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Brazil

No news is good news so here is the news. Correios do Brasil did not issue any commemorative cancel from any sport.

Three stamps from each sport were enough, I think. The GPO of Rio de Janeiro had a cancel with the logo of the Games and the post office in the Olympic/Paralympic Village also.

There were no stamps issued to commemorate the gold medals won by Brazilian athletes. But Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Slovenia did.

Almost all stamps on covers/postcards sent during the Olympic Games were not cancelled and I was not the only one. Perhaps the volume of it was far too big.

<http://www.fivb.com/en/about/newsheadlines/fivb-in-rio-book-celebrates-volleyballs-olympic?id=65226>



The post office during the Paralympic Games with in front Hong Zhao, former player from China. She won a bronze medal with her team during the Olympics in Seoul 1988. Nowadays she is playing for the Dutch sitting volleyball team due to a knee injury.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dnZHWSli9mw>



Burundi



The Postal Administration from Burundi should have issued a M/S – also imperforated - commemorating the European Championship men 2015 in Italy and Bulgaria. The M/S exists also in a Deluxe sheet. The printing factory should be Impression S.A. But a confirmation of this issue could not be found. It seems to be a cinderella issue.

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China



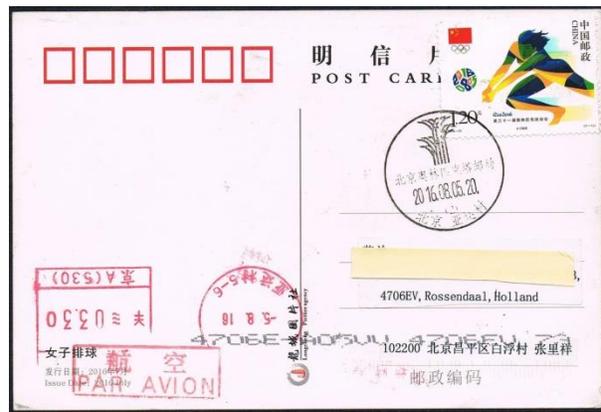
On August 5, 2016 **China Post** issued a set of two stamps (2016-20) with women's volleyball and men's relay to commemorate the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio.

The designers are Zhang Qiang and Hu Xi. The set was printed in a sheet with two times ten stamps but in a special composition. From one sheet it is possible to make a bloc of four and two times a set-tenant with the volleyball stamp at the right and the left side.

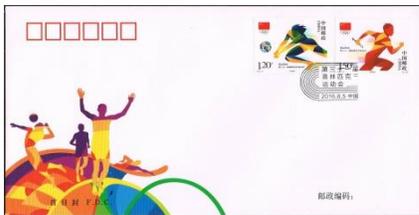
A little curious is that the volleyball is a composition of the date of issue.

A postcard was also issued but not a FD cancel with volleyball.

For that reason it was not possible to make a real maximum card. It is a pity.

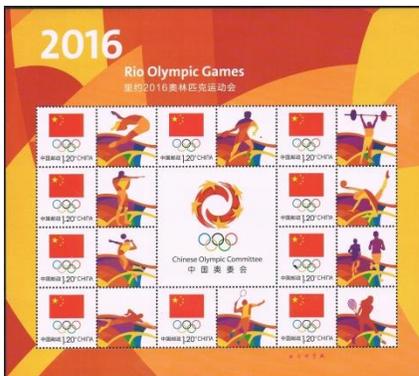


Airmail covers up to 20gr = RMB 6,00 for countries in Europe, US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Airmail postcards = RMB 1,20 + RMB 3,30 to the same countries.



The **China National Philatelic Corporation** issued a FDC with the set.

The designer of the FDC and FD cancel is Wang Guozhang. Printed are 200.000 covers.



The **same Corporation** issued an album - Passion and Dream - with the set, the sheet, a (own) FDC without FD cancel (printed 100,000 covers) and a sheet from the Chinese Olympic Committee with "their" greeting stamp from July 17, 2012 (Y&T 4962; Michel 4368).

