

# PHILATELIC NEWSLETTER VOLLEYBALL

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### Bosnia & Herzegovina

Hrvatska Pošta (HP) Mostar issued on Sep 13, 2019 their yearly sport issue with a set of two stamps with volleyball. In 2018 it was table tennis and in 2017 handball.



The stamps are printed in a mini-sheet with eight stamps (4x2) in se-tenant.

The designer is Vilim Parić. Printing factory is AKD d.o.o. Zagreb.

Printed are 10,000 sets. The set has a FD cover with a FD cancel. Printed are 300 FDC's.

The face value of each stamp is BAM 3,10 being the rate for a registered letter till 100 gr within B&H. The same service till 20 gr = BAM 2,70 and till 50 gr. = BAM 2,90.

The (convertible) Mark (BAM) is the currency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and is locally abbreviated to KM.



### Faroe Islands

Under the slogan "Flogbóltur í 125 ár" (Volleyball since 125 years) Posta Faroe Islands issued on February 24, 2020 a set with two volleyball stamps with a face value of Danish crown (DKK) 12,00 and 17,00.



The two stamps show two different situations in volleyball. One shows a libero and on the second stamp a female player shows a spiker.

The stamps are available on five FD covers with FD cancel.



Designer is Suffía Nón. Printing factory is Cartor Security Printing, France.

Both stamps are printed in sheets of 20 (5x4) stamps.

The value of DKK 12,00 is the rate for small letters till 50 gr. within the Faroe Islands and the value of DKK 17,00 for large letters till 100gr. within the Faroe Islands.

During the late fifties, Martin Holm, a teacher at the Faroe Islands Teachers' College introduced the sport from which nobody had ever heard at that time. The development was going rapidly and volleyball is now being played all over the Faroe Islands.

The Flogbóltssamband Føroya (Faroe Islands Volleyball Association) was founded in 1980. Until then it had been a division of the Faroe Islands Sports Federation.

<http://www.fbf.fo/>

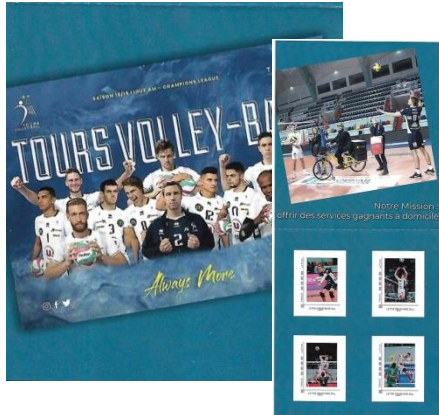


and two FDC's with a bloc of four each.

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## France Update from 2018

In 2015 Tours (V)olley (B)all issued a personalized sheet with four self-adhesive stamps to commemorate the victory of the French Cup (see VBNewsletter 21).



In 2018 they won for the 8<sup>th</sup> time the title of the French Championship. If this was the reason for the issue of a new personalized sheet with again four self-adhesive stamps is unknown to me. Which players are pictured is also unknown to me.

The stamps are valid for priority mail till 20 gr. within France being € 0,95 (2018).

The slogan on the front page is very clear.

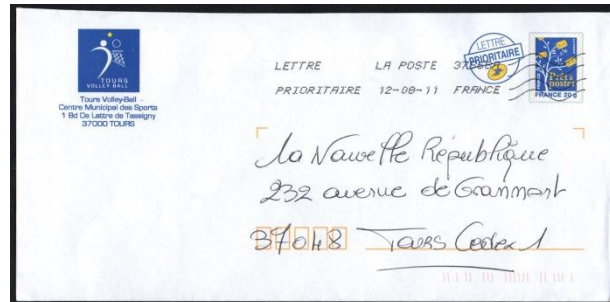
Notre mission: offrir des services gagnants à domicile = Our mission: offer winning services at home.

The new season started on October 12, 2018 and perhaps it was the date of issue.

A confirmation of this was not received from them.

<https://www.lanouvellerepublique.fr/tours/dossier/tours-volley-ball/saison-2018-2019>

In 2019 the club issued a Prêt-à-Poster (PAP) again. The cover - till 20 gr - was valid for destinations in France, Monaco and Andorra. The face value was € 0,88 (2019).



It was the second (?) time that they ordered a PAP. In 2011 they did the same.

## Germany Update from 2018

In 2018 Abseitz Stuttgart - an association for gays, lesbians and friends - celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Abseitz ("Offside") Stuttgart was founded in 1993 by 15 volleyball students.

In 2018 the association had 18 divisions and 810 members.



