

# Pacific Islands Celebrate the 2016 Olympics

The Pacific Island nations of Cook Islands, Samoa and Tonga, all represented by Philatelic Collector, Inc. recently issued stamps celebrating their participation in the 2016 Olympics. Shown here in mint condition, the stamps also are available canceled-to-order and on First Day Covers.

2016 marked the eighth Olympics for Cook Islands and the ninth for the other two. Cook Islands and Samoa athletes have yet to win an Olympic medal. Tonga has in the past, did not win any this year—but their taekwondo fighter, Pita Taufatofua, who led his delegation as the flag bearer in the opening ceremony, instantly became a sensation when he marched into the stadium shirtless, smothered in coconut oil, and dressed in a traditional Tongan ta'ovala.

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