The sheet has ten stamps with different labels. One label is women's volleyball.

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After the Olympics the **China National Philatelic Corporation** issued a sheet with the same greeting stamp again.

This time with eight stamps commemorating the gold medal won by their women's team and again a (own) FDC without FD cancel (printed 20,000 covers) was part of the album: "Celebrating the Chinese team. Gold medalists of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad".

In 2012 they did the same but with another composition of the sheet.

If the **Beijing Stamp Company** issued a FDC (B-FDC) is unknown so far.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrtkNCA8r9M>

There was no commemorative cancel volleyball but two cachet cancels.

One in black and one in red.

1. Black cachet cancel: Issued by Jiaozuo Post, Province Henan.
2. Red cachet cancel: Issued by Wuzhou Post, Province Jiangxi.
3. Maximum card with a cancel related to Rio from a postoffice in Province JiangSu and refers to the 31st Olympiad.
4. The twentysix (26) gold medals got a cachet cancel but without name of a postoffice. It seems to be a private issue.



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Coach Jenny Lang Ping (56) became the first person to win a gold medal as both player and coach of the **same** team.

She won a gold medal as a player for China at the Olympic Games from Los Angeles in 1984. After embarking on a coaching career to lead the women's national team of China to silver in Atlanta 1996, she moved to the USA and coached the women's national team to a silver at the Olympic Games from Beijing in 2008, before returning to her homeland to retake charge of the China National Team.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoFcLJOvVTI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKPs6ZILPIq>



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The Changning Post Office issued a meter cancel on August 5, 2016.



The 2nd sport games for Shanghai civil people.

The 10th Stamp Exhibition from the Shanghai Sport's Stamp Association.
The exhibition took place in the Changning Library from August 5 till 14, 2016.



In 2012 the Association issued more or less the same meter.

If you should be interested:

http://english.gov.cn/policies/infographics/2016/08/05/content_281475409621796.htm

Czech Republic

On June 22, 2016 Česká Pošta mentioned on their website that a stationary card was designed for commercial and promotional purposes which contains an empty left part (without lines reserved for the sender) to be used for additional prints.



But on *June 17* already the same stationary was available for sale with an overprint to commemorate the XXIII National Summer Games from the Czech Post employees in Nymburk. Printed were 800 pieces. A commemorative hand cancel was also available and depicting an employee in a baseball cap. Designer is Ivo Štěpánek.



Both were available at the temporary postal counter at the sports center in Nymburk on June 17 & 18, 2016.

<http://www.scnb.cz/sportovni-centrum/volejbalovy-areal>

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Personalized stamps



Every year a sports- and cultural event is organized on the beaches of the Lipno lake in the South Bohemian region.

This year - from August 5 till 21 - the event was organized in collaboration with the Czech Olympic Committee and was called: 1. Summer Olympic Park Rio-Lipno 2016.

In 17 days it was possible to participate in 47 sports, special programs for children with their parents and visiting concerts and light shows.

To this exceptional season, the organisation (Lipno Servis Ltd.) issued in cooperation with the municipality of Lipno nad Vltavou, South Bohemia, Czech Olympic Committee and Czech Post, a special edition of self adhesive stamps.

The edition (two sheets with 20x "A" and 5x "Z") contains 49 original round postage stamps in the denominations A and Z. The stamps illustrated 41 Olympic sports which are complemented by symbols from Lipna, the Olympic Park, the South Bohemian Region and the municipality Lipno nad Vltavou.

Two of them are volleyball and beachvolleyball. Printed were 5,000 sheets each.

The designers are Milan Binder, Marek Binder and Ivan Binderová.



The sheets were available on the opening day of the event in the infocentre and at the local branch of Czech Post.

At this post office overprints from registered labels were used also.

Both stamps have "A" (CZK 16) as face value, being the rate for ordinary mail till 50 gr within Czech Republic.

