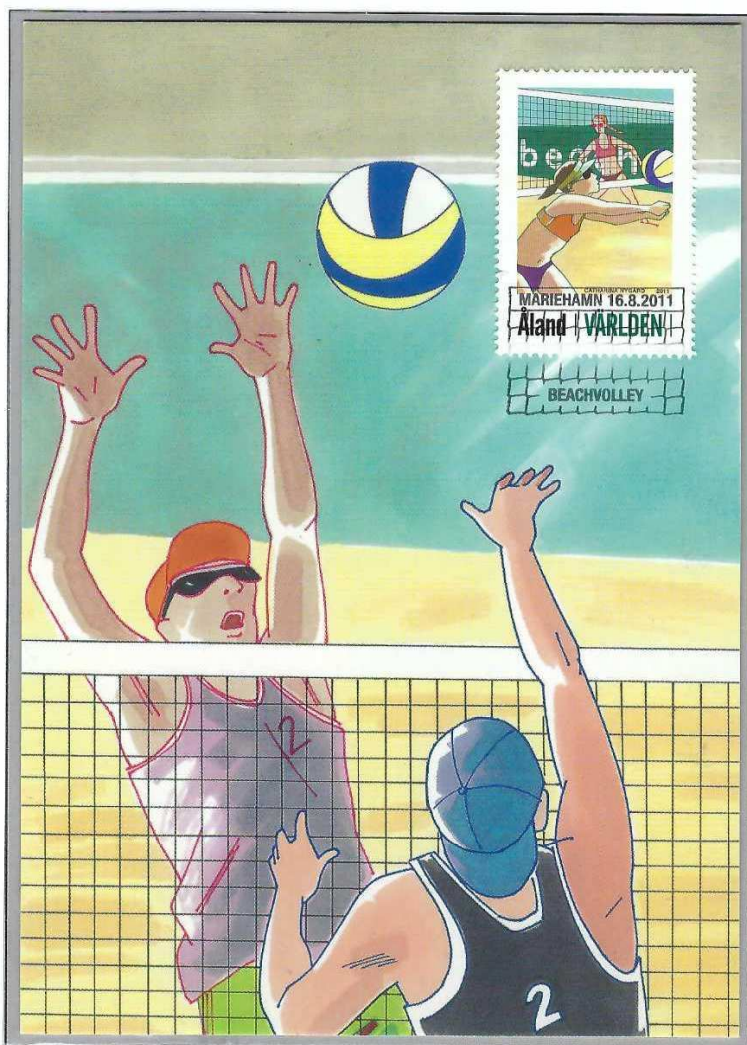


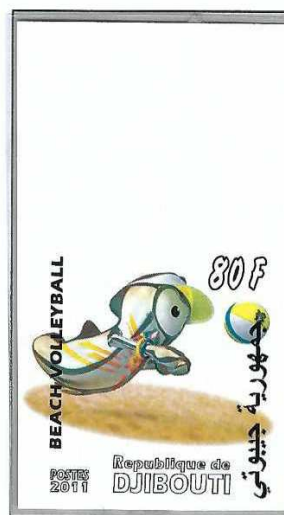
# BEACH VOLLEYBALL



China 2014, red meter stamp 0,40y Beach Volleyball  
National Student Games People's Repub. of China 2014



Aland 2011  
maximum card FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball to Aland



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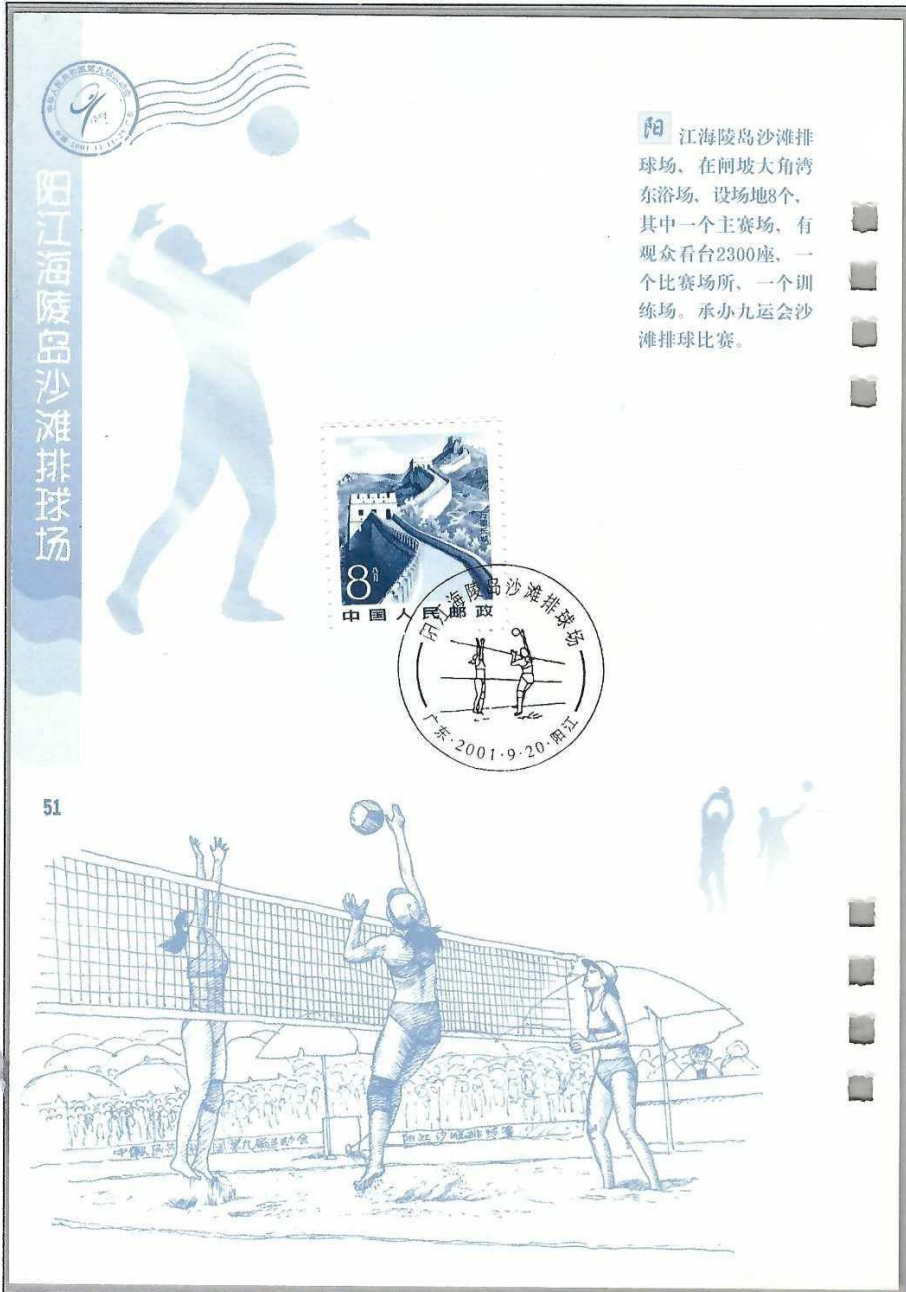


Djibouti 2011  
Olympic Games London 2012  
Wenlock Beach Volleyball mascot



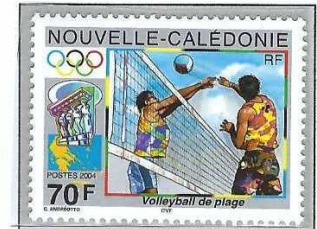
PIER ANTONIO DEANGELIS

**PRESENTATION**



**阳** 江海陵岛沙滩排球。在网坡大角湾东浴场，设场地8个，其中一个主赛场，有观众看台2300座，一个比赛场所，一个训练场。承办九运会沙滩排球比赛。

- PRESENTATION
- PREVIOUS
- HISTORY
  - ANCIENT SPORTS
  - 1895 / 2020
- THE GAME
- STATISTICS

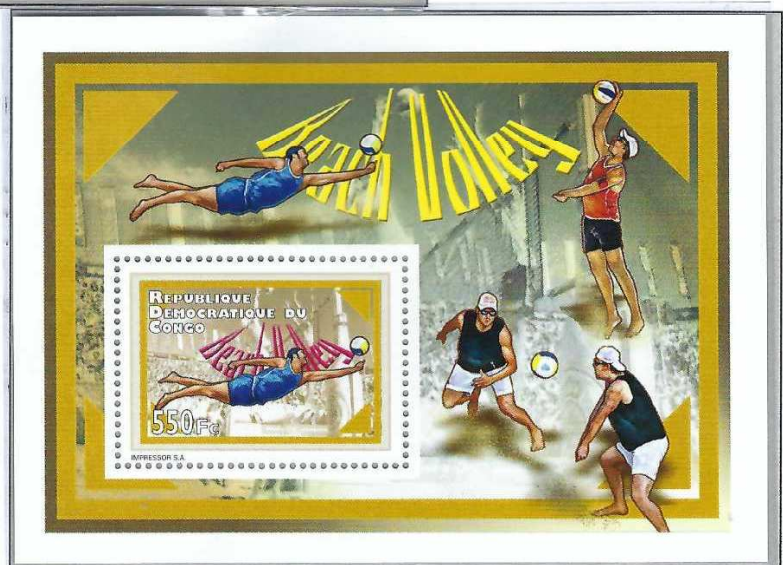


*Nouvelle Calédonie 2004  
Olympic Games Athens*

*China 2001  
cancellation Beach-Volleyball  
Yangjian City Post Office,  
Guangdong Province*



*Aruba 2003  
Childhood*



*2012 : Rep. Democratique du Congo - Beach-Volley*

**PREVIOUS**

Industrialization at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century also leads to the need for "physical fitness", the practice of sport. This need led to the birth of an indoor team game for businessmen who did not like to play basketball, which was beginning to be established in those years.



China 1971  
Sport

Team sports develop aggregation, collaboration between athletes and Volleyball in particular facilitates mutual knowledge and integration. The culture inherent in Volleyball leads athletes to form a united "group". Game development can only be effective if there is collaboration between all the elements, that is, between the six players on the pitch, their teammates on the bench and the coaches. You can't play alone, just as you can't play in... five.



Beach Volleyball



Basketball



Handball

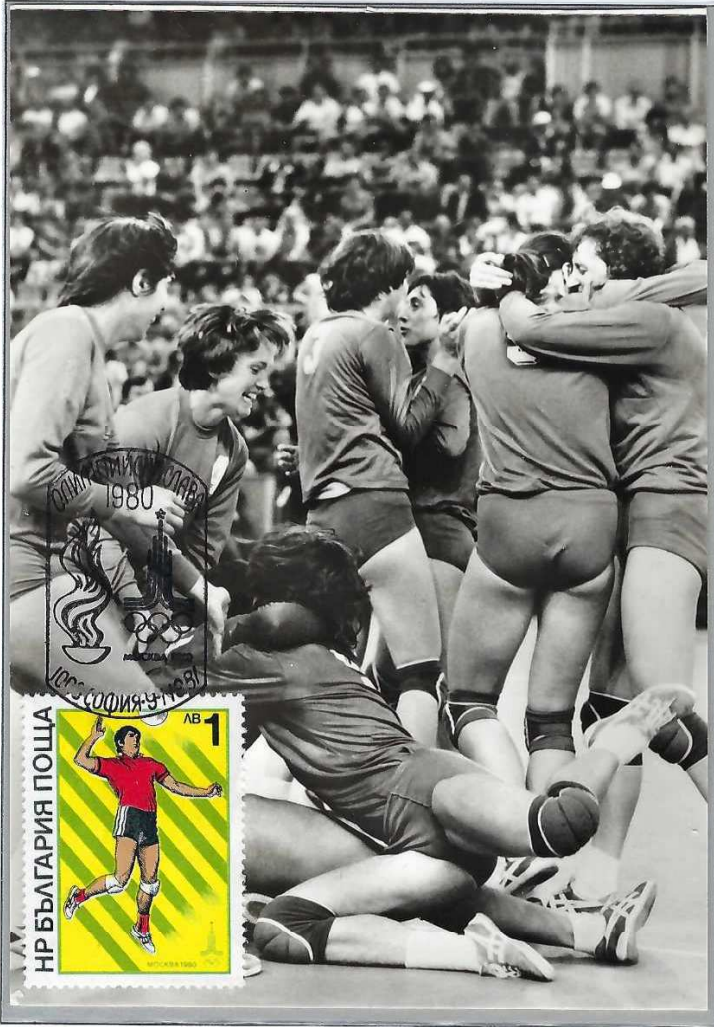


France 2019  
92° Congress : "La passion du timbre" a Montpellier  
French Federation of Philatelic Associations

Mintonette, is the name that the game started over one hundred and twenty years ago. A game that has changed a lot over time and is constantly ..... evolution. Changes to the rules, new technical gestures and an increase in the show, large events and an ever increasing number of practitioners who are over 95 million in the world and above all a lot of public everywhere.



Field Hockey



maximum card "D.D.R. Female silver medal at the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games"; the athletes of the Dinamo: Katharina Bullin, Barbara Czekalla, Heike Lenmann and Cristina Mummhardt; postage stamp Bulgaria 1980 : Moscow Olympic Games 1980

Volleyball is one of the complete sports, that use all the body muscles. It is a situation sport and the athlete is called to change his technical attitude according to the opposing action or to the game development of his team, he is therefore called to always different physical performances, from running, to jumps, to holements, etc..



Tokelau 1981 Sports subjects



unofficial issue Tatarstan 2000 Olympic Games Sydney

Everybody can play Volleyball. Some rules, the height of the net and the size of the pitch, vary according to the age, gender and skill of the players. Volleyball is "divided" in various disciplines: indoor, Beach Volleyball, Sandy Volleyball (4x4), Park Volley, Snow Volleyball, Mini-Volley and Sitting Volleyball.



2012 : Rep. Democratique du Congo - Beach Volleyball

Volleyball has absorbed the culture and technique of various disciplines: both in the game and in the training organization.



Australia 2009, group interspace  
Let's Get active!



Germany 1990  
Für der Sports



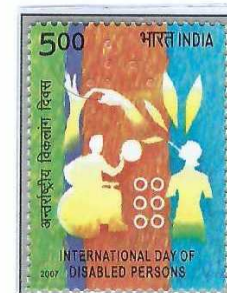
Monaco 1995  
Sportel



1994  
International Year of the Family

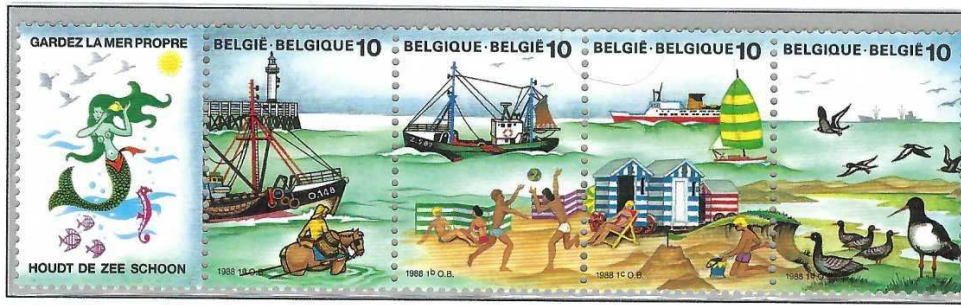


children



December 3  
International Day of Disabled Persons

It is one Surely of the sports that most keeps up with the times and meet the approval of the public, of young and old, and of Families in general.



"The Sea" – België 1988

Disparate sports and recreational, loved by young people, are played on the beaches the most. Beach Volleyball (2x2) and Sandy Volleyball (4x4) are very popular. And not just by the sea. Where there is a party, Beach Volleyball is played.



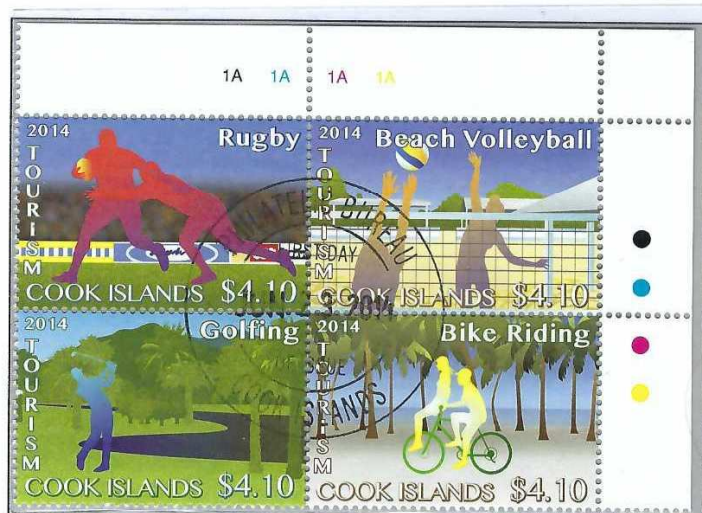
Hungary 1953  
Tourism: Balaton Lake



"Feast day on the Island of Oeno"  
Pitcairn Islands 1995



U.S.A. 1995  
Recreational Sports



Cook Islands 2014  
Tourism

**HISTORY**

Volleyball is probably the sport that more than many other sports has evolved since its inception, and which continues to evolve, updating itself, keeping up with the times.



Brazil 1996  
Telecommunication and Sport:  
Telecom '96



U.S.A. 1905 c., postcard "Volley Ball Team At Work",  
Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island Heights, L.I. N.Y.



Thailand 2018  
National Games Mascot  
(attached label)

A sport in which the various playing techniques have been introduced in different parts of the world and which has begun to be played outdoors or in small gyms, and now the world events are played in mega sports halls and in special arenas.



D.D.R. 1981  
Inauguration of the Berlin Sports Center

## ANCIENT SPORTS



*Sicily (Italy)*

In ancient times, various games, that are familiar with Volleyball, were played. In the Roman Empire, there was a game that consisted in throwing a ball and catching it: the "Trigon". A game that can be seen in the mosaics of Villa del Casale in Piazza Armerina (Enna - Italy) and in a mosaic in the Hypogeum of the Otavi in Rome.



