



# SPORTS SHORTS

## Stamps Pay Tribute To Winter Olympians



**The U.S. Postal Service is honoring the competitive drive of winter athletes with a pane of commemorative stamps.**

(NAPSA)—The cold temperatures and snowy conditions that keep many inside during the winter are essential for athletes who take part in winter sports.

In 2002, the U.S. Postal Service will recognize the competitive drive of these athletes by issuing a pane of 20 commemorative stamps depicting four popular winter sports: figure skating, ice hockey, snowboarding and ski jumping.

These stamps also pay tribute to the Olympic Games, which have been highlighted on U.S. postage stamps since 1932. Over the years, the Summer and Winter Olympic Games, as well as the Special Olympics, have been featured on numerous postage stamps honoring the endurance and determination of these ath-

letes. The history of the Olympic Games and Olympic-related subjects have always been popular with stamp collectors.

Under the guidance of art director Phil Jordan, the firm of Jager Di Paola Kemp has taken a new direction in the art of stamp design with the 2002 issuance of Winter Sports. Each of the stamps combines a photograph of an individual competitor with a graphic treatment of the corresponding sports arena or apparatus.

To see a color image of the Winter Sports stamps, as well as other stamps and stationery, visit the Collector's Corner at the Postal Store at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). Additionally, stamps and a free, comprehensive catalog can be ordered by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.