The face value "Z" (CZK 32) is the rate for priority mail abroad (=non European countries) up to 50 gr.

The website from Czech Post mentions as first day July 22, 2016 but it is perhaps the date of printing.



<http://www.olympijskeparksy.cz/olympijsky-park-rio-lipno-2016/program>

France



La Poste offered on August 5 (till August 31, 2016) on their website "MonTimbrenLigne" ("MyStamponLine") a set of ten stamps with Olympic sports with - as they called it - the colours of Brazil (and 2016).

But they were already available earlier according to postal items found.

It seems that they made extra publicity on the opening of the Olympic Games.

One of them is beachvolleyball.

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The photo which is used is taken from internet.



The stamps could be ordered for five different services. The validity is six months for this kind of stamps. So, this one is printed on Aug 8, 2016. But there exist also stamps without that date. The reason is unclear so far.



Printed: July 17
Used: Aug 3



Printed: July 19
Used: Aug 4



Printed: unknown
Used: Aug 5



Printed: unknown
Used: Sep 15

<https://boutique.laposte.fr/affranchissement-a-domicile/mon-timbre-en-ligne/personalisation/selectionner-categorie?categoryCode=Sports>

Italy

Poste Italiane issued a cancel in Genova on May 15, 2016.

XXXV Torneo nazionale giovanile di pallavolo
19° Memorial Roberto Carmarino - Giochi di maggio 2016



Kosovo i Metohija

See also VBNewsletter04 from Sep 1, 2011.

The region is located in south Serbia and comprises the territory of Kosovo but the western region is called Metohija.

On February, 17 2008 Kosovo's Parliament declared its independence and from December, 8 2014 on Kosovo is member of the IOC.

After the Olympics a cinderella was issued with a face value of € 5,00.

The bloc mentions: XXXI Summer Olympic Games. Serbian silver medals.

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The picture is not from a match from Serbia but a match between Netherlands and USA.

From left: Robin de Kruijf and Laura Dijkema from the Netherlands. On the other side: Jordan Larson-Burbach from USA in the preliminary round match on August 8, 2016

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sport_in_Kosovo

Kyrgyzstan

On August 5, 2016 the State Committee for Information Technology and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic putted into circulation a set of two Express Post stamps with cycling and tennis.

Kyrgyz Express Post is the official postal operator of Kyrgyzstan.

The sheets from both stamps have beachvolleyball in the margin (right below). Designer is Lilian Iatço.



Macau - China

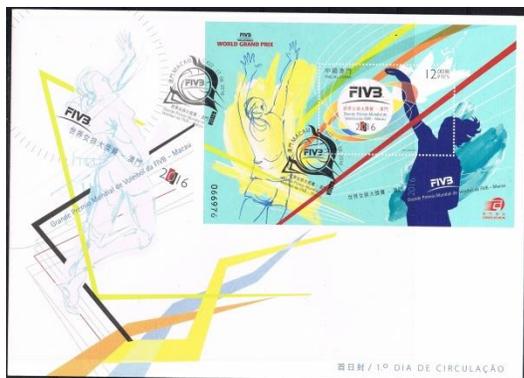


On June 17, 2016 Macao Post issued a set – in se-tenant - of two stamps and a bloc to commemorate the FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix™ – Macao 2016.

The stamps have a face value of 2.00 and 5.50 Patacas (MOP) and the bloc of 12.00 Patacas. The stamps are printed in a sheetlet with five stamps each.

Issued are 500,000 pieces each.

The designer is Helena Man In, Ng



The (numbered) bloc is applied with embossing effect to highlight the theme of volleyball. It is the first issue with volleyball stamps in Macao.

The issue has also two FDC's with FD cancel and authorization code (C 622).

The covers are printed in 4,000 pieces.



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The rate for covers till 20 gr. within Macau is 2.00 Patacas.

Airmail covers between 10 till 20 gr. to Mainland China is 5,50 Patacas.