A part of their anniversary was the redesigning of their website and all divisions got their own pictogram.

In order to pay attention to these new pictograms all over the world a set of twenty self-adhesive stamps - 18 pictograms and two logos of the association - were ordered from Deutsche Post.

The face value of the stamp is € 0,70 being the rate (2018) for standard letters till 20 gr. within Germany. From July 1, 2019 it is € 0,80.

<https://www.abseitz.de/index.html>

<https://www.abseitz.de/sportangebote/volleyball.html>

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## India

Different types of sports competitions are organized by the Postal Department of India to keep their employees and officers physically fit.

Based on this, the 34<sup>th</sup> All India Postal Volleyball Tournament was held from September 23 till 26, 2019 at the Indira Gandhi Sports Complex in Shimla, the capital of Himachal Pradesh.

Approximately 200 participants in sixteen teams from different states in India participated and the best performing players in this tournament were selected for the national team.

Himachal Postal was the winner of this 34<sup>th</sup> tournament. They beat Karnataka Postal in the final.



Special cover with a commemorating cancel issued by Postal Circle Shimla.

<https://www.indiapost.gov.in/sites/PostalCircles/HimachalPradesh/Pages/cpio.aspx>

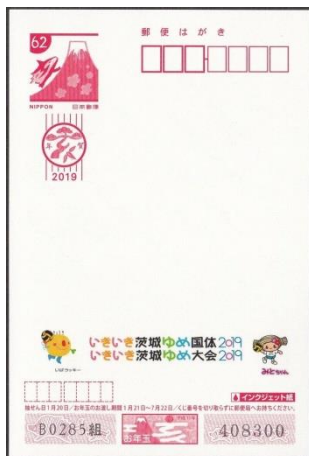
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal\\_Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh)

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

<https://himachal.punjabkesari.in/himachal-pradesh/news/all-india-postal-volleyball-competition-begins-1058611>

Volleyball match in all India tournament 2018 with no rotation, no libero but much atmosphere. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4Zydk0J77c>

## Japan



From October 2017 on Tokyo Marine Nichido, an insurance company and sponsor of the Games in Tokyo, let made personalized stamps from all sports (?). Every year four stamps are issued in a presentation pack and – perhaps – is it a present for their customers. So far a volleyball stamp was not part of it but it seems to me that it will follow one of these months.

A New Year advertising postcard was issued in 2019 to commemorate the National Sports Festival in Ibaraki. The postcard has the volleyball pictogram of the festival.

<https://www.japan-sports.or.jp/english/tabid644.html>

Postal cards with advertisement:

They are either called "Kokoku - Tsuki - Yubin - Hagaki" (= Advertisement - with - postal - card) or "Echo Hagaki" (= Echo postal card).

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An advertisement is printed at the bottom of the postcard and the sponsor must obtain authorization from the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication.

### Moldova

S.E. „Posta Moldovei” launched on August 5, 2009 the first sheets for personalized stamps.



And on November 17, 2015 seven sheets with 12 or 15 stamps which could personalized were issued. The sheet margins are all different (Theatre & Movie; Medicine; Literature; Music; Cosmos; Plastic arts and Sports.

<http://filatelia.md/ro/node/1179#>

The stamps have a face value of Lei (MDL) 1,75 being about € 0,09 and the rate for domestic letters within Moldova. The selling price for sheets with 12 DIFFERENT stamps is Lei 220,00. For sheets with 15 different stamps it is Lei 225,00.

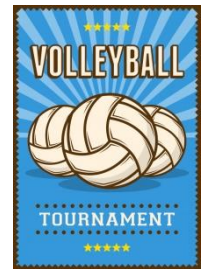
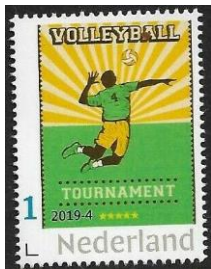
For layout costs from sheets with more than eight stamps Lei 150,00 has to be paid. It is also possible to let print a stamp on a cover. In that case the selling price is Lei 5,00/piece.

A stamp dealer (?) in Kiev (Ukraine) offers a sport sheet with volleyball stamps.

### Netherlands

#### Update

When the stamp dealer will stop with the issue of personalized stamps volleyball is unknown but three new ones are offered. All stamps are printed in sheets of ten stamps. From one of them I found a poster on internet and the other one will follow at the end of this year, I think.