*mosaics in Villa del Casale in Piazza Armerina (Enna - Italy) in where there is a mosaic with two girls in shorts playing Trigon*



*ancient Rome*

The Romans had probably inherited the foundations of this game from the Greeks. Homer in chapter IV of the *Odyssey* describes a Greek pastime game youth which consisted of passing a ball on the fly.



*"sphaira"*



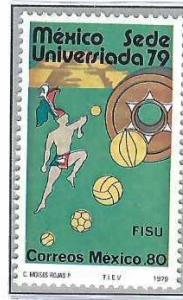
*Homer*

Although ball games were not part of the program of the ancient Olympic Games, it was a popular pastime for young Greeks of both genders. At that time there were different types of balls, with many names. The most common was "sphaira", which survives into the modern era as a "sphere". These balls were usually made of pieces of leather sewn together, or bladders filled with animals or to be inflated. The fillings could have been of sand, flour, wool, horsehair and feathers.



*Greek athletes engaged in the Ancient Olympia Games*





Even among the Native Americans there was a game in which the ball had to be in flight. Maya, Aztec and Incas. The game consisted of keeping the ball in flight, hitting it with all parts of the body, hands as ire, sending it into a stone circle placed on a wall. The prize for the winner was ..... death. That was considered the first prize because it brought them closer to God.

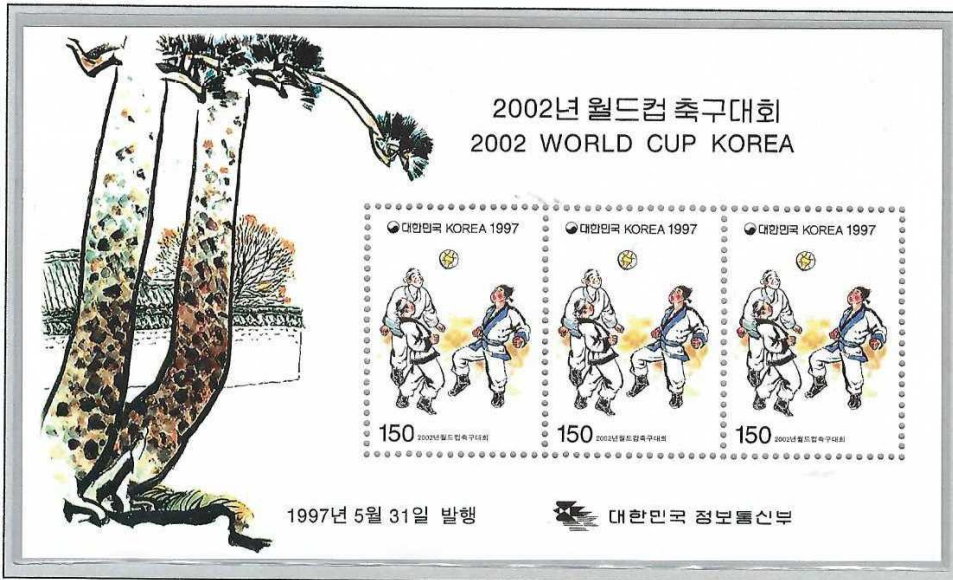




In the 15<sup>th</sup> Century, a game with features similar to Volleyball was played in Malaysia: the Sepak Takraw.



Sepak Takraw  
it is played 3x3 on a court 6.1x13.4m



attack action  
in the Sepak Takraw

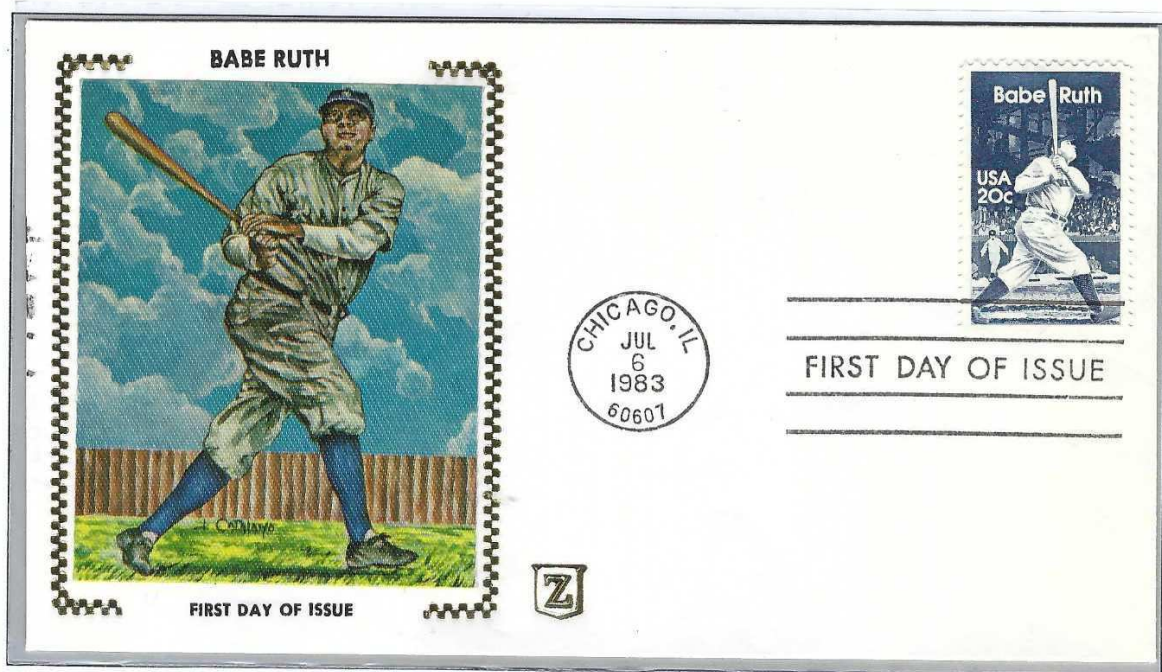
But it was probably born even earlier, considering that the Venetian Marco Polo, in his chronicle in the "Million". describes the "game in a circle". In China it is known as tsu chu, cu ju or teng qiu. It was played with a wooden ball or a cork cylinder (Shuttlecock).



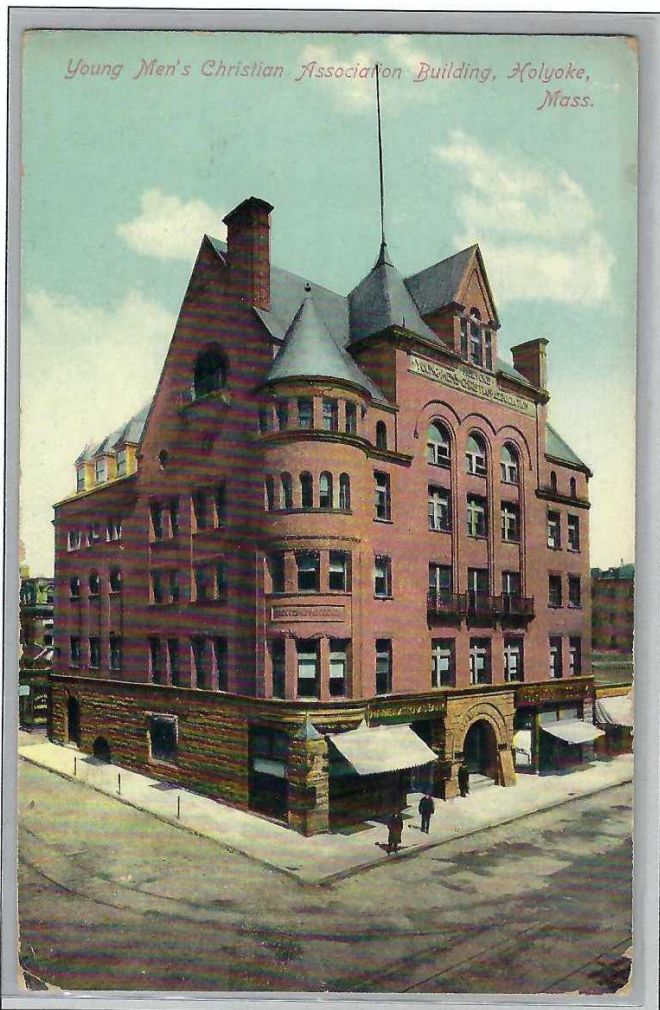
Marco Polo journey, from Venice to China; trip started in 1271



"Ching Loong, Chinlon  
or Chinlone"  
Union of Burma  
(Myanmar)



George Herman "Babe" Ruth, Baseball Legend



postcard Y.M.C.A. Building, Holyoke, Massachusetts  
to Holyoke on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1909 for New York

Volleyball takes its first steps in the United States of America, a country where the most popular sports are Football and Baseball.



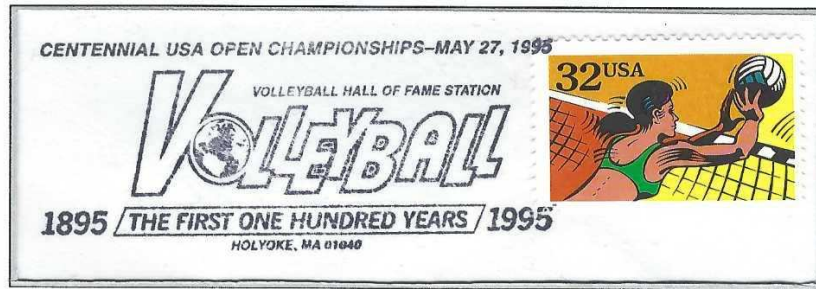
U.S.A. 1969  
Centenary of Football



pin San Francisco 49ers  
founded in 1946



*Cinderella Y.M.C.A. 1944*

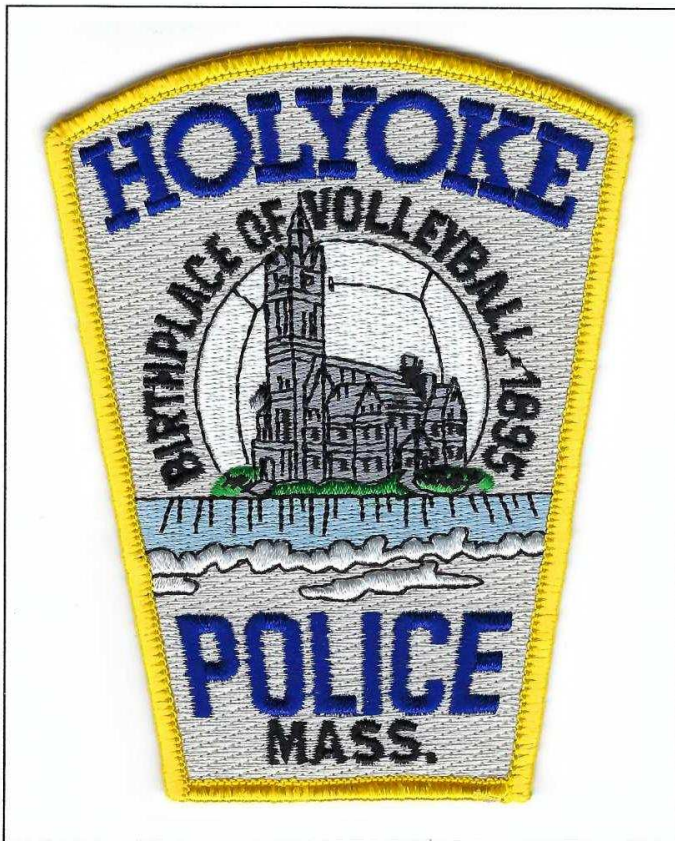


*1995: U.S.A. - "Centenary of Volleyball" cancellation*

Volleyball was officially born in the United States of America in February 1895, by William G. Morgan (1870 - 1942), director of physical education at the Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association) of Holyoke in Massachusetts.



*William G. Morgan portrayed in the cancellation issued in Milan (22.9.1985) on the occasion of the 1985 World Junior Championships*



*Holyoke Police patch  
City of the birth of Volleyball*

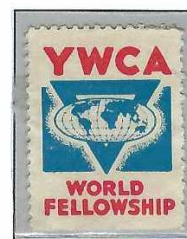
Basketball was also born in the same school in 1891, by James Naismith (1861 - 1939), a friend of Morgan who collaborated in the creation of Volleyball.



*pre-canceled stamp  
"HOLYOKE MASS."*



*Centennial birth of  
James Naismith*



*Y.M.C.A. label  
"World friendship"*

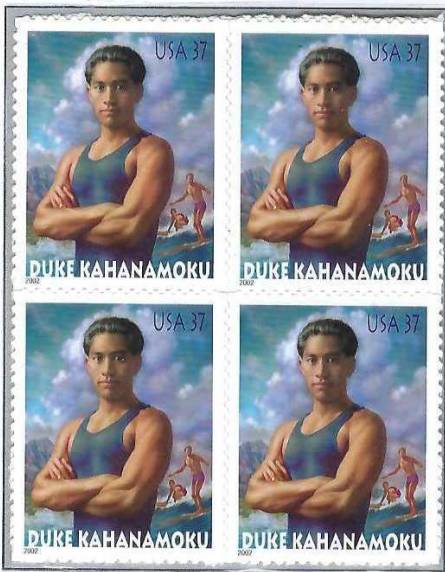
1915



Sweden 2000  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000



2012 : Rep. Democratique du Congo - Beach Volleyball



Duke Kahanamoku (1890-1968)

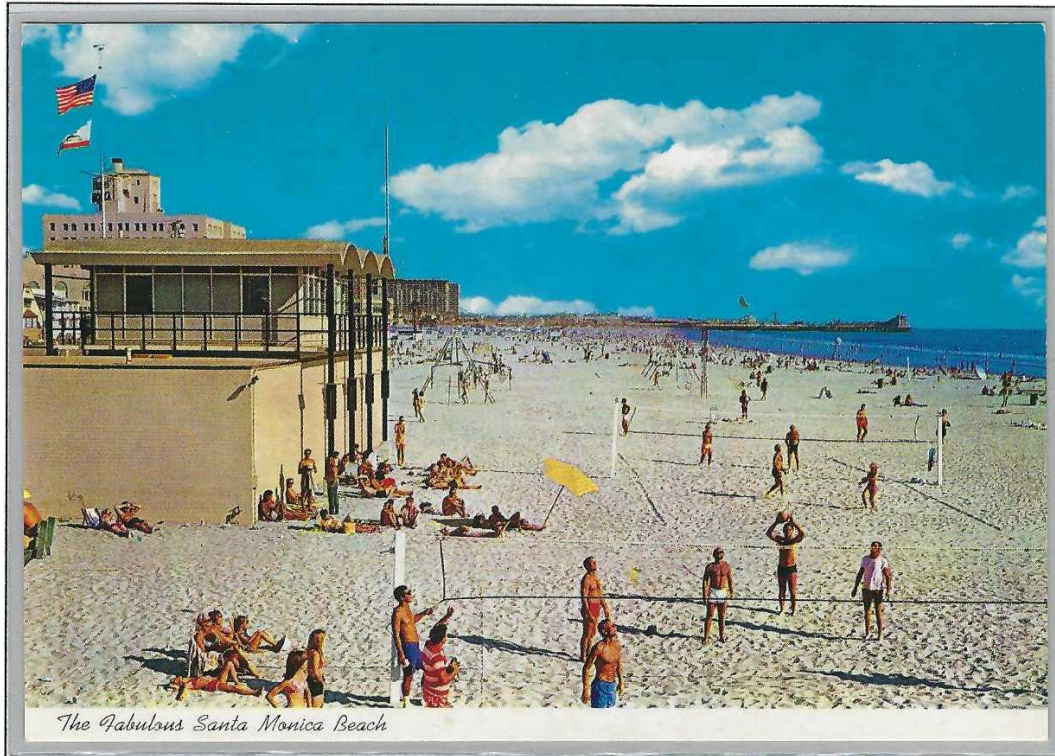
On the beaches at "Outrigger Canoe Club", in Waikiki, (Honolulu) in the Hawaii Islands, in 1915, the future Olympic swimming champion and great surfer Duke Kahanamoku gave life with his brothers to what the chronicles describe as the first game of Beach Volleyball.



postcard "The Sunshine City, Tampa Bay" Florida (U.S.A.) 1930

1920

New piers in Santa Monica (California - U.S.A.) created a large sandy area for public enjoyment. Immediately the first permanent Volleyball nets appeared and soon people started playing on public parts of the beach and in private bathing establishments. Eleven of these bathing establishments are built in the Santa Monica area, where the 1<sup>st</sup> Beach Volleyball Tournament was organized in 1920. The game quickly expanded to American beaches.



1961 : U.S.A. - postcard Santa Monica Beach, California



1936 : U.S.A. - postcard Playland, Wildwood, New Jersey

The first inter-club competitions were staged in 1924. Most of these early Beach-Volleyball matches were played with teams of at least six players per side, much like indoor Volleyball.

1927



Liberia - illegal issue



Beach Volleyball arrived on European beaches in 1927. The first tournament was in the Francoville nudist camp (Paris).



Royan - France



pin "La plage en fête" 1992 tournament in Royan - France

The first "official" European tournament was on the beach of Royan (France), in August 1930. Beach Volleyball is played in Palavas (Montpellier), La Baule and Lacanau in France.



La Baule - France



Lacanau - France



illustrated postcard France 1995  
"L'Elan Gymnique" à Barneau (Franconville)



*postcard La Tranche-Sur-Mer (Vendée - France) 1960s  
"The beach one day of the Volleyball Competition"*

Beach Volleyball is also played in Sofia (Bulgaria), Riga (U.S.S.R.), Praha (Czechoslovakia) and Munich.



