The first All Africa Games was held in 1965 at Brazzaville in the Congo. Since then they have been held in 1973 - Lagos Nigeria, 1978 Algiers Algeria, 1987 Nairobi Kenya, 1991 Cairo Egypt and now in Zimbabwe. This year it is hoped that there will be competitors from over 45 African countries and for the first time South African athletes will be taking part. The National Sports Stadium in Harare will be the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies, track and field and football finals. A new swimming and diving complex is being built in Chitungwiza, two artificial turf hockey stadiums and a tennis centre are under construction. Athletes will be competing in the following sports:

- Boxing
- Cycling
- Football
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Wrestling
- Handball
- Hockey
- Diving
- Tennis
- Karate
- Shooting
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Weightlifting
- Taekwondo
- Volleyball
- Judo

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Technical details

Stamp size: All values 30 x 35 mm

Sheet Size: 50 stamps (5 rows of 10 stamps), two panes per printed sheet

Artist: Paula Ware

Paper: ZSC paper type D – HS8, fluorescent front and back, with cream PVA gum.

Print colours: Black, magenta, cyan & yellow

Perforations: SG 14 x 14½, ZSC 14 x 14¼
Right margin: Perforated through.
Other margins: Imperforate

Printer: NatPrint, Harare, Zimbabwe

Printer’s Imprint: Bottom Margin, below Row 5 Columns 5 & 6. Imprint printed in black

Cylinder numbers: Bottom margin below R5/1. Colours from left – cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Colour register: Type TL 4– round boxed – left margin opposite R5/1. Colours reading down – cyan, magenta, yellow, black

Sheet Value: Bottom margin, below R5/10, printed in black.

Sheet Number: Type SN 4a with ‘PTC’ prefix, right margin opposite R5/10, reading down

Print numbers: 35c 1,000,000 80c 190,000 $1.15 190,000 $1.75 190,000 $1.95 190,000 $2.30 190,000

Issue date: 11th July 1995
Withdrawal from sale:

Demonetarisation: 14th April 1999

Listed varieties

No listed varieties have been noted

Unlisted Varieties

There are numerous small dots and specks in the printing of these stamps, particularly in the backgrounds. Some dots and specks shown below are a bit more distinctive, some may be constant.

80c: Cyan marks to left side of Games logo

$1.15: Plate shifts, resulting in three coloured lines to frame, and double rings on Olympic logo

$1.75: smudges to up frameline above 1.75

$1.75: doubling, and more, of all printing plates. Only Games logo shown here.

(Courtesy Narendra Morar)

$2.30: doubling, and more, of all printing plates. Only Games logo shown here.

(Courtesy Narendra Morar)
$1.95: Yellow dots in Zimbabwe flag

$2.30: Offset of colours on gummed side

First Day Cover

The cover numbering comes from the catalogue produced by Geoff Brakspear.

A pictorial first day of issue canceller was produced for this issued and was used by the Philatelic Bureau. Other first day cover cancellers continued to be used at main post offices.

Bibliography: