

## Olympic and Paralympic Games The first



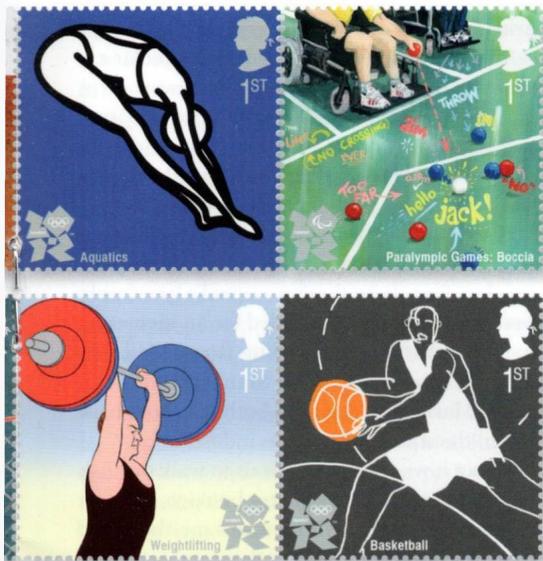
THE FIRST SET of Royal Mail special stamps for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will go on sale at Post Office branches, Tallents House, and Post Office philatelic outlets on 22 October. In total, 30 stamps will be issued over the next two years to mark the 30th Olympiad; each featuring an Olympic or Paralympic sport. The first set of 10 1st class stamps features: weightlifting, badminton, track (athletics), dressage, canoe slalom, diving, boccia, basketball, archery and judo, printed in two sheets, each in strips of five. The stamps were designed by Studio David Hillman, using images by John Royle, George Hardie, Nathalie Guinamard, Julian Opie, David Doyle, Paul Slater, Andrew Davidson, David Holmes, Guy Billout, and Huntley Muir. Each stamp includes either the London 2012 Olympic or Paralympic Games logo. They are litho-printed by Cartor, 35mm square in sheets of 25, with all-over phosphor, and perforation gauge 14.5.

The Olympic Games will be held 27 July to 12 August 2012, followed by the Paralympic Games, 29 August to 9 September 2012.

**FIRST DAY FACILITIES** Orders for serviced FDCs should be sent to Tallents House (address below). Collectors may send stamped covers to: Royal Mail, Tallents House, 21 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh EH12 9PB (Tallents House postmark), or a Special Handstamp Centre (Badminton postmark), marking the outer envelope 'FD0917' (Tallents House), or 'FD0918' (Badminton). Covers must be received by 18 November. For details of sponsored special postmarks see the *British Postmark Bulletin*.

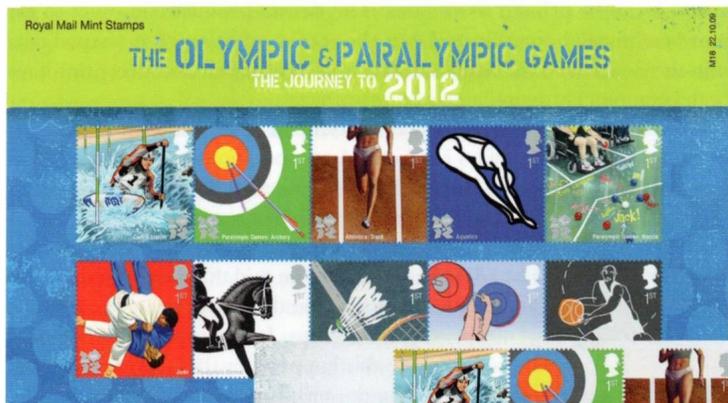
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### Olympic and Paralympic Games prices

Set of stamps	£ 3.90
Presentation pack	£ 4.40
First day cover envelope	£ 0.30
Serviced FDC (UK customers)	£ 4.95
Serviced FDC (overseas customers)	£ 4.31
Stamp cards set	£ 3.90
Commemorative sheet	£13.50
Coin cover	£17.50



**Presentation pack** The pack (shown left), written by Ian Cole, provides an interesting account of each of the sports featured on the stamps.

Please note the coin cover will cost £17.50, not £16.50 as stated in the September *Bulletin* insert.

**First day cover** Orders for serviced FDCs (right) must be received by 18 November.



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