**Maquette du projet d'aménagement  
du bord de mer à Monte-Carlo**

*maximum postcard Monaco 1966*



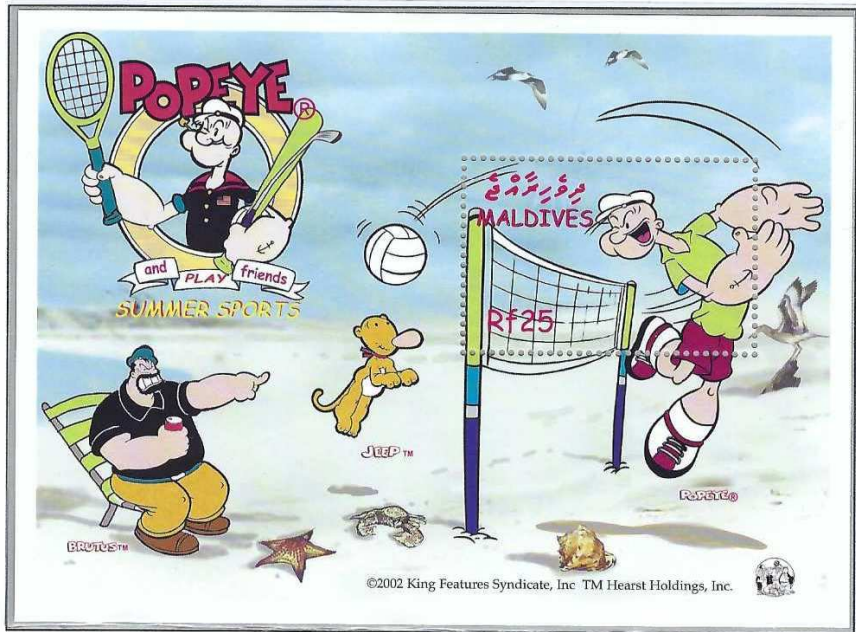
1930

The concept of the modern two-men Beach Volleyball game is credited to Paul "Pablo" Johnson of the "Santa Monica Athletic Club". In the summer of 1930, while he was waiting for players to show up for a six-men game at the "Santa Monica Athletic Club", Johnson decided to try playing with only the four present people, forming two two-men teams for the first recorded beach Volleyball doubles game. The players realized that with fewer players on the court, a taller player's height advantage could be neutralized by a shorter player's speed and ball control.



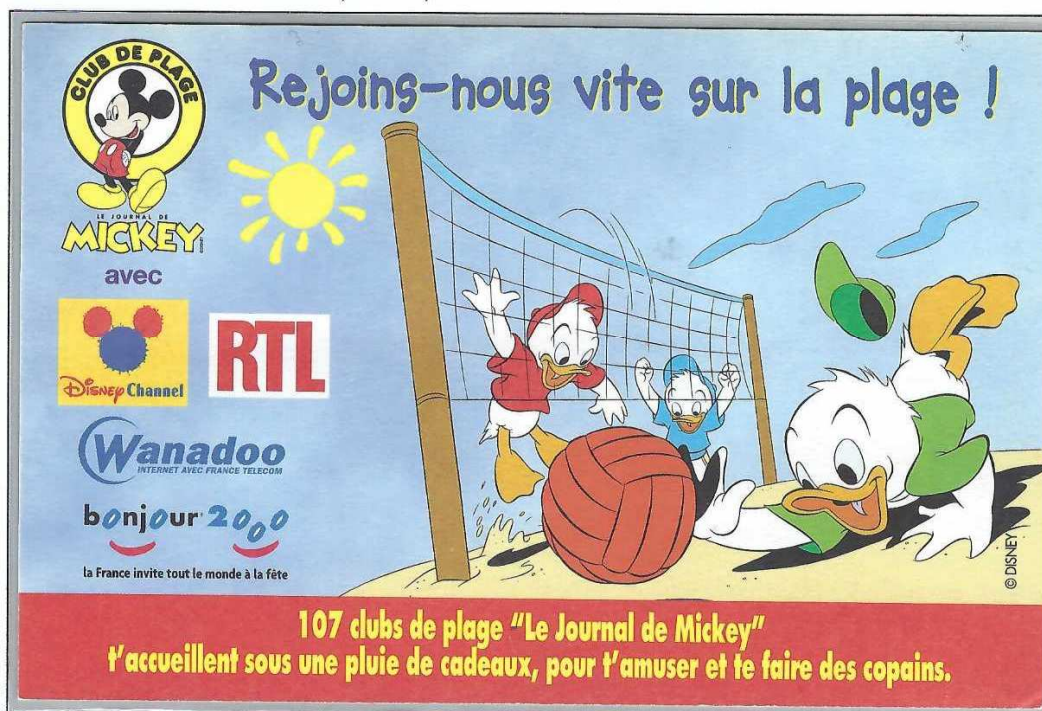
pin Olive Oyl  
created by Elzie Crisler Segar  
in 1919  
Ham Gravy's girlfriend  
and then Popeye

The popularity of the two-men game spread to other nearby beach clubs and eventually to the public courts.<sup>[7]</sup> The two-player version of the game is the most widely played version as well as the only one contested at an elite level.



Maldives 2002, "Summersport by Popeye"

Note : on January 17, 1929 Popeye made his debut in the comic strip "Thimble Theater", published by King Features Syndicate. A fictional character created by Elzie Crisler Segar (1894-1938), who will become the protagonist in comic strips and film and television cartoons, as well as... postage stamps. The editorial office was in New York. Popeye's strength comes from spinach, and in 1939 the city of Crystal City (Texas) erected a statue in his honor. In the 1930s, sports programs became an important part of American life.



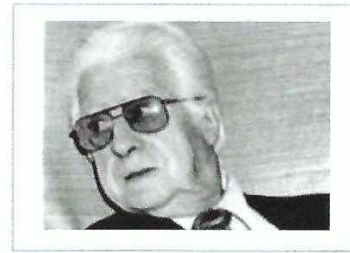
promotional postcard Beach Volleyball Club in France with Huey, Dewey e Louie, Disney characters created by Al Taliaferro and Ted Osborne, who appeared in the comics on October 17, 1937

1947

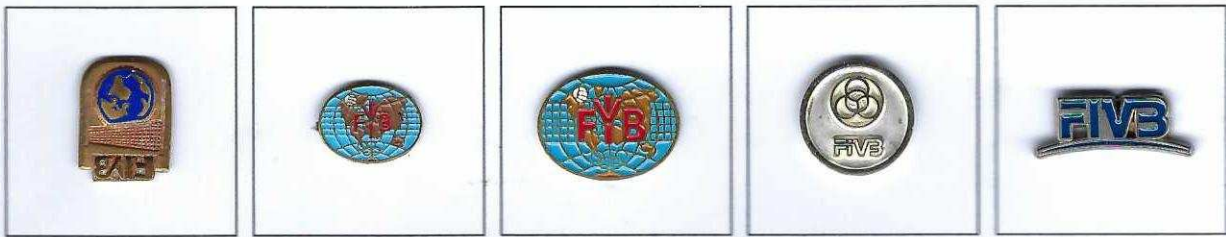


Paris

Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Netherlands, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Uruguay, U.S.A. and Yugoslavia are the 14 Federations that from 18 to 20 April 1947 Paris (France), founded the FIVB (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball). The first President elected was the Frenchman Paul Libaud. During this initial congress, the first uniform rules were written, unifying the European ones with the American ones. The headquarters were in Paris until 1984, then they moved to Lausanne (Switzerland).



Paul Libaud



badges FIVB (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball)



pin FIVB  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



badges FIVB  
International Referee



1989: Switzerland - red meter stamp - 0.450 F. "FIVB"

Bernie Holtzman organizes the first official Men's Beach Volleyball Tournament in State Beach, California. To establish itself is the Saenez-Harris couple.

1950

In 1948 the first tournament to offerine a prize was held in Los Angeles, California. It awarded the best teams with a case of Pepsi.

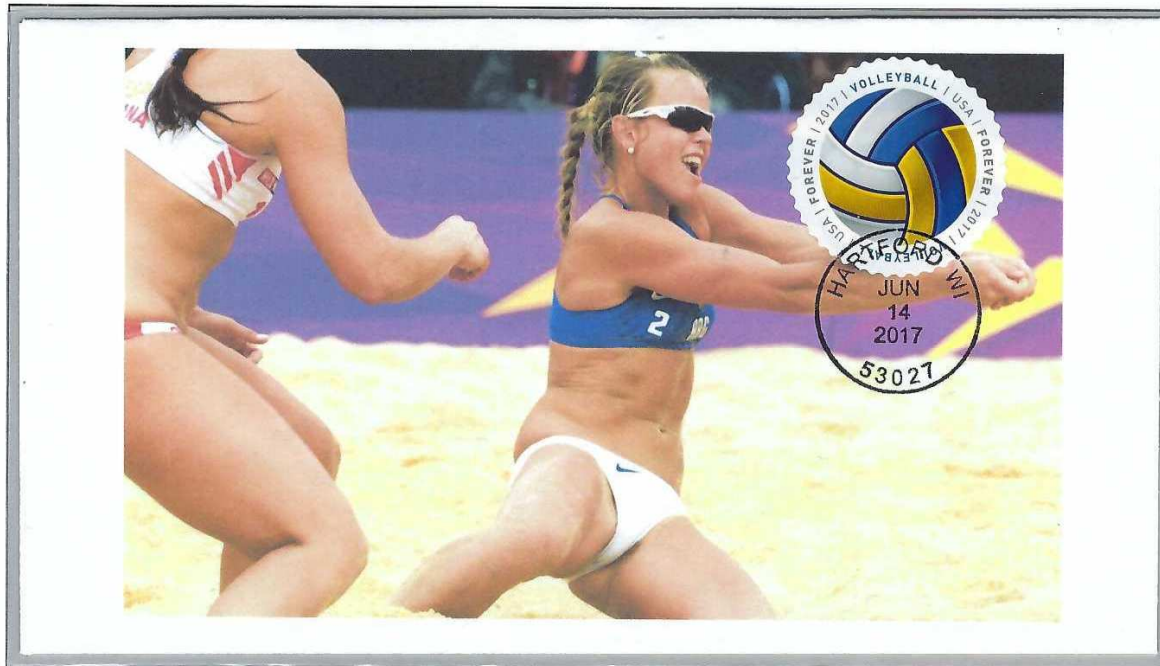


pin Pepsi



photograph of Copagana beach, Rio De Janeiro (Brazil), 1950s

In the 1950s, the first Brazilian Beach Volleyball Tournament was held, sponsored by a newspaper publishing company. The first Beach Volleyball circuit was organized on five beaches in California (U.S.A.): Santa Barbara, State, Corona del Mar, Laguna and San Diego. Beach Volleyball became an integral part of the Californian lifestyle.



2017 : U.S.A. - FDC Have a Ball!

1957, Bernie Holtzman and Gene Selznick won an event that featured Greta Tyson, star of "Pyjama Tops," as "Queen of the Beach."

1960

The first Manhattan Beach Open was held in 1960, a tournament which grew in prestige to become, according to some people, the "Wimbledon of Beach Volleyball".

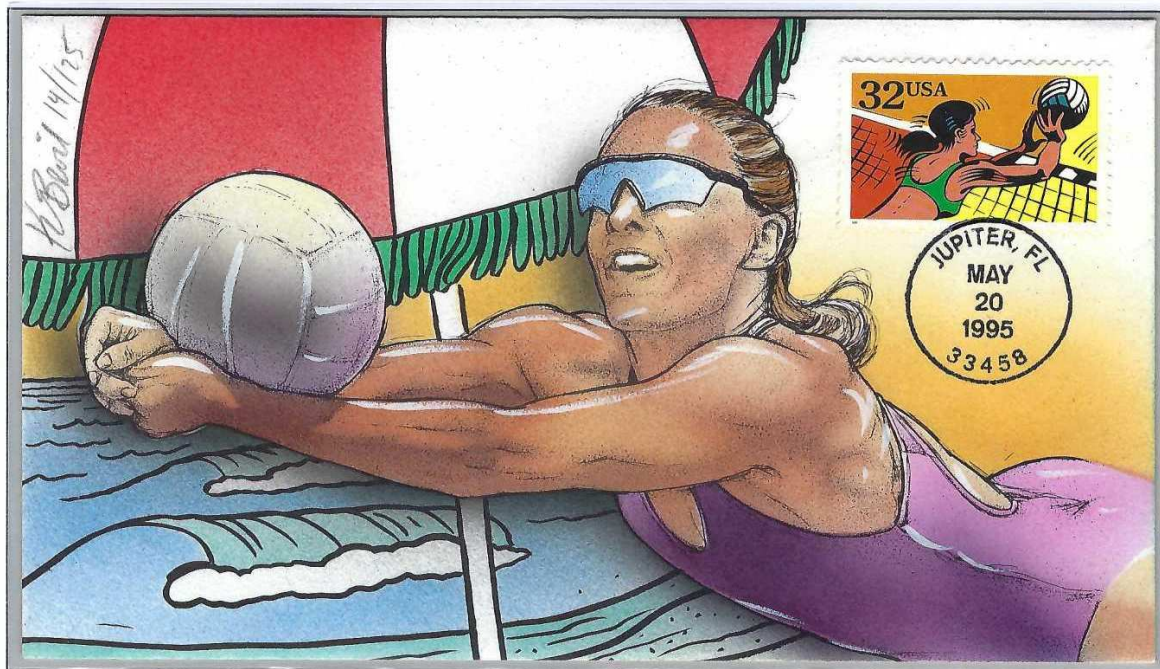


*The Beatles*  
John Lennon, Paul McCartney,  
Ringo Starr e George Harrison

Even Marilyn Monroe talks about the newborn discipline tied hand in glove with the beach, sun and music. Even the Beatles and the future U.S.A. President Jhon Kennedy, in Sorrento Beach in the 1960s, delighted in set and spike.



*Marilyn Monroe*



serigraph n° 14/125 on FDC envelope "Recreational sports: Beach Volleyball", signed by the artist, K. Brevil

1980



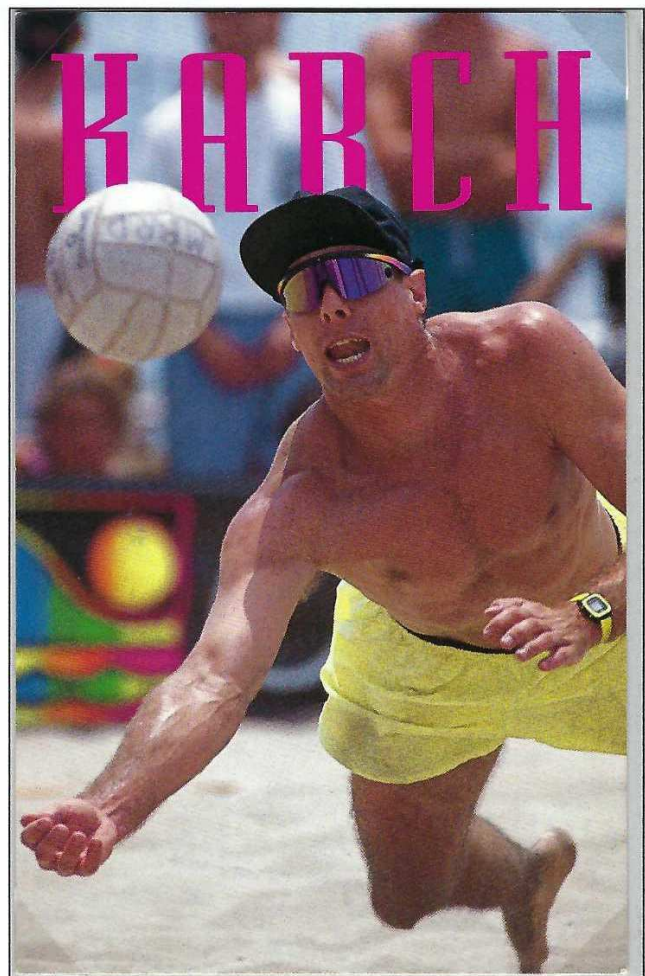
registered letter dated 29/10/1996, sent from Recife (Brazil) to Chillar (Argentina) franked with 3x0.20 R \$ and a pair of "Centenary of the Olympic Games" - Brazil 1996

In 1982, Beach Volleyball became popular on the beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The USA tour became national with tournaments held from Denver to New York and Clearwater, Florida.



Maracanã in Rio de Janeiro

In 1983 in the U.S.A. the "Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP)" was established. In the same year the men teams from Brazil and U.R.S.S. compete in a friendly match in the temple of football, the Maracanã stadium in Rio de Janeiro, in front of 100,000 spectators.



promotional postcard "Volleyball Monthly Magazine" Karch Kiraly (U.S.A.)



