoka)

Lopes and the second or paternal family name is Silva.

In this Portuguese name, the first or maternal family name is

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Rafaela Lopes Silva (born 24 April 1992) is a Brazilian judoka.

She won gold medals at the World Judo Championships of 2013 and 2022 and

at the 2016 Summer Olympics in the 57 kg weight division.

Currently, she occupies the graduation third sergeant in the Navy of Brazil

and integrates the Center of Physical Education Admiral Nunes (CEFAN),

the Military Sports Department.^[citation needed]

In August 2013, she was the first Brazilian woman to become a world

champion in Judo.

^[citation needed]Biography [edit]

Rafaela Silva grew up in the Rio de Janeiro slum known as Cidade de

Deus.

The first sport she liked was football, practicing against other children

in a dirt field near her home in Jacarepagua.

Because they were concerned with fights and violence in the streets, when

Rafaela was 7 years old her parents Luiz Carlos and Zenilda Silva signed

her up, together with her sister, Raquel, for judo classes at the Institute

Reaction, newly fitted at Cidade de Deus the former athlete Flávio Can

to.

"I started judo in 2000, early in the project.

My father put me in the sport as an alternative to fighting in the streets.

In Judo, I found discipline, I respect the other and began to take

the sport seriously.

Judo showed me the world.

With the resources I get, I guarantee my support and help my family

pay the bills.

Judo career [edit]

Rafaela Silva, owner of a gold medal of the Summer Olympic Games 2016

in Rio de Janeiro for a victory in competitions in judo.

Silva won her first major medal by claiming silver at the 2011 World

Judo Championships in Paris.

[3] During the 2013 World Judo Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Silva

became the first Brazilian woman to ever win a gold medal for her country

in a World Judo Championship after defeating American Marti Malloy in the final.

[4] She repeated the feat at the 2016 Summer Olympics by defeating

Mongolian Sumiya Dorjsuren in the final.^[5]

At the 2012 London Olympics, Silva was disqualified for an illegal

leg grab during a fight against Hedvig Karakas of Hungary.