Airmail covers till 10 gr. to the rest of the world is 5.50 Patacas and till 20 gr. 7,50 Patacas. The rate for shipments with 12.00 Patacas could not be found.

A preliminary round was held in Macao Forum from from June 17 till June 19 with Belgium, Brazil, China and Serbia. The issue was available for sale not only in the postoffices but also in the Macao Forum on the date of issue.

The opening match on June 17, 2016 in Macau Forum:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYe-fUuavjY>

In 2001 and 2011 Macao organized the finals from the World Grand Prix.

http://www.sport.gov.mo/en/sites/fivb_sp/2016/id/303

<http://www.sport.gov.mo/en/sites/fivb>

Russia

A stationery card from 2011 was used again for a (private) overprint by Russian Post (Marka).

The card – with football, volleyball, basketball and athletics - was issued on July 23, 2016 and commemorates the 3rd Summer Spartakiad of the Transneft Group on July 23 and 24 in Moscow. Printed are 5,000 pieces. TRANSNEFT is an oil transport company and the largest oil pipeline company from Russia.

<http://en.vp-nnov.transneft.ru/press/news/?id=37342>

<http://www.rusmarka.ru/en/n/141061.aspx>

In 2014 the region Moscow had their 3rd Summer Sparrtakiad:

<http://utimenews.org/en/news/podvedenyi-itogi-iii-letnej-spartakiadyi-organizatsij-sistemyi-transneft-/>



Spain

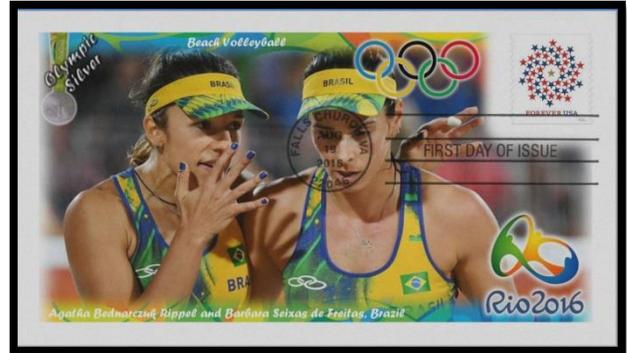
Another twelve (12) different stationaries. This time from Spain but a tournament in Turkey.

From the same dealer six different stationaries were issued to commemorate the medals won in Rio.



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A dealer in USA had thirteen (13) FD covers from women's beachvolleyball in Rio. All are dated Aug 19, 2016.



Togo



On August 1, 2016 La Poste du Togo issued a S/S and a bloc with FDC's to commemorate the Olympic Games in Rio. The S/S has a volleyball stamp. The S/S exist also in an imperforated version.

Vanuatu



Vanuatu is a group of 83 islands in the South West Pacific, governed as an independent Republic by its indigenous people.

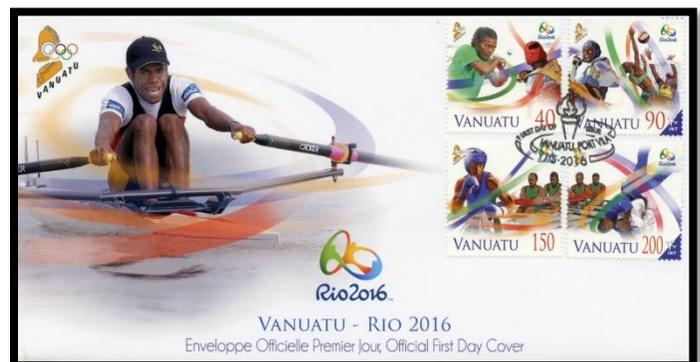
Vanuatu Post issued on May 11, 2016 four stamps (and a FDC) to commemorate the Olympic Games in Rio. Each stamp has two sports on it and one of the stamps has taekwondo and beachvolleyball.

The face value of this stamp is Vatu 90. The designer is Denise Durkin from Wellington (New Zealand).