1986 : Czechoslovakia - 50h post card, FIVB Congress in Prague, September 1986

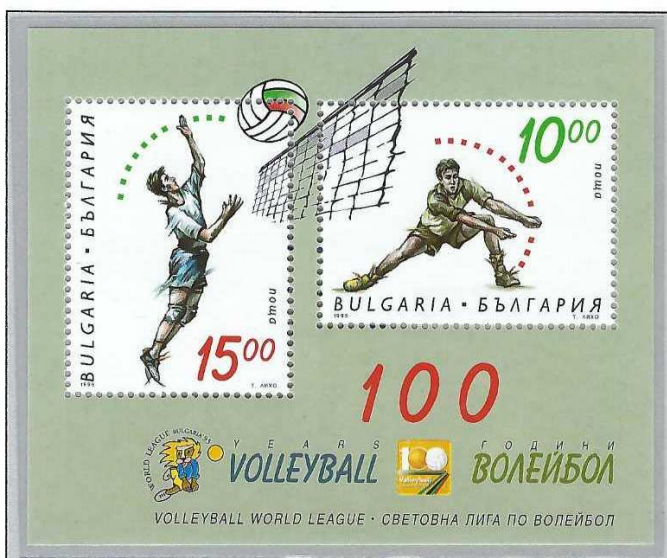
Beach Volleyball was officially born. During the 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress (5-6 September 1986 in Prague - 62 delegates) the organization of the Beach Volleyball World Championship and the World League were decided. 10 years later, Beach Volleyball entered the Olympic program: Atlanta 1996.



overprint specimen



Tuvalu 1996  
Olympic Games Atlanta 1996



1995 : Bulgaria - Centenary of Volleyball and FIVB World League



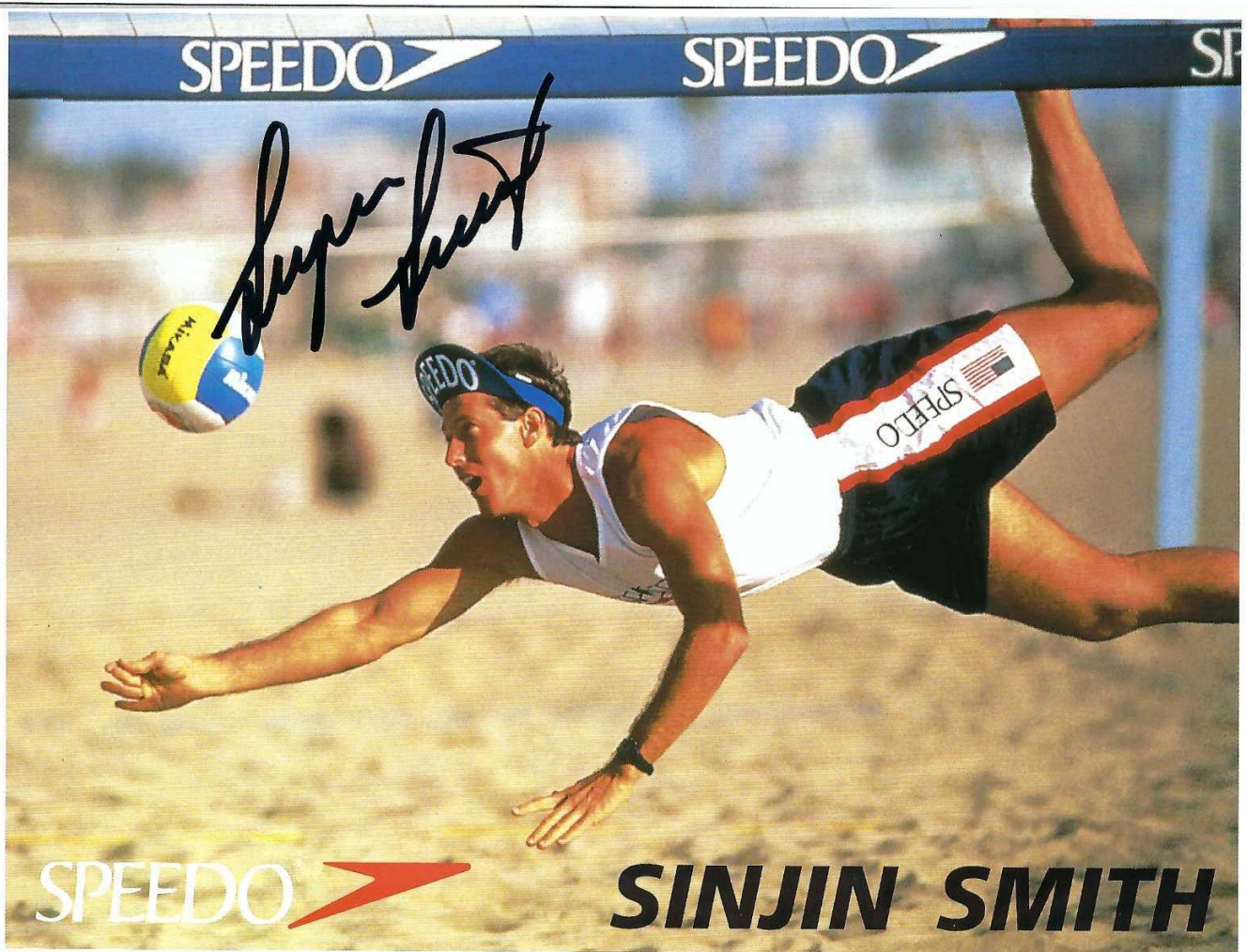
Brasile 1996  
Olympic Games Atlanta 1996

1987

From 17 to 22 February 1987 the first International Beach Volleyball Tournament was held on Ipanema beach in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). Tournament was approved by the FIVB. The pair U.S.A. Sinjin Smith - Randy Stoklos won \$ 22,000 cash prize.



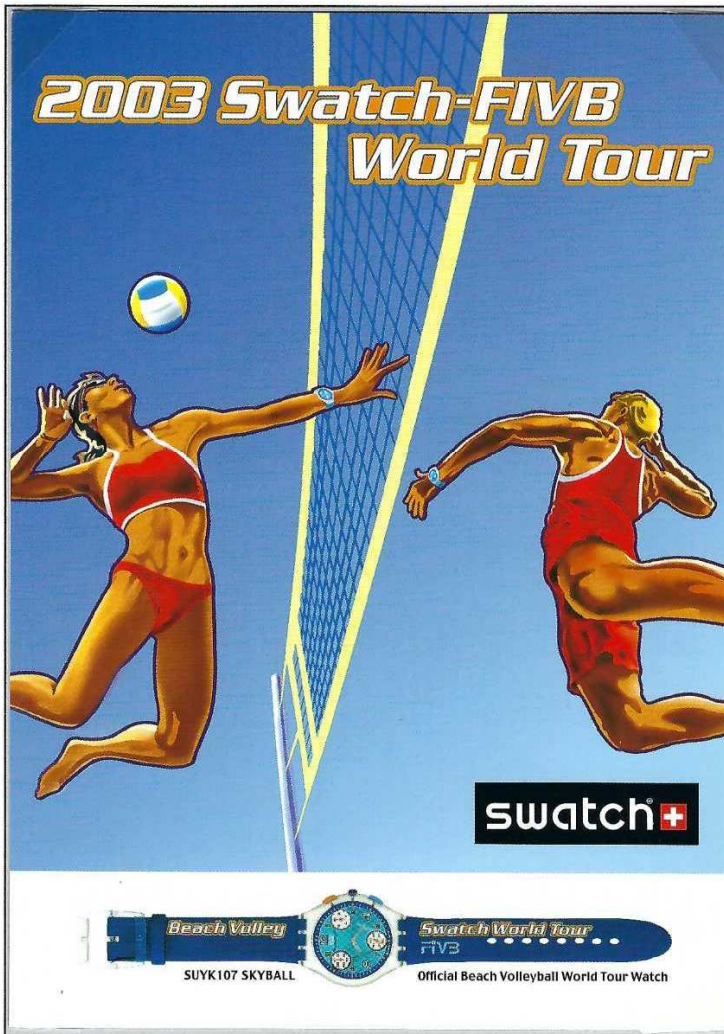
Telemar "Beach Volleyball" phone card (Brazil)



"Speedo" promocard with photograph and autograph of Christopher St. John "Sinjin" Smith (U.S.A.)

1989

In 1989/1990 took place the first edition of the Beach Volleyball World Series for the male sector with US\$140,000 total prize money.. The "World Series" is an international Beach Volleyball circuit organized by the FIVB with competitions held on various beaches around the world. Randy Stoklos - Sinjin Smith (U.S.A.) are the first winning couple after the stops in Brazil, Italy and Japan.



official 2003 Swatch-FIVB World Tour postcard  
 men's stages: Rhodes (Greece), Berlin (Germany), Marseille (France),  
 Klagenfurt (Austria), Los Angeles (U.S.A.) and World Championship  
 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil);  
 women's stages: Rhodes (Greece), Berlin (Germany), Osaka (Japan),  
 Bali (Indonesia), Los Angeles (U.S.A.) and World Championship  
 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)



Italy 1992, cancellation  
 Beach Volleyball World Series  
 in Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD)

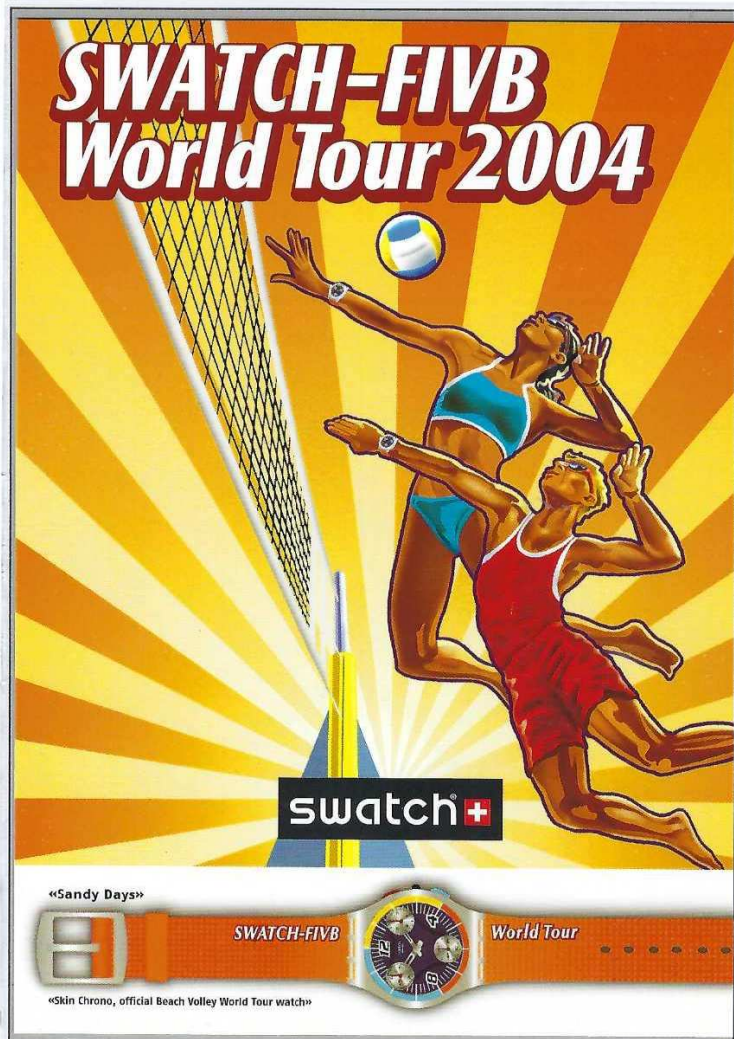


Italy 2006  
 special bilingual cancellation  
 "Swatch-FIVB World Tour '06"  
 in Roseto degli Abruzzi



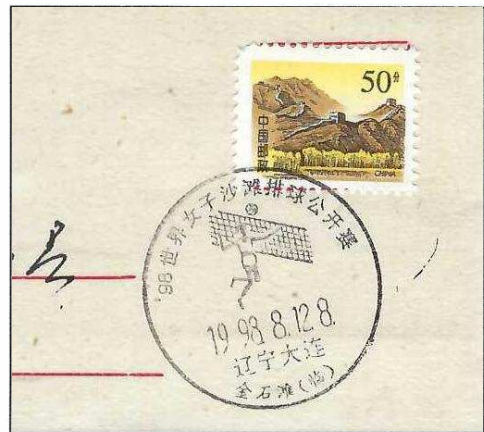
Italy 2006, cancellation  
 Beach Volleyball World Championships  
 "Swatch-FIVB World Tour '06"  
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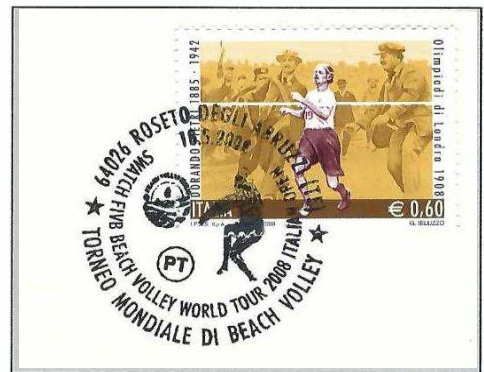


official 2004 Swatch-FIVB World Tour postcard  
 men's stages: Foz de Iguaçu (Brazil), Rhodes (Greece), Shanghai (China),  
 Osaka (Japan), Gstaad (Switzerland), Berlin (Germany),  
 Stavanger (Norway), Montreal (Canada), Marseille (France),  
 Klagenfurt (Austria), Milan (Italy), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil);  
 women's stages: Salvador (Brazil), Capetown (South Africa),  
 Lanyungang (China), Budva (Serbia and Montenegro),  
 Espinho (Portugal), Carolina (Puerto Rico), Gstaad (Switzerland),  
 Berlin (Germany), Montreal (Canada), Marseille (France),  
 Stare Jablonski (Poland), Klagenfurt (Austria), Mallorca (Spain),  
 Rio de Janeiro (Brazil);

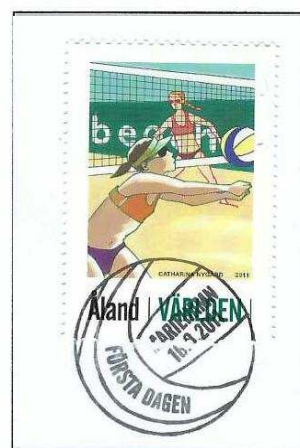
Since 1996 the circuit has been held in the calendar year and no longer after two years. In 1998 the name changed to "FIVB World Tour" and new stages entered: Argentina, Canada, China and the Czech Republic.



China 1998, cancellation  
 FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball 1998  
 in Liaoning Dalian-Jingshitang (China)



Italy 2008, cancellation  
 Swatch-FIVB Volley World Tour 2008 Italian Open  
 Torneo Mondiale Beach Volleyball  
 in Roseto degli Abruzzi (Italy)



Åland 2011  
 stamp and 1<sup>st</sup> day cancellation  
 FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball

With the aim of offering the possibility of ascent to mid-level players, the FIVB introduced the lower categories: Challenger, Satellite and amateur tournaments. The tournaments are indicated with the number of "stars", from 1 to 5 "stars".



China 2001, cancellation  
FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball 2001  
in Maoming (China)

Italy 2009, postcard  
Swatch-FIVB World Tour 2009 in Rome

Croatia 2005  
Postcard Swatch-FIVB World Tour 2005  
in Zagreb (Croatia)

1992



1992: Spain - Barcelona Olympic Games propaganda mechanical cancellation  
 "Olympics Year '92 Año Olímpico" Campeonatos Voley-Playa "Almería 12.08.1992"

Six FIVB Beach Volleyball World Series Tournaments were held with US\$ 950,000 in prize money and FIVB bonus pool. The first women's FIVB Beach Volleyball World Series tournament took place in Almería, Karolyn Kirby - Nancy Reno where the first winners. A Beach Volleyball Department was created within the FIVB. Beach Volleyball was present at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games as a demonstration sport.



pin Cobi mascot  
 Olympic Games Barcelona 1992



luxury proof imperforated



muestra (specimen)



Spain 1992  
 Olympic Games Barcelona 1992  
 9th series

1993



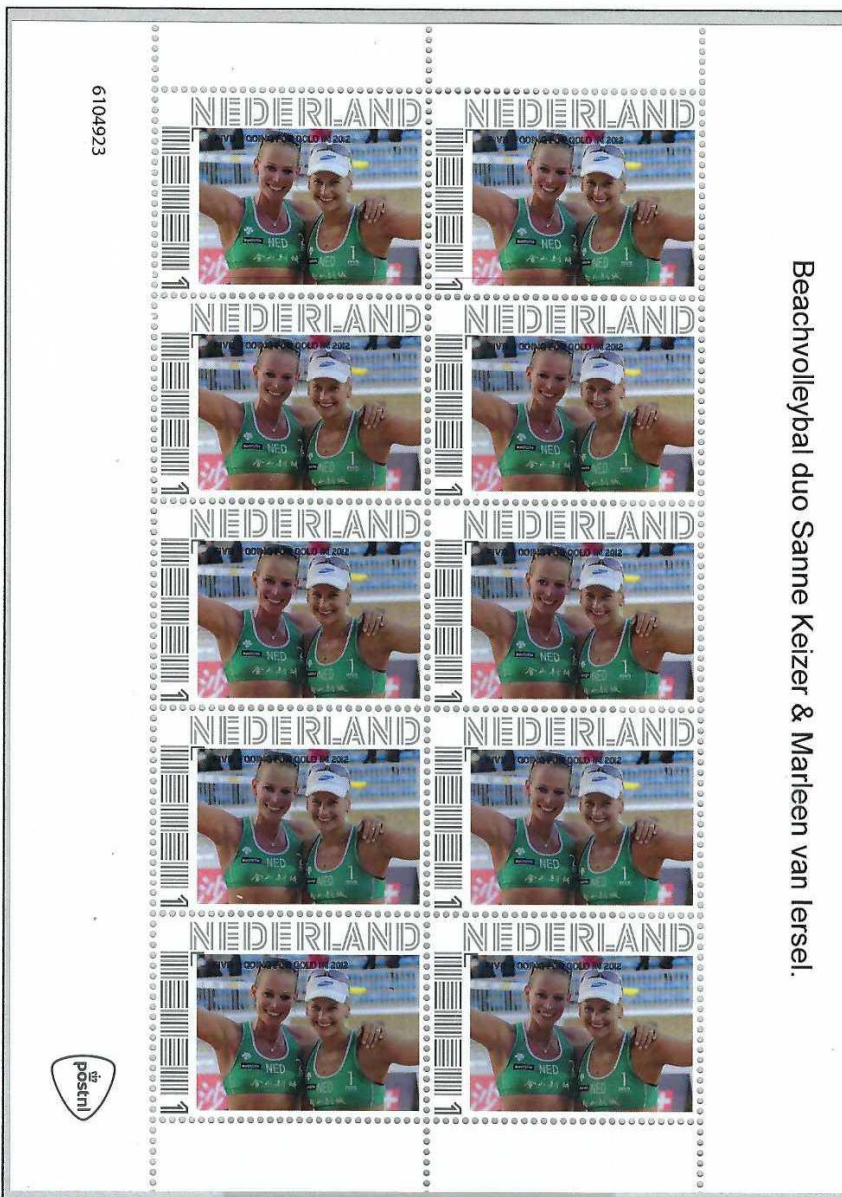
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CEV Beach Volleyball Master Final  
in Riccione (Italy)



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"European Beach Volleyball Championship Final"



Austria 2003, customized issue  
Clemens Doppler - Nik Berger (Austria)  
Beach Volleyball European Champions 2003



Nederland 2012, customized issue  
Sanne Keizer - Marleen van Iersel (Nederland)  
Beach Volleyball European Champions 2012

Beachvolleybal duo Sanne Keizer & Marleen van Iersel.



Italy 1999, cancellation  
European Beach Volleyball Championships  
in Roseto degli Abruzzi (Italy)

In 1993 in Almeria (Spain), the first edition of the Men's Beach Volleyball European Championship took place, Jean-Philippe Jodard - Christian Penigaud (France) where the winners. In 1994 in Espinho (Portugal) the female analogue competition began, Beate Bühler - Danja Müsch (Germany) where the winners. The European Beach Volleyball Championship is organized annually by the CEV (Confederation Europeenne de Volleyball).