### Serbia

Pošta Srbije issued on December 6, 2019 a set of two stamps to commemorate the gold medals won by the Serbian men's and women's team during the European championship. Both have a face value of Serbian Dinar (RSD) 74,00 being the rate for standard letters till 20 gr within Europe. The graphic designer is MA Jakša Vlahović. Printing factory is "Forum", Novi Sad; p.k. z.č. The stamps are printed in sheets with eight stamps and a label in the middle. The men's sheets are numbered but not all of them. Printed were 25,000 stamps each. Both stamps have its own FD cover with cancel.

Serbian women's national team is the double European champion in two consecutive championships. In Ankara 2019 Serbia repeated its success



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from Baku 2017 and won its third (Beograd 2011 was the first one) European champion title.



Serbian national team players who played in Ankara: Bjanka Buša (1), Katarina Lazović (2), Mina Popović (5), Slađana Mirković (8), Brankica Mihajlović (9), Maja Ognjenović (10) captain, Stefana Veljković (11), Teodora Pušić (12), Ana Bjelica (13), Maja Aleksić (14), Silvija Popović (17), Tijana Bošković (18), Bojana Milenković (19) and Jelena Blagojević (20).

Head coach Zoran Terzić, assistant coaches: Marko Gršić, Branko Kovačević and Aleksandar Vladislavljev. Staff members: Bojan Perović, Siniša Mladenović, Vladimir Banković, Dr. Dejan Aleksandrić and Dimitrije Pušić.

Curious is that Aleksandar Vladislavljev is mentioned on the CEV match-“form” but not on the FDC.

Serbian men’s volleyball national team won the gold medal on the 31<sup>st</sup> Championship 2019 in Paris, thus becoming the triple European champion.

Serbia also won titles in 2001 in Ostrava and in 2011 in Vienna.



Serbian national team in Paris: Aleksandar Okolić (1), Uroš Kovačević (2), Nemanja Petrić (4) captain, Lazar Ćirović (5), Nikola Peković (6), Petar Krsmanović (7), Marko Ivović (8), Nikola Jovović (9), Aleksandar Atanasijević (14), Dražen Luburić (16), Neven Majstorović (17), Marko Podraščanin (18), Srećko Lisinac (20) and Vuk Todorović (21).

Head coach: Slobodan Kovač, assistant coaches: Ljubiša Ristić and Igor Žakić. Staff members: Dr Ljuban Martinović, Dejan Vuković, Ivan Popović, Radovan Vemić, Mirko Radislavljević, Radivoje Radaković, Zdravko Aničić and Slobodan Božkan.

<https://www.cev.eu/Competition-Area/CompetitionNews.aspx?NewsID=29835&ID=1052>



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### Slovakia

The Slovenská Volejbalová Federácia (SVF) held their Volleyball Gala 2019 on June 2, 2019 in the Andrej Bagar Theater in Nitra with the celebration "100 years volleyball in Slovakia", the announcement Player of the Year 2018 and the introduction of the laureates in the Hall of Fame of Slovak Volleyball.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=19&v=5H\\_5ExLDFOs&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=19&v=5H_5ExLDFOs&feature=emb_logo)

The first match in Slovakia was played in June 1919 when a team from Žilina played a match against military players, consisting of Czech Americans from YMCA.

Emanuel Kohut (M) and Nikola Radosová (W) became Player of the Year 2018.

The laureates who became member of the Hall of Fame were:

Hilda Mazúrová (1943); Prof. Miroslav Rovný (1921 – 1991); Jozef Labuda (1941); Vladimír Kovalík (1936) and Pavel Schenk (1941).

<http://www.svf.sk/sk/sien-slavy>

The most well-known player (for me) is Pavel Schenk (June 27, 1941, Borotin). He has made a mark on the scene as a player and coach. He started at three World Championships, three European Championships and three Olympic Games, winning a total of 6 medals (1 gold, 4 silver and 1 bronze).

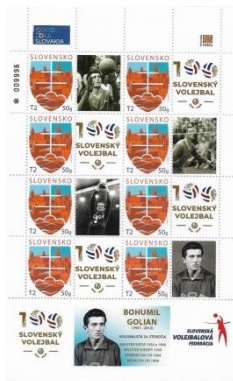
In 1962 he won silver at the World Championship in Moscow (USSR). In 1966 he became World Champion in Prague (CSSR) and he was the best spiker of the tournament.

He also has two Olympic medals in his collection - silver in Tokyo (1964) and bronze in Mexico (1968). He represented Czechoslovakia in the years 1962 - 1972.

His name is associated with the greatest club achievements of Slovak men's volleyball. He led Red Star Bratislava as a coach to the trophy of the European Champions Cup (1979) and the Cup Winners Cup (1981). Under his coaching ČH Bratislava enjoyed three times the federal title of the former Czechoslovakia (1978, 1979 and 1981).

