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WINTER OLYMPICS ON STAMPS

This is one of my topical stamp collections. It contains stamps issued to commemorate Winter Olympic Games and their participants. For your viewing convenience, the collection is broken into 23 sections, each depicting a specific Olympiad. The first section lists stamps commemorating the very first Winter Olympiad that took place in Chamonix, France in 1924, while the last one is dedicated to the Olympics that will be held in 2022 in Beijing, China.

The nucleus of the collection consists of the stamps issued by countries that actually participated in the Winter Olympics depicted on said stamps. My goal is to collect all of these stamps, and as of now, this goal seems to be within reach.

The collection also contains a large number of stamps that were issued by non-participating countries, yet these stamps are topically valuable, for they contain specific information on the Olympic results, such as winners and medalists of the Games. Here, my goal is not to collect each single one of these stamps, but rather to collect at least one philatelic depiction of each specific item of Winter Olympic history. For example, Peggy Fleming, an American figure skater, won the gold medal in Ladies' Singles competition in 1968. More than twenty stamps commemorated that victory, yet I don't really need all of them. Just one will do.

In every section, the stamps are organized by country. First, the home country that organized the Olympiad depicted in the section. Then, other countries that participated in that Olympiad are featured in alphabetical order. And, finally, the non-participating countries – also in alphabetical order. Within each country, the stamps are listed chronologically. The numbers listed are according to Scott catalog by default, unless Scott does not list them -- in that case, the numbers are according to Michel catalog, and such numbers are prefixed by "Mi".

Along with stamps, the collection also includes some Winter-Olympic-related covers. They are not numbered (due to the fact that neither Scott nor Michel nor any other stamp catalog provides such numbering), yet the chronological order is still intact.

Each stamp, set or cover that depicts a specific piece of Olympic information is accompanied by a note that describes what exactly is being commemorated on it. For every Olympian depicted, information on said Olympian's medals won at that particular Olympiad is added. If the Olympian won more than one medal, his/her record at said Olympiad will be listed as "(g-s-b)", where "g" will stand for the number of gold medals, "s" for the number of silver medals and "b" for the number of bronze medals. (For example, "(2-0-1)" will mean "two gold medals, no silver medals and one bronze medal").

And, finally, here are the links to all the sections – from 1924 to 2022:

[CHAMONIX 1924](#)

[ST MORITZ 1928](#)

[LAKE PLACID 1932](#)

[GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN 1936](#)

[ST MORITZ 1948](#)

[OSLO 1952](#)

[CORTINA D'AMPEZZO 1956](#)

[SQUAW VALLEY 1960](#)

[INNSBRUCK 1964](#)

[GRENOBLE 1968](#)

[SAPPORO 1972](#)

[INNSBRUCK 1976](#)

[LAKE PLACID 1980](#)

[SARAJEVO 1984](#)

[CALGARY 1988](#)

[ALBERTVILLE 1992](#)

[LILLEHAMMER 1994](#)

[NAGANO 1998](#)

[SALT LAKE CITY 2002](#)

[TURIN 2006](#)

[VANCOUVER 2010](#)

[SOCHI 2014](#)

[PYEONGCHANG 2018](#)

[BEIJING 2022](#)

NOTE: If a country that participated in a certain Olympiad later split into several other countries, those countries' stamps are listed right after the original country's stamps. For example, Latvian and/or Azerbaijani stamps might be listed after Soviet ones.

Enjoy!

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