1994



pin 3<sup>o</sup> Goodwill Games  
St. Petersburg 1994



Russia 1994  
3<sup>o</sup> Goodwill Games St. Petersburg 1994

Beach Volleyball was first included in the Goodwill Games held in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1994.



2001 : Australia - postal stationery FDC Goodwill Games Brisbane

The Goodwill Games were founded by Robert Edward "Ted" Turner in 1985. Turner had attended the Los Angeles Olympics which the Soviet "bloc" had boycotted. In Cuba at the same time some events of the "Friendship Games" were held between countries that were not present in Los Angeles and Ted Turner decided to broadcast the races on his TBS "Superstation" TV. The first edition in Moscow took place in 1986.



pin volley  
1<sup>st</sup> Goodwill Games Moscow 1986



U.R.S.S. 1986  
1<sup>st</sup> Goodwill Games in Moscow

The last Goodwill Games in Brisbane (Australia) in 2001. Beach Volleyball was present.

1996

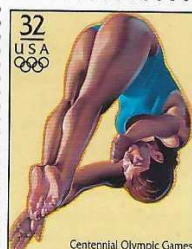


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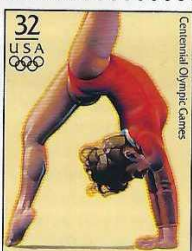
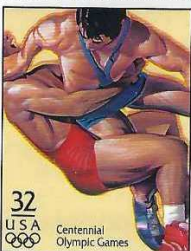
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*Richard Waldrep*

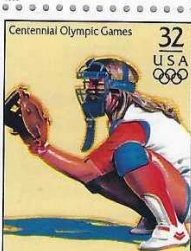
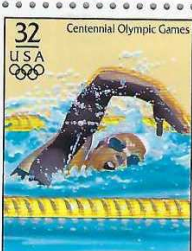
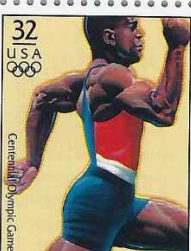
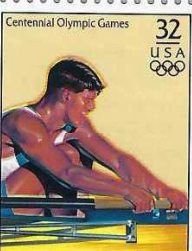
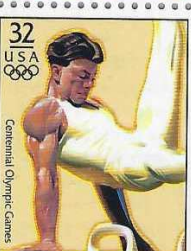


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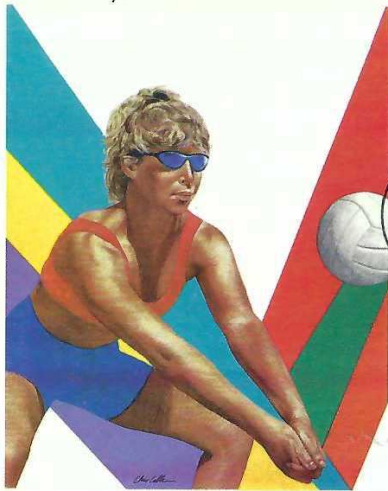
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*U.S.A 1996, mini-sheet U.S. Postal Service "Classic Collection", Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, signed by artist Richard Waldrep, "... who captured the courage, spirit and dedication of the Olympic Athletes, which are an inspiration to us all. "*

The first Olympic Beach Volleyball competition was held at Atlanta 1996. Twenty-four men's teams and 18 women's teams competed for Olympic medals on Atlanta Beach in July in a 10,000-seat stadium, with over 107,000 spectators selling out the six-day event. Some 600 athletes representing 42 countries took part in the Olympic qualifying process. Karch Kiraly became a three-time Olympic gold medallist and first Olympic champion in Volleyball and Beach Volleyball.

**Centennial Olympic Games  
Beach Volleyball**

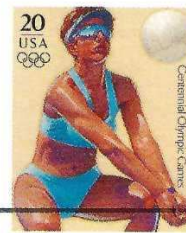


Beach volleyball, played with two-person teams, will be added to the Games program for the first time in 1996. There will be both men's and women's events.

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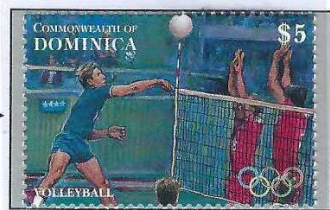
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Olympic Games Atlanta 1996  
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*Dominica 1996  
gold medal winners Karch Kiraly (U.S.A.)*

**Atlanta Olympics men's medallists**

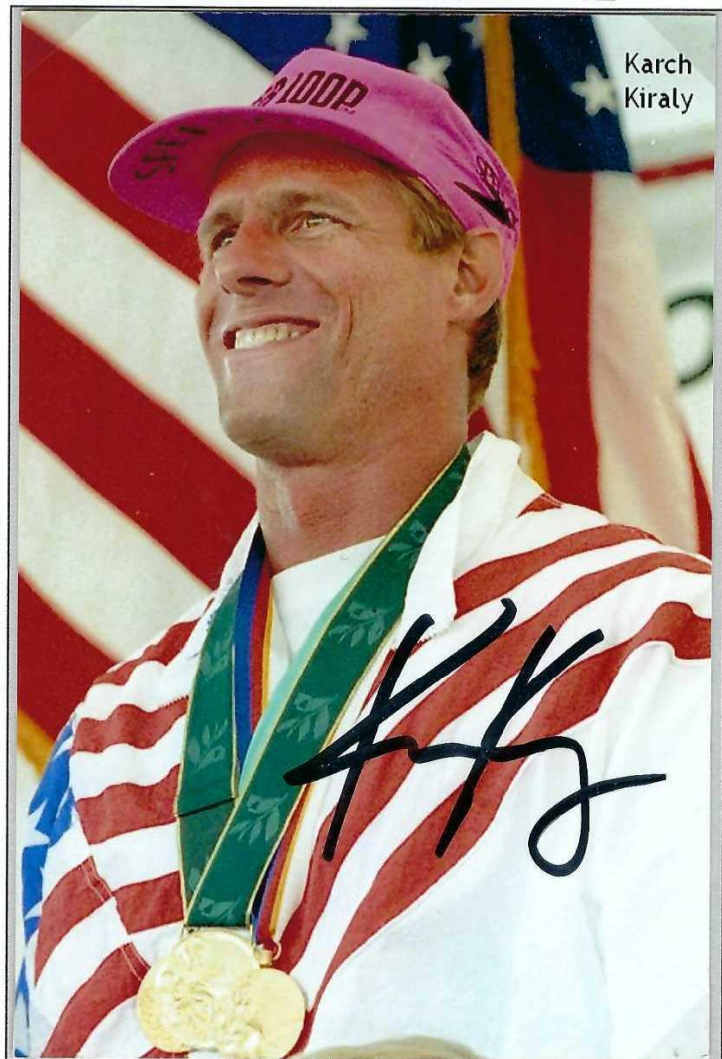
- 1° Karch Kiraly - Kent Steffes (U.S.A.)
- 2° Michael Dodd - Mike Whitmarsh (U.S.A.)
- 3° John Child - Mark Heese (Canada)



*pin Team U.S.A. Beach Volleyball*

**Atlanta Olympics women's medallists**

- 1° Jacq. Silva - Sandra Pires (Brazil)
- 2° Môn. Rodrigues - Adr. Samuel (Brazil)
- 3° Nat. Cook - Kerri Pottharst (Australia)



*autographed photograph of Charles Frederick "Karch" Kiraly (U.S.A.)  
Gold Medal Beach Volleyball Olympic Games Atlanta 1996*

1997

The first Beach Volleyball World Championship took place from 10 to 13 September 1997 in Los Angeles (California, United States of America). Ericsson and Nike presented the Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball World Championships at the UCLA Campus in Los Angeles. Both genders were rewarded equally with a total of US\$ 600,000 in prize money. The event was broadcast in more than 120 countries.



Niederland 2013, customized issue  
Alexander Brouwer - Robert Meeuwse (Niederland)  
Beach Volleyball World Champions 2013



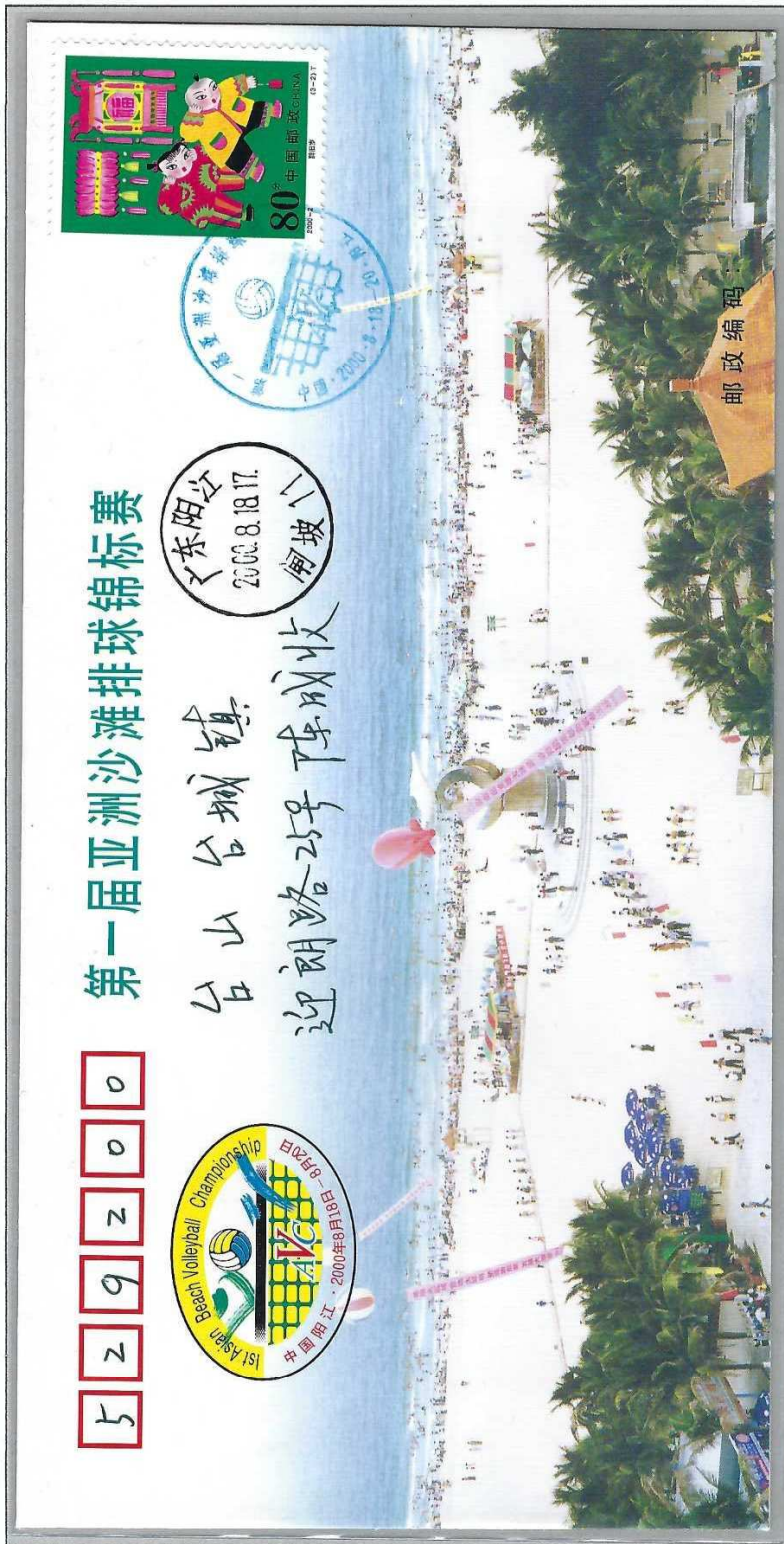
Germany 2005, personalized envelope and stamp PIN Standard-Mail with cancellation of the "Int. Briefmarken Börse", opening day 08/09/2005 - stamp of the Beach Volleyball World Championship in Berlin 2005



Germany 2005, personalized stamp PIN Standard-Mail  
Beach Volleyball World Championship in Berlin 2005

Beach Volleyball had a tremendous growth over the past decade and three hugely successful editions of the FIVB World Championships: Beach Volleyball 2015, 2017 and 2019. The latest edition of the event, in Hamburg (Germany) in 2019, welcomed over 130,000 spectators during the 10 days of competitions at the "Stadion Am Rothenbaum". 77 television stations broadcast the event in 112 countries, with 158 million





China 2000  
official envelope and blue cancellation 1<sup>st</sup> Asian Beach-Volleyball Championship  
in Yangjiang (China)

From 18 to 20 August 2000,  
the first Asian Beach-Volleyball  
Championship was held in the  
city of Yangjiang, on the island  
of Hailing in China.



China 2000, black cancellation  
1<sup>st</sup> Asian Beach-Volleyball Championship  
in Yangjiang (China)

2000

photograph with autograph  
of Dain Blanton (U.S.A.)  
Beach Volleyball gold medal  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000

Four years after the overwhelming success of the first Olympic experience, Beach Volleyball became even more of a hit at Sydney 2000. The top 24 men's and 24 women's teams in the world compete on Bondi Beach in a wonderful stadium seating 10,000 spectators and with modern facilities, offering a top-class event to the Olympic family of players, fans, media, sponsors. Teams from more than 50 countries took part in the qualifying process.



Australia 2000  
Gold medal winners  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000  
Natalie Cook - Kerri Pottharst (Australia)

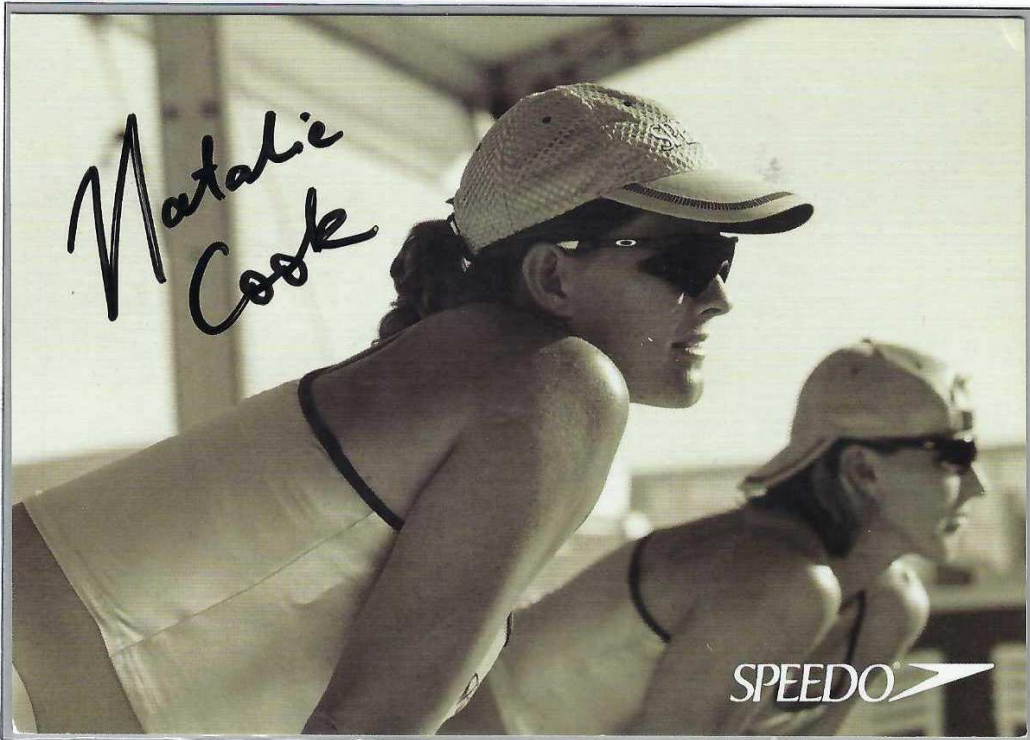


Sydney Olympics men's medallists

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dain Blanton and Eric Fonoimoana (USA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Zé Marco and Ricardo (Brazil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jörg Ahmann and Axel Hager (Germany)

Sydney Olympics women's medallists

- 1<sup>st</sup> Natalie Cook and Kerri-Ann Pottharst (Australia)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Adriana Behar and Shelda (Brazil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Pires and Adriana Samuel (Brazil)



postcard with  
autographed of Na-  
talie Cook  
(Australia)  
Beach Volleyball  
gold medal  
Olympic Games  
Sydney 2000

**2001**

In 2001, the first Junior Beach Volleyball Under-21 World Championships were held in Le Lavandou, France, through August 24-26, with 24 teams in both the women's and men's events.



*Italy 2007, cancellation  
7<sup>th</sup> Beach Volleyball World Championship Under-21*



*Greece 2001, cancellation  
Beach Volleyball World Championship in Xylokastron (Greece)*

2002 FIVB introduces official annual Under-21 and Under-18 Beach Volleyball World Championships in order to encourage future generations to play Beach Volleyball. The Under-21 World Championships for men and women were held in Catania, Italy, through July 10-14 and the Under-18 Beach Volleyball World Championships run August 28 in Xylokastron, Greece, with some 100 players from 20 countries.