In 1980 he was head of the Czechoslovak delegation at the Olympic Games in Moscow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iBtpXG-bprA>



"Their" centennial was a reason for the Volleyball Federation of Slovakia to issue a sheet with eight stamps (with personalized label). Printed were 250 sheets.

The stamp with blank label was issued by Slovenská Pošta on June 2, 2017 with a face value of T2 being € 0,65 at that time. It was the rate for covers up to 50 gr and delivery within 2 days. In 2020 it is still € 0,65.

### Syria

The 1<sup>st</sup> World Beach Games – organized by the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) - were held in Doha (Qatar) from October 10-16th 2019. The Games were held on Katara Beach and the Al-Gharafa Club.

"We are very grateful for your support and dedication with your hard work in just three short months to provide an excellent environment", ANOC President Robin Mitchell said.

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He referred to Doha's race against time to get ready after original hosts San Diego pulled out earlier this year.

### Beach



### Water



### Action Sports



The Games included a beach volleyball tournament with – on the Al-Gharafa Beach Venue - eight men's and eight women's teams.

Each team consisted of **six** athletes, with **four** on the court at any one time.



On October 12, 2019 Syrian Post issued a stamp and a (imperforated) bloc to commemorate these Games. Both have a pictogram of beach soccer and handball.

Curious is that the pictograms of handball and volleyball are almost the same.

The face value is Syrian Pounds (SYP) 500 and 1,000 for the bloc.

The FDC has a cachet with beach volleyball.

<https://results.awbgqatar.com/#/awbg2019/discipline/VBV/schedule>  
<https://results.awbgqatar.com/#/awbg2019/discipline/VBV/medals>

## Ukraine

It is very difficult – without a catalogue - to find information about their greeting stamps. That's how "Ukrposhta" calls their personalized stamps. The frame of the stamps is almost always the same but the text and color in it is different and that means many issues.



The value of the stamp is always "V" being a rate of Grivna (UHA) 2,40 till March 23, 2017 and after that date UHA 4,00 being about € 0,15.

The price for one sheet is UHA 138.00 incl. VAT and the price for 10 till 100 sheets is UHA 131.10 incl. VAT.

A stamp dealer (?) in Kiev let made a lot of them and volleyball is one of them.

The sheet is printed on October 31, 2016 and the other single stamp are from 2017 (4) and 2018 (2). <https://www.ukrposhta.ua/en>



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## Wallis & Futuna

The 16<sup>th</sup> Pacific Games 2019 were organized from July 7 till 20 in Apia the capital of Samoa with more than 3000 athletes coming from 24 countries and territories of the Pacific which competed in 27 different disciplines with beach volleyball (sixteen men's teams and eleven women's teams) and indoor volleyball (eleven men's and seven women's teams).



To commemorate these Games Wallis & Futuna Postes et Télécommunications issued a bloc with five stamps and one of them is volleyball. The other four stamps have a silhouette of the volleyball player. The face value of the bloc is Francs Colonies Françaises du Pacifique (FCFP) 165,00, equal to a selling price of € 1,38. The designer is unknown. Printed were 25,000 blocs.

But the date of issue is misty. The November number of Philinfo from LaPoste (France) mention October 30, 2019. But it seems that the bloc was available for the first time during the 73<sup>rd</sup> Salon Philatélique d'Automne in Paris from November 7 till 9.

But the same issue from LaPoste shows a First Day cancel with all sports - so incl. volleyball – but with a date of July 8, 2019. A FD cover was not found.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=u-cdvj1ZFoA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=u-cdvj1ZFoA)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0K-WrgadNUo>



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## Other news

## China

Before the start of the Volleyball League in China (season 2003-2004) a cachet cancel was issued on October 12, 2003:



"We can watch volleyball matches again after the SARS is ended"

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I think we all hope that the next season 2020-2021 will start with CORONA (COVID-19) free.

### Argentina

The inflation covers from Germany in the early twenties from last century are well known items, but in these days another country has to do with it. In 2019 Argentina had an inflation of about 55% and 34% in 2018. That results in a situation like this one.



### Nicaragua

Due to a lack of paper Correos de Nicaragua accept stamps from which the validity should be over in principal. But now it means that postal items can be made with volleyball stamps from 1987 & 1988 which are valid now.



### AICO

If you should be interested in older philatelic magazines with Olympic Games and other sports, please visit:

<https://aicolympic.org/resources/members-archives/>

### FIVB

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0Hc9kHGh1A&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0Hc9kHGh1A&feature=emb_logo)

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