The four stamps are printed in sheets of 36 (6x6) stamps each with labels in the middle of the sheet.

The stamp can only be used twice for an airmail cover till 20 gr. to Europe and Africa.

On their website Vanuatu Post mentioned: "The Vanuatu team will proudly bear the flag of their country and give their best in six events – judo, rowing, taekwondo, table tennis, beachvolleyball and boxing.



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But things worked out differently in the period after that.



The best female beachvolleyball players from Vanuatu are Miller Pata and Linline Matauatu. On the Olympic ranking from FIVB as of June 12, 2016 they were on place 18 with 3960 points and only the best 17 (with country quota = maximum 2 per gender) got a ticket for Rio.

But they could qualify during the AVC Continental Cup in Cairns (Australia). The winner of that tournament was qualified for the Games. Unfortunately they lost the final against Australia. Mariafe Artacho and Nicole Laird, the 2014 FIVB U23 world champions, won with 2-1 (19-21, 21-19, 19-17) in 57 minutes. As runner-up they got another change during the FIVB World Continental Cup in Sochi (Russia) where two tickets were available. In the quarterfinal they lost from Czech Republic. This team beat the second team from China in the semifinal and got a ticket for Rio. So we only can say: "We have a new volleyball stamp but with a sad story."



Miller Pata and Linline Matauatu in better days.
Photo: Pattaya Challenger in Thailand on November 9, 2014

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Player_D ataDB.asp?No=120175

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Player_D ataDB.asp?No=125186

Vietnam



On Sep 24, 2016 Vietnam Post issued a set – also imperforated - of two stamps to commemorate the 5th Asian Beach Games in Da Nang. One of them is beachvolleyball. The set is available on FDC also.

Uncommonly of this stamp is a left-handed spiker.

The stamps are printed in sheets with 20 stamps (incl. tabs) each. Mascot "Chim Yen"



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But the set is also printed in a M/S with four times the stamps in se-tenant in a booklet. The designer is Nguyen Du from the Vietnam Post Corporation. The single volleyball stamp can be used for covers till 20 gr. within Vietnam and is valid for postage till June 30, 2018.



<http://abg2016.com/>

<http://info.abg2016.com/en/sports/schedule/bydiscipline?rsc=BV0000000&date=2016-09-25#2016-10-02>

<http://www.fivb.com/en/about/news/jefferson--cherif-cap-season-with-asian?id=65200>

My only comment = From Russia with love - PART 2.

In my previous newsletter you could find all cinderella's till than, but now I show only one per country with the total number in brackets.

Cameroon (1)



Djibouti (6)



Ethiopia (1)



Guinea (2)

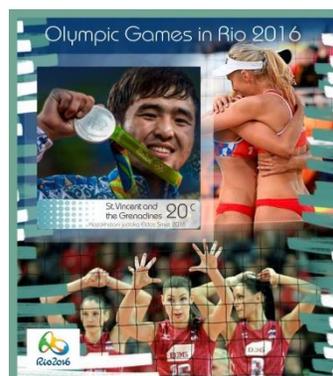


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RD Kongo (2)



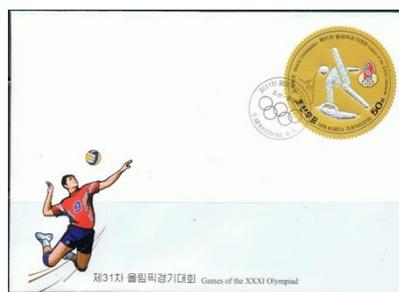
St Vincent & the Grenadines (3)



Togo (1)



North Korea official FDC from Aug 5, 2016



Beachvolleyball in US newspaper (The New York Times)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/18/sports/olympics/years-of-punishing-waves-shaped-a-rio-heros-olympic-hopes.html?ref=sports&r=1>

MEMORIES

The Olympic men's final from 1988 in Seoul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzL0IBETKOs>

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