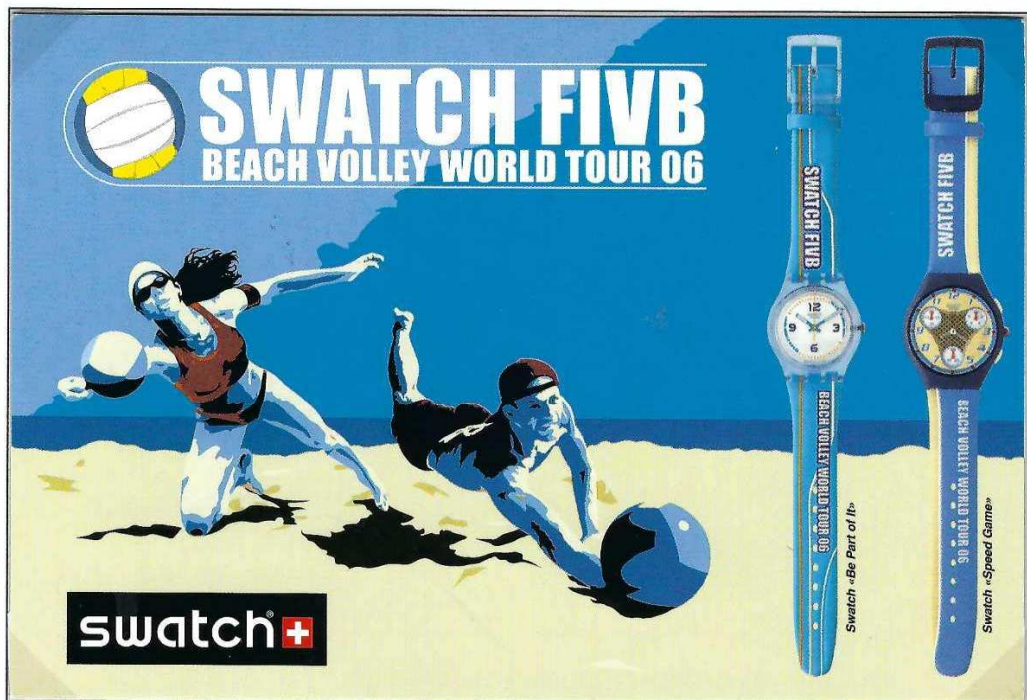
*pin Hellenic Beach Volleyball*

2003

In 2003 Swatch becomes title sponsor of the World Tour and presenting sponsor of the World Championships, creating a new logo/title as visual for posters, flyers, tickets and introducing SWATCH technology such as electronic scoreboards and speedball devices at all events.



postal stationery 60y Swatch-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour 2005



official postcard Swatch-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour 2006

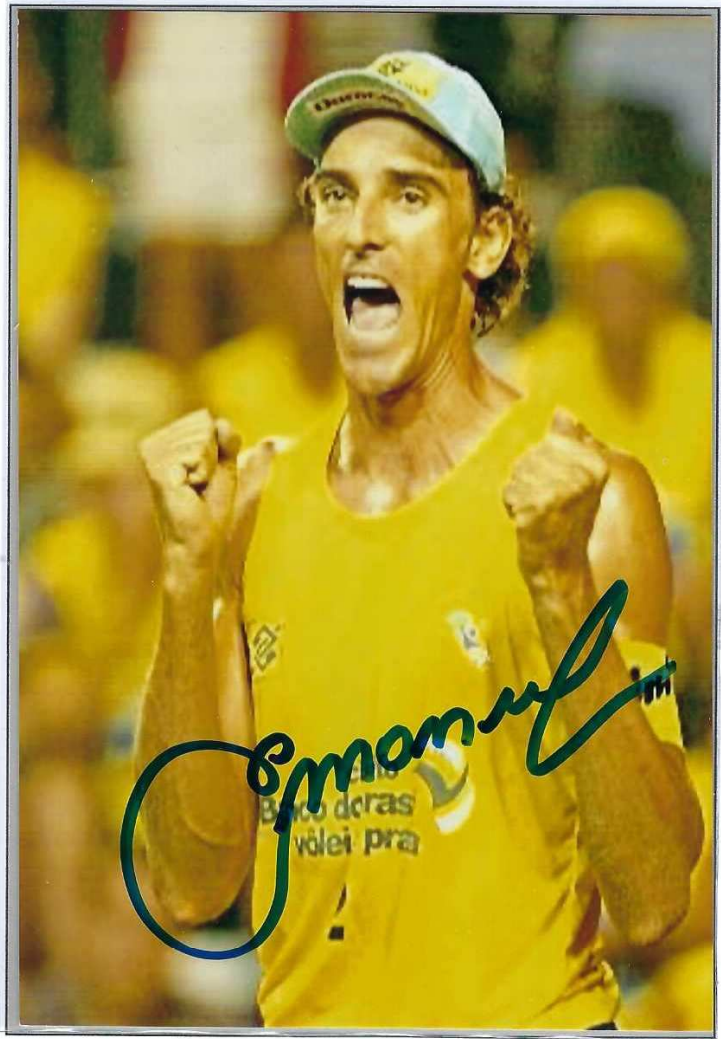
The Olympic Beach Volleyball competition runs over 12 days in Athens with 24 men's and 24 women's teams competing. With its new 10,000-seat main stadium built in the style of a traditional Greek amphitheatre, the Beach Volleyball venue and its surroundings provided an amazingly entertaining atmosphere in Athens. For the first time in an Olympic Games, an entertainment programme was implemented with the involvement of 12 dancers, DJs, multilingual announcers and production managers.

**Athens Olympics women's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kerri Walsh - Misty May (U.S.A.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Adriana Behar - Shelda Bede (Brazil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly McPeak - Elaine Youngs (U.S.A.)

**Athens Olympics men's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ricardo - Emanuel (Brazil)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Javier Bosma - Pablo Herrera (Spain)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patrick Heuscher - Stefan Kobel (Switzerland)



photograph with autograph of Emanuel Rego (Brazil)  
Beach Volleyball gold medal Olympic Games Athens  
2004



Holly McPeak-Elaine Young (U.S.A.)  
Emanuel Rego - Alex Ricardo Santos (Brazil)

Shelda Bede - Adriana Beha (Brazil)  
Javier Bosma (Spain) (Brazil)

Repub. of Congo 2004 (unofficial issue)  
Medal winners



Kerri Walsh (U.S.A.)

Repub. of Congo 2004 (unofficial issue)  
Medal winners



Kerri Walsh & Misty May Treanor

photograph with autograph of Kerri Walsh and Misty May (U.S.A.)  
Beach Volleyball gold medal Olympic Games Athens 2004

2008



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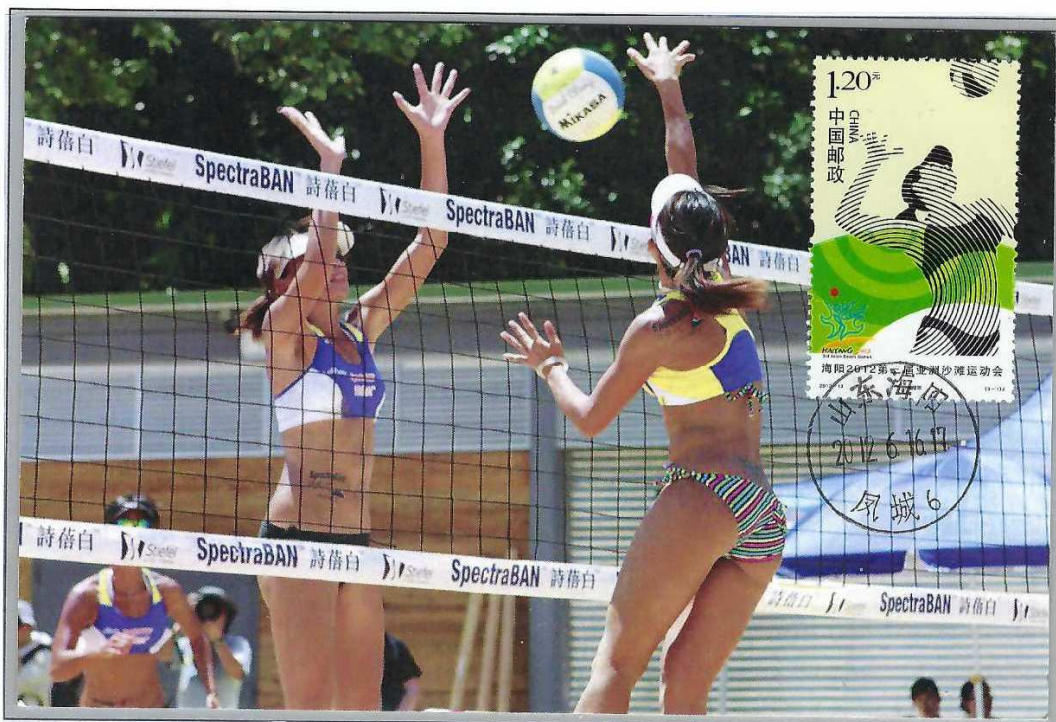


*2016 : Vietnam - 5th Asian Beach Games in Đà Nẵng (Vietnam)*



*China 2012  
3rd Asian Beach Games in Haiyang (China)*

Bali (Indonesia) from 18 to 26 October 2008 hosts the first edition of the Asian Beach Games. They are organized every two years. Beach Volleyball is present in all the editions.



*China 2012, maximum postcard  
3rd Asian Beach Games in Haiyang (China)*

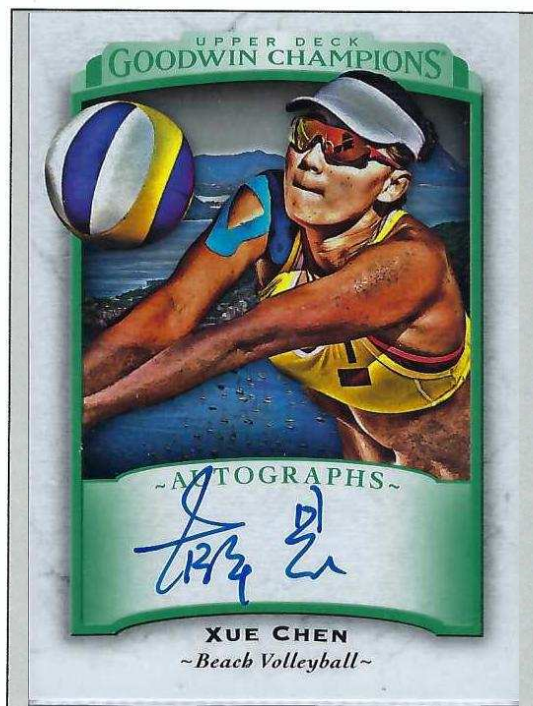
The fourth Olympic Beach Volleyball competition at Beijing 2008 saw again 24 women's and 24 men's teams competing against each other, this time over 14 days of action-packed fun on the sand. There were a total of 108 matches, comprising 54 men's and 54 women's. The 12,000-seat Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground was the stunning venue for the Olympic Beach Volleyball Tournaments.



China 2007  
Olympic Games Beijing 2008



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Beach Volleyball mascot  
Olympic Games Beijing 2008



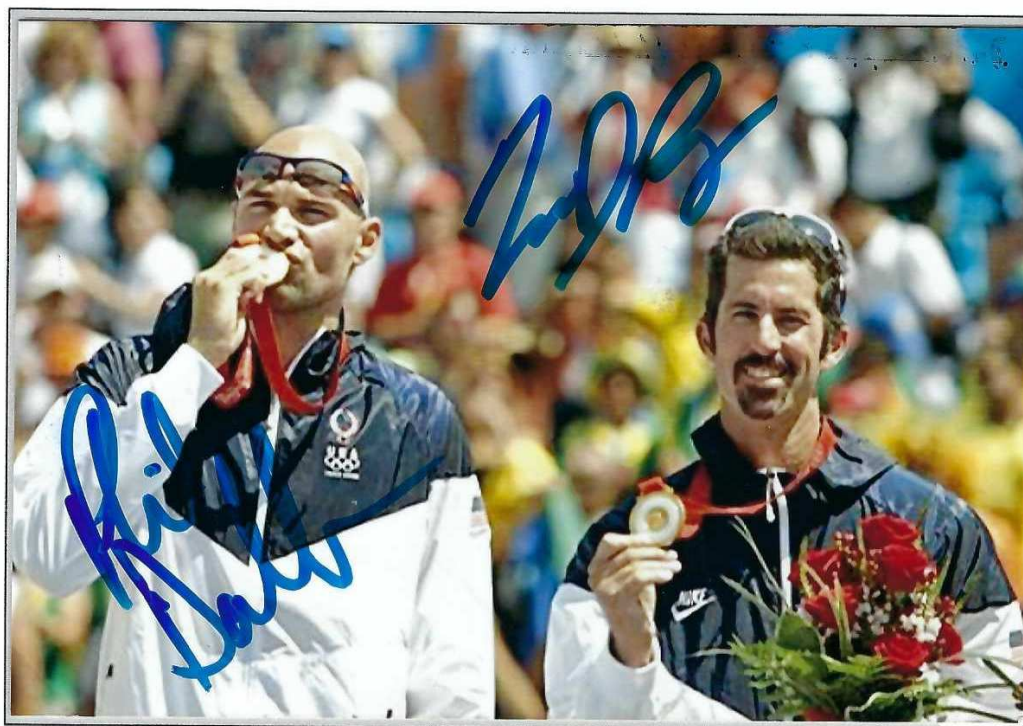
autograph of Xue Chen (China)  
Beach Volleyball bronze medal  
Olympic Games Beijing 2008

**Beijing Olympics women's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Misty May-Treanor - Kerri Walsh (USA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jia Tian - Jie Wang (China)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Zhang Xi - Xue Chen (China)

**Beijing Olympics men's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Dalhausser - Todd Rogers (USA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Marcio Araujo - Fabio Magalhaes (Brazil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emanuel - Ricardo (Brazil)

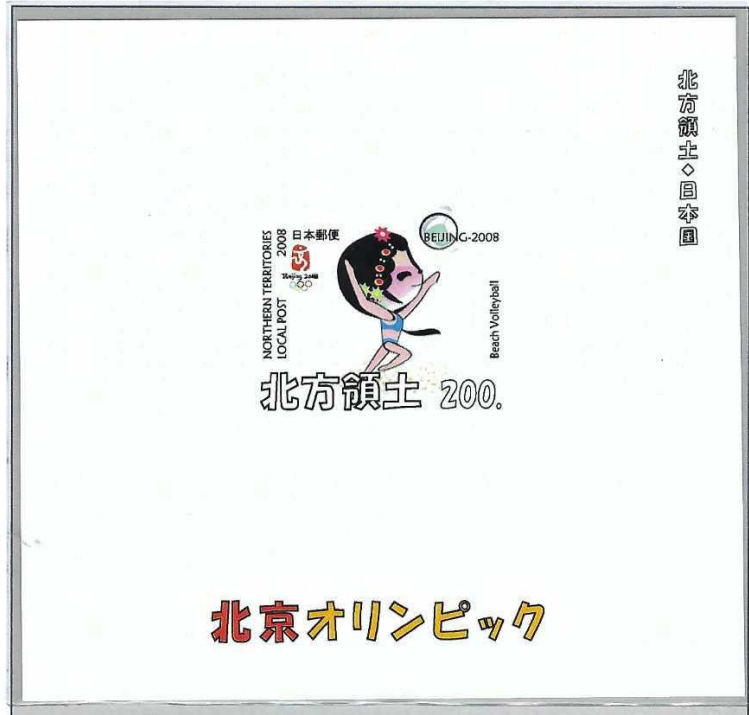


photograph with autographed of Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers (U.S.A.)  
Beach Volleyball gold medal Olympic Games Beijing 2008

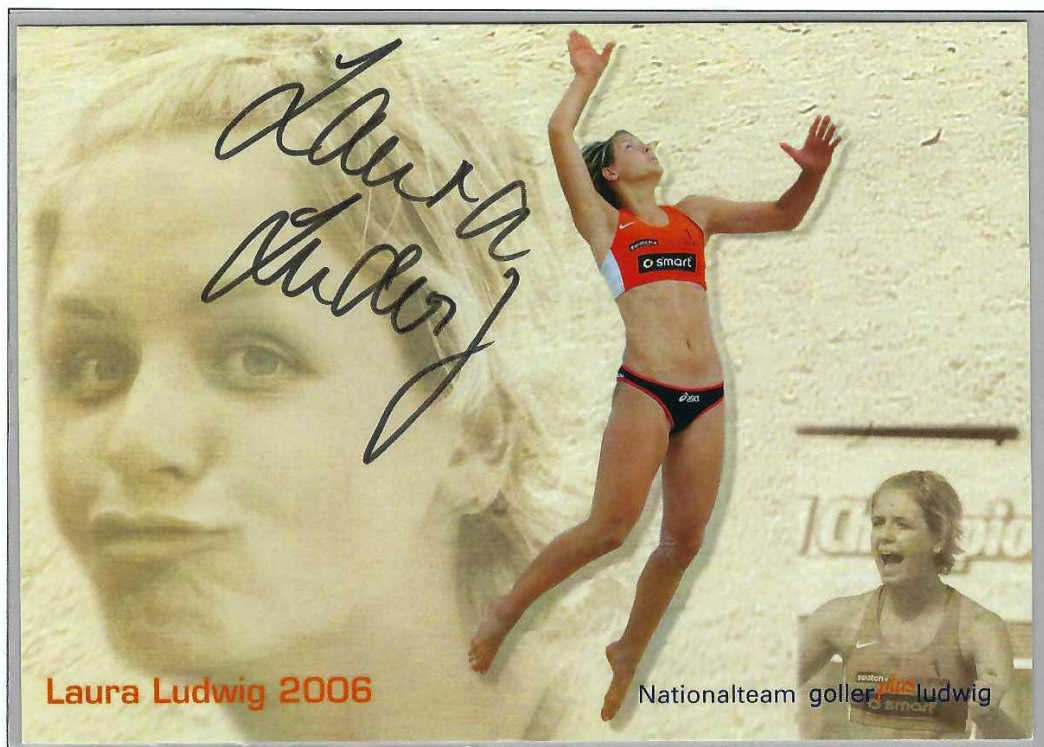


2009

The FIVB and IMG Sports Media, the sports production and distribution division of IMG Worldwide, announce a four-year partnership, commencing in 2009, which will see IMG Sports Media exclusively distributing key FIVB tournaments worldwide as well as acting as the official audio-video media rights and event consultant and TV coordination agency of the FIVB. Under the terms of the deal, IMG Sports Media will distribute all media rights for beach Volleyball's SWATCH FIVB World Tour (men's and women's) and SWATCH FIVB World Championships (men's and women's, 2009 and 2011).



North Japan 2008, local post, luxury proof on cardboard Olympic Games Beijing 2008



postcard with autograph of Laura Ludwig (Germany)  
2008 World and European Champion Under 18; gold medal Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro 2016

The FIVB unveils a dynamic “gladiator-style” visual for the 2009 Swatch FIVB World Tour. The innovative visual brilliantly encapsulates the drama, excitement and powerful image of Beach Volleyball by focusing on two of the stars of the sport captured in spectacular action poses in front of a fan-packed coliseum. The visual is created after invaluable input from SWATCH and feedback from officials, federations, promoters, players and sponsors.

2010

Singapore kicks off in 2010 (14 - 26 August) at the Youth Olympic Games. It is a competition for athletes between 14 and 18 years old 26 disciplines of the first edition with 3,531 athletes, that represented 204 National Olympic Committees. Nanjing (China) hosted the second edition of the Youth Olympic Games from 16 to 28 August 2014. 203 nations were represented. A South Sudanese athlete participated in the Games under the Olympic flag, as his country does not yet have an Olympic Committee. Yet Beach Volleyball replaces Volleyball. The competitions were held at the Nanjing Olympic Sports Center.



Romania 2014  
Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014



China 2014, cancellation  
Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014

#### Nanjing Olympics women's medallists

- 1<sup>st</sup> Santos Lisboa - Silva Ramos (Brazil)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> McNamara M. - McNamara N. (Canada)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Schneider - Arnholdt (Germany)

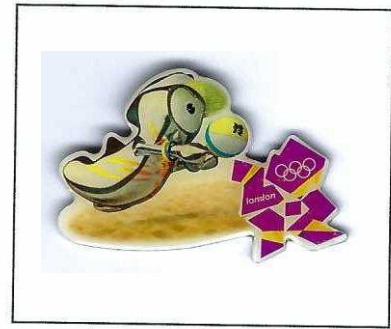
#### Nanjing Olympics men's medallists

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stoyanovskiy - Iarzutkin (Russia)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hernandez - Gomez (Venezuela)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aveiro - Aulisi (Argentina)



2014 : China - booklet Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014

**London 2012.** The English city, after the editions of 1908 and 1948, returned to host the **Olympic Games** from 27 July to 12 August 2012. The FIVB modified the rules for women's clothing in Beach Volleyball: girls were allowed to wear t-shirts with or without sleeves, and shorts that must be at least 3 cm above the knee, for reasons related to the respect of various religions, that prohibit showing the body with ease.



*pin Wenlock Beach Volleyball mascot  
Olympic Games London 2012*



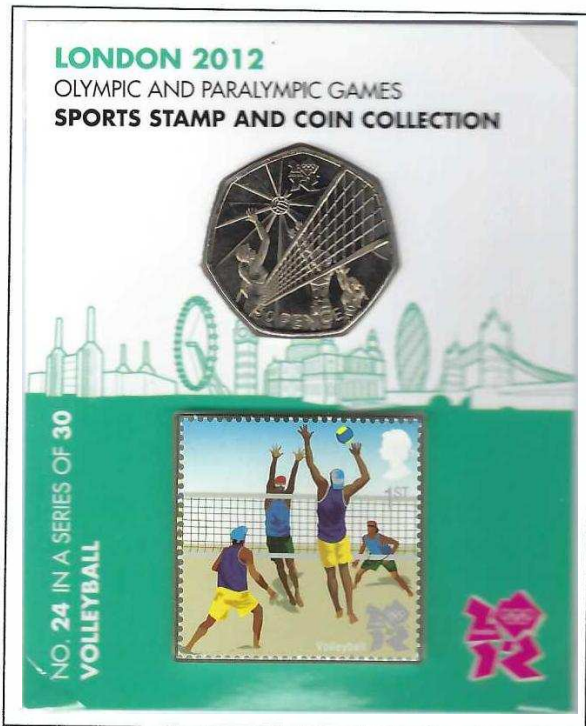
*2012 : United Kingdom - Olympic Games London 2012*

**London Olympics women's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kerri Walsh - Misty May-Treanor (U.S.A.)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jennifer Kessy - April Ross (U.S.A.)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Larissa França - Juliana Felisberta (Brazil)

**London Olympics men's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Julius Brink - Jonas Reckermann (Germany)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emanuel Rego - Alison Cerutti (Brazil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mārtiņš Pļaviņš - Jānis Šmēdiņš (Latvia)



*Olympic Games London 2012  
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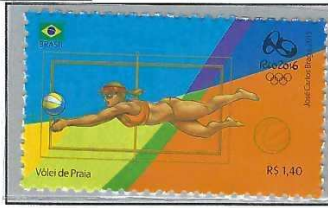


*Julius Brink - Jonas Reckermann (Germany)  
gold medal Beach Volleyball Olympic Games London 2012  
Deutsche Post 2012 personalized stamp*



*Latvia 2012  
Mārtiņš Pļaviņš - Jānis Šmēdiņš  
bronze medal Beach Volleyball  
Olympic Games London 2012*

2016



Brazil 2015  
Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro 2016

The Olympic Games, for the first time, were held in South America. The Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro saw the XXXI edition from 5 to 21 August 2016. Over 11,303 athletes from 205 National Olympic Committees participated, including rookies from Kosovo, South Sudan and Olympic Refugee Athletes.



Germany 2016  
Laura Ludwig - Kira Walkenhorst  
Beach Volleyball gold medal  
Olympic Games Rio 2016  
Deutsche Post personalized stamp

**Rio Olympics women's medallists**

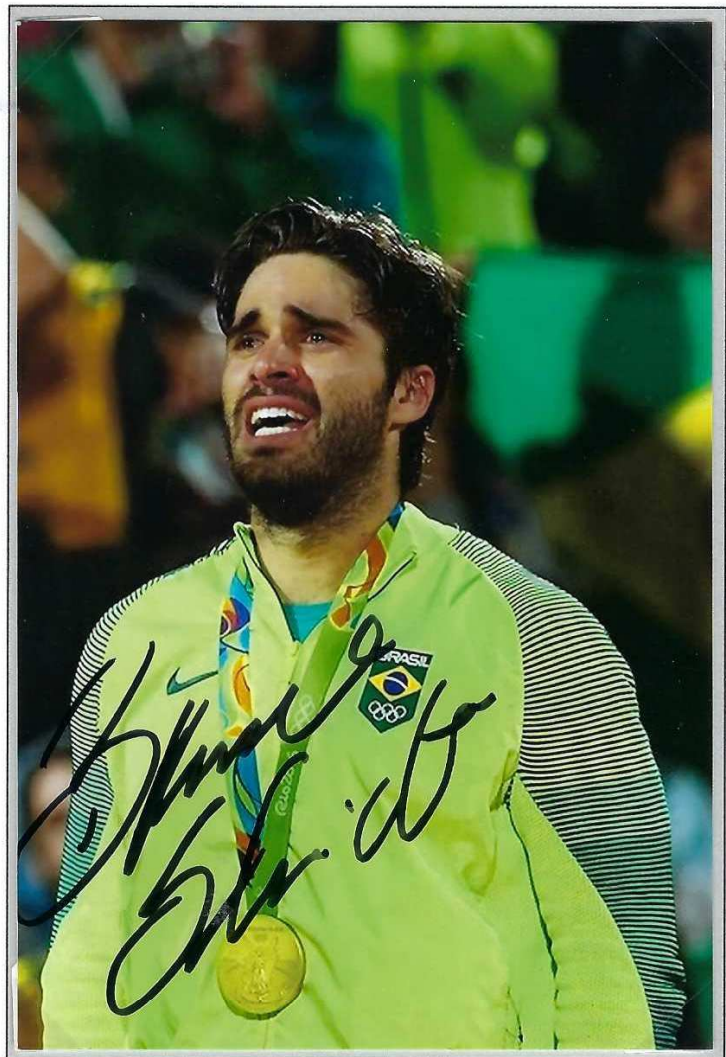
- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura Ludwig  
Kira Walkenhorst (Germany)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ágatha Bednarczuk  
Bárbara Seixas (Brazil)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Ross  
Kerri Walsh Jennings (U.S.A.)



pin "General Electric" sponsor  
Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro 2016

**Rio Olympics men's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Alison Cerutti - Bruno Oscar Schmidt (Brazil)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniele Lupo - Paolo Nicolai (Italy)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexander Brouwer - Robert Meeuwssen (Nederland)

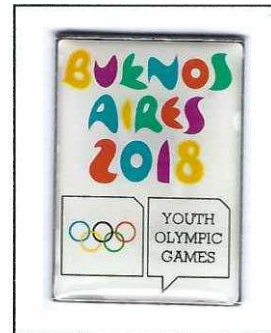


photograph with autograph  
of Bruno Oscar Schmidt (Brazil)  
Beach Volleyball gold medal Olympic Games Rio 2016



pin Olympic Games Rio de Janeiro 2016  
Beach Volleyball

The III Youth Olympic Games were held in Buenos Aires (Argentina), from 6 to 18 October 2018. Taking place in the southern hemisphere for the first time, the Games were held in October, and therefore in the spring season. The opening ceremony was organized at the Obelisk in Buenos Aires and the closing ceremony in the Olympic Village. For the first time, the ceremonies took place outdoors, and it was possible to attend them for free.



badge  
Youth Olympic Games  
Buenos Aires 2008

**Buenos Aires Olympics men's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> David Åhman – Jonatan Hellvig (Sweden)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Yorick de Groot – Matthew Immers (Nederland)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bautista Amieva – Mauro Zelayeta (Argentina)

**Buenos Aires Olympics women's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maria Voronina – Maria Bocharova (Russia)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Claudia Scampoli – Nicol Bertozzi (Italy)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Emilie Olimstad – Frida Berntsen (Norway)



Georgia 2018  
Youth Olympic Games  
Buenos Aires 2008



Syria 2019  
1<sup>o</sup> ANOC World Beach Games Doha 2019

The first "ANOC World Beach Games" will take place in Doha (Qatar) from 10 to 16 October 2019. 1,237 athletes from 97 "NOC" (National Olympic Committees) participate. A fantastic six days of competition, involving the local population and people from all over the world in 13 exciting sports and focused on young people: Beach Tennis, Climbing, Beach Volleyball 4x4, Kitefoil, Karate Kata, Water skiing, 3x3 Basketball, Aquathlon, Beach Handball, Beach Football, Beach Wrestling, 5km Swimming and Skateboarding.

**ANOC Beach Volleyball 4x4 women's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> U.S.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Brazil 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada 4<sup>th</sup> Australia

**ANOC Beach Volleyball 4x4 men's medallists**

- 1<sup>st</sup> U.S.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Qatar 3<sup>rd</sup> Indonesia 4<sup>th</sup> Poland

2020



*Føroyar 2020  
125 years Volleyball*

Many national championships were suspended and then canceled. The International Events were canceled, such as the FIVB Nations League and the FIVB Challenger Cup. The Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 were moved to July 2021, while maintaining the wording of "Tokyo 2020", to avoid further economic losses by changing merchandising.



*Greenland 2020  
COVID-19*

In the year that will be remembered for the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, Volleyball turns 125. On 24 February 2020, the Føroyar Islands Post Office (Denmark) commemorated the event with a series of two values of 12 and 17 KR.



*official Miraitowa Beach Volleyball keychain,  
Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games mascot;*

*conceived by the Japanese artist Ryo Taniguchi, winner of the competition that took place between the end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018, with 2,042 projects were presented for the two mascots of the Olympic and Paralympic Games; the "robot" Miraitowa takes its name from Japanese words for "future" (未来, mirai) and "eternity" (永久, towa), while the blue and white checkered design is inspired by the official "Tokyo 2020"*



*Singapore 2020  
COVID-19*



On May 26, 2020, the FIVB launches its Athlete Support Fund to provide short-term assistance to professional Volleyball and Beach-Volleyball players who have been financially affected by the global Coronavirus pandemic.

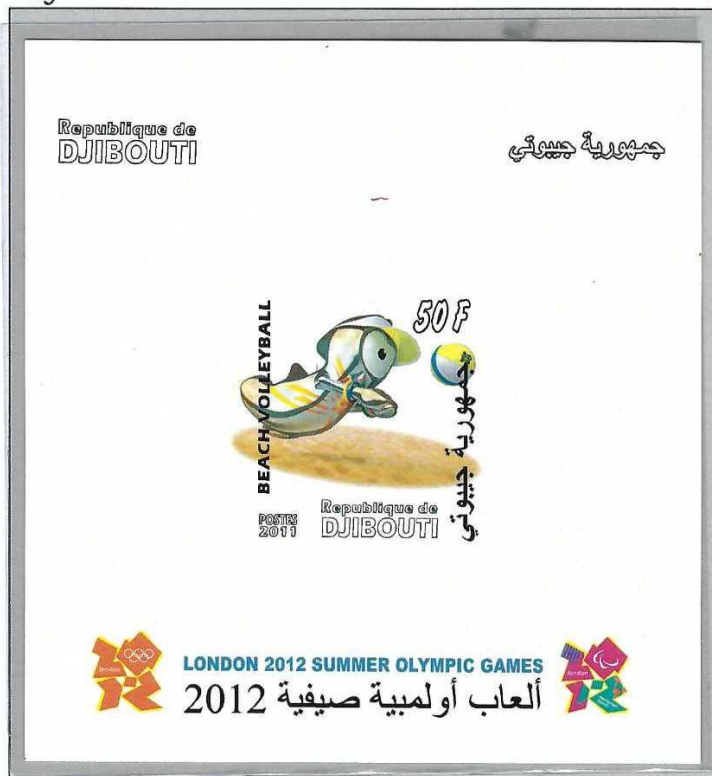
**THE GAME**



*China 2005  
postal stationery from 60y - Swatch FIVB World Tour 2005 to Shanghai Jinshan (China)*

Beach-Volleyball is a sport played by two teams on a sand court (8x16m) divided by a net. The team has three hits for returning the ball (including the block touch). In Beach-Volleyball, the team winning a rally scores a point (Rally Point System). When the receiving team wins a rally, it gains a point and the right to serve. The serving player must be alternated every time this occurs.

*dig*



*Djibouti 2011, luxury proof on cardboard  
Olympic Games London 2012*

*set*



*Angola 2004  
Olympic Games Athens 2004*

Ball brought up (saved) with any part of the body, particularly from a spike attempt.

Athletes wear a uniform consisting of tank top and shorts, while for girls it is mandatory top + costume or panty shorts. The use of glasses, cap or visor and watch is allowed. From the London 2012 Olympics, girls are allowed to wear t-shirts with or without sleeves, and shorts that are at least 3cm above the knee, for reasons related to respect for various religions that prohibit showing the body with ease.



Brazil 2000  
Olympic Sports: Comics Beach Volley-

The set ends at the 21<sup>st</sup> point. At point 7 there is the mandatory field change. Athletes can call two time-outs. There is a technical time-out when the sum of 21 points is reached (example: 11-10). It is played best of 2 out of 3 sets.



postcard with autograph of Sabine Swoboda (Austria)



Antigua & Barbuda 2000  
Olympic Games  
Sidney 2000

Portugal 2000  
maximum card  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000



*"floating" serve*



*Djibouti 2011, imperforated Olympic Games London 2012*

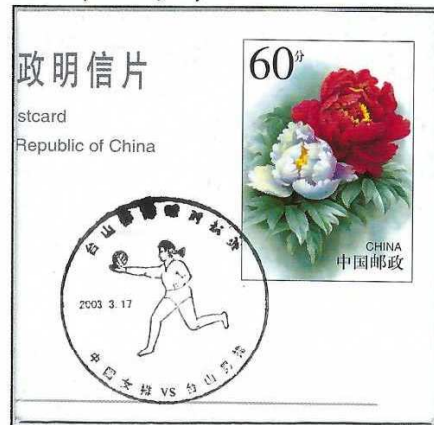
A serve begins each rally. A player must hit the ball with his or her hand over the net to land inside the lines of the court. Players may serve underarm or overarm (hardly anyone at elite level would offer an underarm serve). A popular serve is the "jump" or "spike" serve: the player jumps and serves the ball while airborne. Each player gets only one chance to serve. The serve can touch the net and continue into the opponent's court. Before this rule was introduced, a net touch on service ended the rally and the point was awarded to the receiving team. When the serving team loses a rally, it loses the right to serve. The receiving team then rotates one position on the court.

*"spike" serve*



*China 2000, cinderella Olympic Games Sydney 2000*

*run up for "jump" serve*



*China 2003, cancellation National Games of the People's Repub. of China 2003*

*"jump" serve*



*China 2000, postal stationery 60y 1st Beach Volleyball Championships to Maoming - Guangdong (China)*

*U.S.A. 1996, postal stationery from 20 c.  
Olympic Games Atlanta 1996*

First contact with the ball after the serve. The "reception" is a forearm pass that is used to control and pass the ball to the partner. The "reception" can be used also to make a direct "set".

*dig reception*

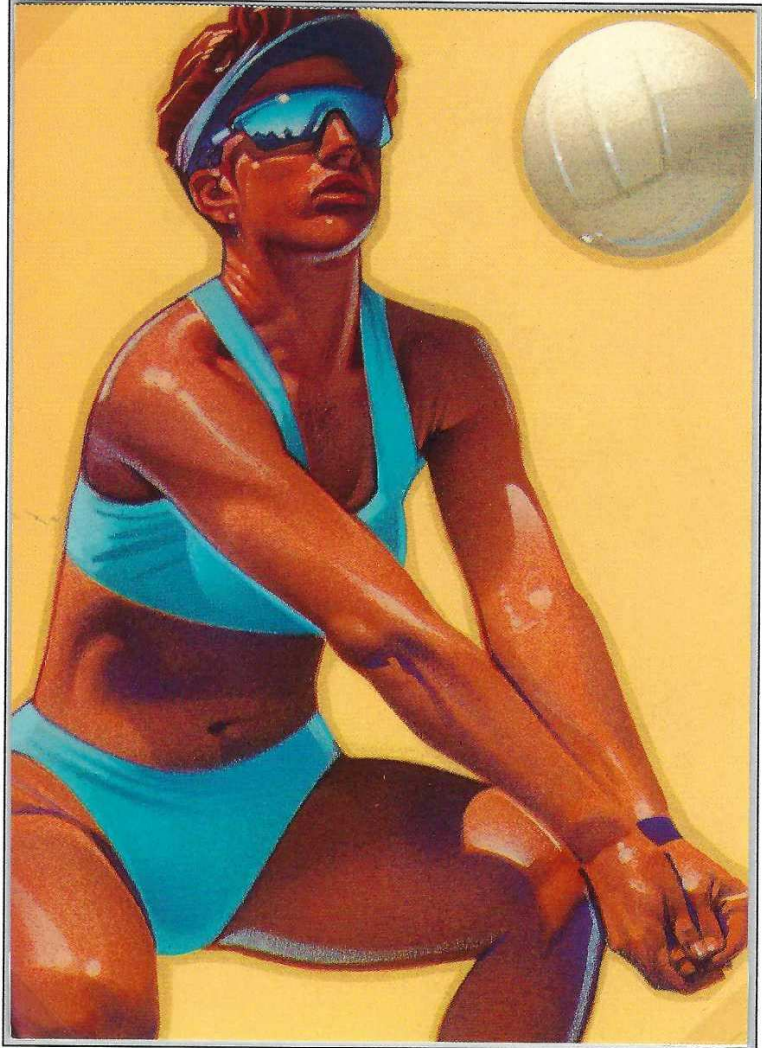


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*Austria 2020  
Sport: Beach Volleyball*

*dig*

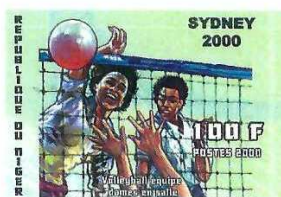


*reception*

*set*

*Sweden 2000, maximum card  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000*

All actions which direct the ball towards the opponent, with exception of service and block, are considered as attack hits. The "spike" is when the ball is hit or smashed across the net. It is the most powerful shot in Volleyball and Beach-Volley – and the most effective way to win a rally.



*luxury proof imperforated on cardboard*

*2000 : Niger - Olympic Games Sidney*



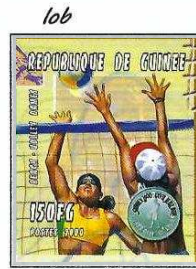
*imperforated*



*Guyana 2000  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000*



*Lesotho 2008  
Olympic Games Beijing 2008*



*imperforated*



*Rep. of Guinea 2000  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000  
medal winners*



*spike*

*block*

*Tchad 2000  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000*

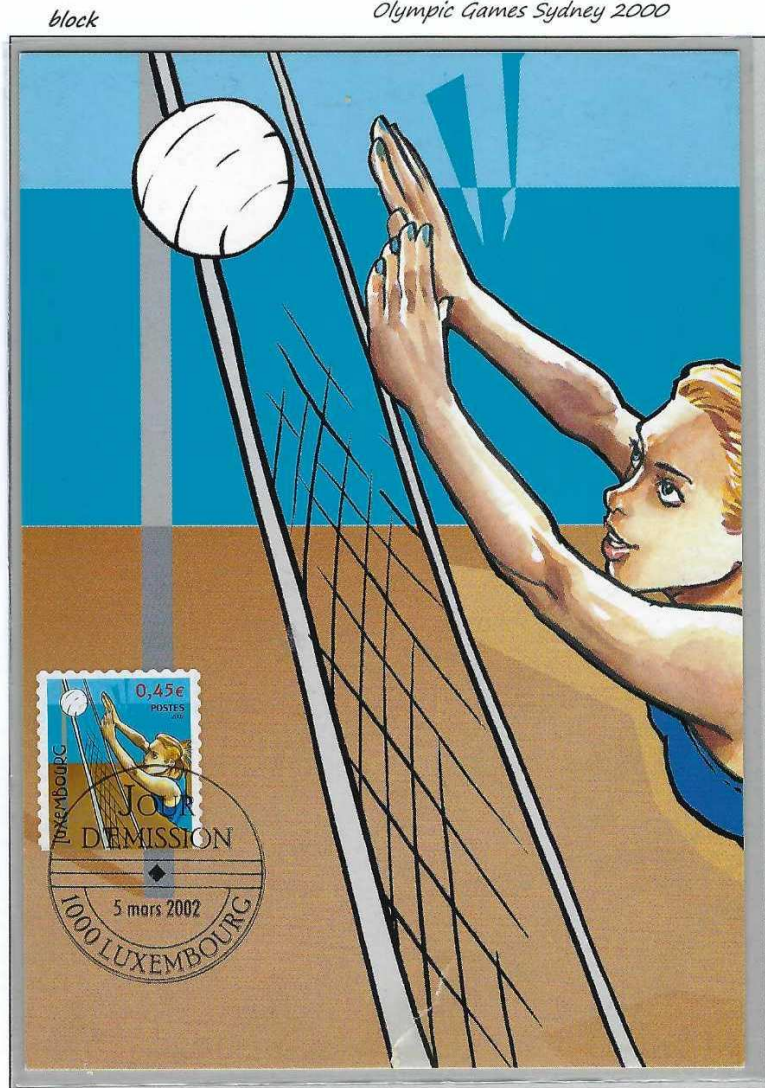


*Brazil 1996  
Centenary Olympic Games*



*Niger 2000  
Olympic Games Sydney 2000*

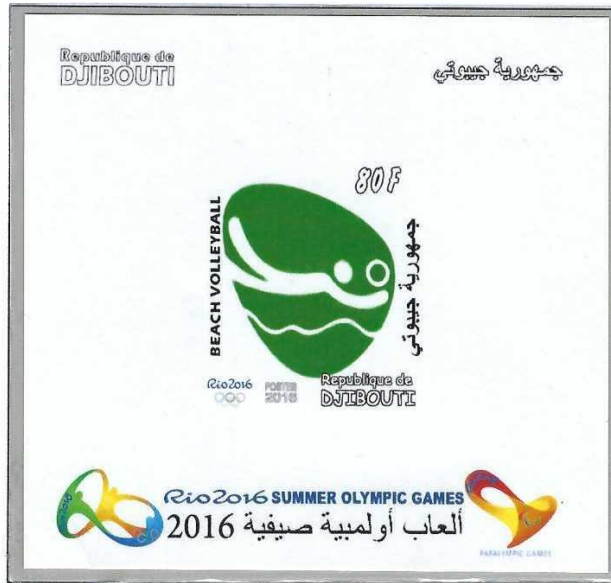
**Blocking** is the action of players close to the net to intercept the ball coming from the opponent by reaching higher than the top of the net, regardless of the height of the ball contact. At the moment of the contact with the ball, a part of the body must be higher than the top of the net.



*Luxembourg 2002  
maximum postcard "Fun Sports"*

Djibouti 2016  
luxury proof imperforated on card-  
board

Beach Volleyball is best known  
for spectacular defensive action,  
where players dig to retrieve  
the ball.



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postal stationery 60y  
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2012 : Rep. Democratique du Congo - Beach Volleyball

The ball shall be spherical, made of a flexible material (leather, synthetic leather, or similar) which does not absorb moisture, i.e. more suitable to outdoor conditions since matches can be played when it is raining. The ball has bladder inside made of rubber or a similar material. Approval of synthetic leather material is determined by FIVB regulations.



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Sport : Volleyball



Serbija and Montenegro 2004  
Sports

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Montenegro 2011  
Games of the Small States of Europe

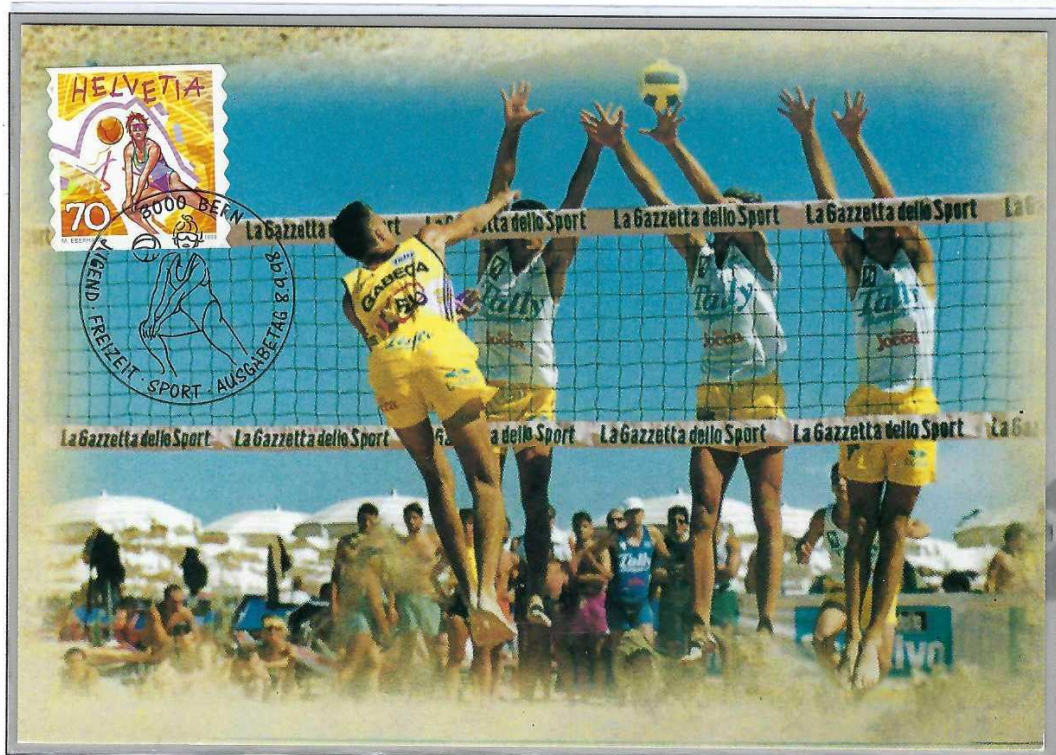


China 2008, postal stationery 80y  
Beach Volleyball

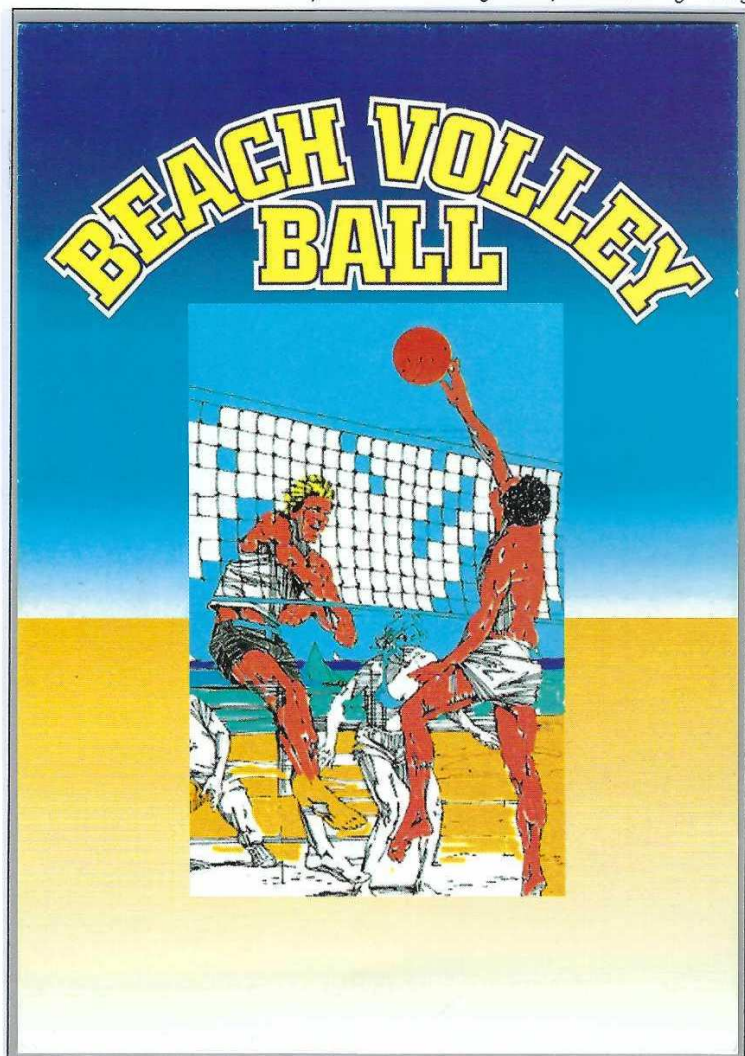
A rally is the sequence of playing actions from the moment of the service hit by the server until the ball is out of play. A completed rally is the sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point.



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tournament in France



Switzerland 1998, maximum card  
 "Fashion sport: Beach Volleyball" (Italian Sandy Volleyball 4x4 men's championship card)

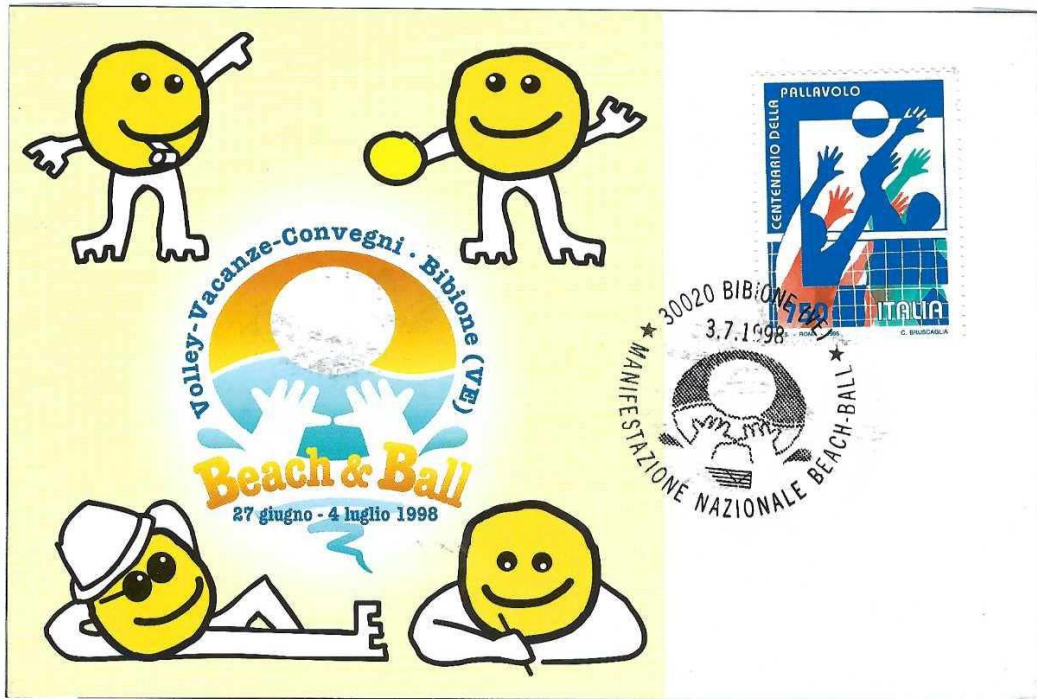


Italy 1995, postcard  
 Final Italian Absolute Championship  
 Beach Volleyball 4x4  
 Cervia (Italy) 1995



Italy 1998, cancellation  
 1<sup>st</sup> men's stage  
 Italian Beach Volleyball Championship  
 series A 4x4

Sandy Volleyball, differently than Beach Volleyball, is played 4 against 4. The field measures 8x16m and the players can move themselves in defense as they wish, for example three on the wall and one on defense, or the other way around.



Italy 1998  
 maximum card National FIPAV Beach & Ball Event  
 in Bibione (Treviso - Italy) June 27 - July 4, 1998



Italy 1997  
 official postcard 2<sup>nd</sup> Mickey Mouse Mini-Volley Beach FIPAV Trophy  
 in Scilla (Reggio Calabria - Italy), 27 - 29 June 1997

Mini-Volley Beach is the version of Beach Volleyball for the youngest athletes. Basically the measures of the field and the rules are similar to those of the Mini-Volley or Volley S3.



**STATISTICS**

Beach-Volleyball is the most "played" game on all beaches in the World.



*mechanical cancellation Saint - Nazaire (France) 27-10-1959*



*illustrated postcard "Cote d'Opale" Cayeux-sur-Mer (France) 1960*



*illustrated postcard "Ostend" (Belgium) 1970*

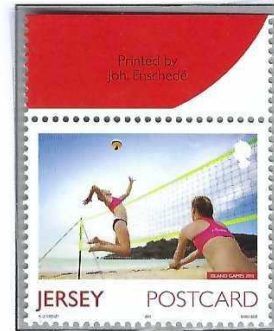
Beach Volleyball is included in major sports competitions. Beach Volleyball is present in all the "Regional Games": Mediterranean Games, Asian Games, South East Asian Games, Pan American Games, Central American and Caribbean Games, African Games, Island Games, Small States of Europe Games, South American Games, South Pacific Games, Pan Armenian Games, Universiade and since 2018 in the Commonwealth Games.



pin Beach Volleyball  
Universiade



Gibraltar 2019  
Island Games Gibraltar 2019



Jersey 2015  
Island Games Jersey 2015



Samoa 2017  
Pacific Mini Games 2017



Artsakh 2019  
Pan Armenian Games 2019



Turkey 2013  
Mediterranean Games in Mersin 2013



Italia 2015  
postcard Mediterranean Beach Games Pescara (Italy) 2015



China 2005, postal stationery with lottery ticket  
FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball to Shanghai (China)



China 2002, cancellation  
Singtong Tianna Cup - World Women's Beach Volleyball Open  
to Maoming (China)



China 2004, cancellation  
Swatch FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball



China 2002, cancellation  
World Women's Tournament Beach Volleyball

More than 40 events are featured on the Beach Volleyball World Tour calendar. The calendar includes Beach Volleyball Major Series events in Gstaad, Vienna and Hamburg, as well as a 5-star tournament in Rome and a total of eleven 4-star stops, including new venues in Singapore and Cancun. The calendar also includes new events in Laos, Cambodia, Israel, Korea, the Cook Islands, Guam, Iran and China, as the World Tour prepares to visit all five continents for a total prize purse of \$7.00 million.



*Åland 2011  
FIVB World Tour Beach Volleyball to Åland 2011*

The Volleyball and Beach Volleyball is :

- 1.36 million followers on Facebook
- 800K followers on Instagram
- 210K followers on Twitter
- 222 National Federations belonging to the FIVB
- 95 million practitioners around the world
- 213 the Postal Administrations that have issued at least one stamp dedicated to Volleyball and Beach Volleyball



*Djibouti 2011, imperforated  
Olympic Games London 2012*