

The National Bank of Poland

holds the exclusive right to issue the currency
of the Republic of Poland.

In addition to **coins and notes for general circulation**,
the NBP issues **collector coins and notes**.

Issuing collector items is an occasion to commemorate
important historic figures and anniversaries, as well
as to develop the interest of the public in Polish culture,
science and tradition.

Since 1996, the NBP has also been issuing **occasional 2 zloty**
coins, struck in **Nordic Gold**, for general circulation.

All coins and notes issued
by the NBP are legal tender in Poland.

● On **12 July 2012**, the National Bank of Poland is
putting into circulation "Polish Olympic Team – London
2012" coins, with the following face values:

- 200 zł** struck in proof finish in gold,
- 10 zł** struck in proof finish in silver,
- 2 zł** struck in standard finish in Nordic Gold.

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On 18 July 2012, the National Bank of Poland
will be putting into circulation coins of the series
"Monuments of Material Culture in Poland"
commemorating Krzemionki Opatowskie,
with the face values of 20zł and 2 zł

Information on the issue schedule can be found at:
www.nbp.pl/monety
website.

Collector coins issued by the NBP
are sold at the Internet auctions held
in the Kolekcjoner service at the following website:
www.kolekcjoner.nbp.pl

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and at the Regional Branches of the NBP.

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Polish Olympic Team – London 2012

● From 27 July until 12 August 2012 the entire world of sports will be meeting in London – to take part in the Games of the XXX Olympiad. The capital of the United Kingdom – as the first city in history – will host Olympians, this time from over 200 countries, for the third time. Earlier, such events took place in 1908 and, 40 years later, in 1948.

● London was chosen as the host city of the 2012 Olympic Games at the session of the International Olympic Committee in Singapore in July 2005. It won only in the fourth round of voting, with a slight (54:50) advantage over Paris (earlier rounds saw the elimination of Moscow, New York and Madrid). The preparations were started immediately and... were completed on time. In the city itself and in its suburbs many modern sports facilities were built (including the key facility of any Olympic Games - the Olympic Park); many others underwent a thorough refurbishment. By the beginning of May every sports arena and its personnel had already passed appropriate tests carried out also during other international events. Londoners were able to state proudly: "We are ready".

● A 200-athlete-strong Polish Olympic Team will participate in the Games of the XXX Olympiad. The team will be smaller by some 50 athletes as compared to the one that represented Polish colours in Beijing. But then – the road to the Olympic Games is

more and more difficult. Before obtaining nomination, sportsmen and sportswomen have to undergo a series of highly demanding qualifying rounds - international and, sometimes even more stringent, national ones. Those who have managed – will wear national colours.

● To date, around 2,600 Polish contenders have participated in Olympic Games. The Polish national debut was in Paris (1924), and first medals were won there (silver in the track cycling team event and bronze individually in show jumping taken by Adam Królikiewicz). Already four years later, in 1928 Amsterdam Olympics, Halina Konopacka won the first Olympic gold medal for Poland in discus throw. Altogether in Summer and Winter Olympics held between 1924 and 2010, Polish athletes won 275 medals, including 64 gold ones. The most successful Olympics for Poland, from which the Polish Olympic team brought home 26 medals (7 – 6 – 13), were the Olympic Games in Montreal (1976). The Polish national anthem, Dąbrowski's Mazurka, was also played seven times at the Olympics in Tokyo (1964), Munich (1972) and Atlanta (1996). No doubt Polish athletes will strive to put up a good show in London as well. Every medal count above 10 (the number of medals Poland won in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008) will possibly be considered a success, though appetites for medals are probably bigger. Where is Poland going to seek its medal

opportunities? It is commonly expected that water sports contenders, i.e. swimmers, sailors, rowers and canoeists, will not return empty-handed. Track and field athletes should not disappoint either, in particular those who count among the world top tier in their respective sports disciplines. Poland has an ever stronger tennis team, as well as strong weight lifting, badminton and table tennis teams. There is also cycling (both track cycling and mountain biking) and fencing. Finally, male volleyball players will be the only ones to uphold the honour of Poland's team sports in London. In martial sports Poland can count the most on its judo team; on the other hand, there will be fewer wrestlers and in the boxing tournament for the first time Poland will only field sportswomen, who will be debuting in this event in London.

● "Go, Poland, you are fighting in front of the home crowd!" – this is a tagline coined by the Polish community inhabiting the British Isles, used for some time now to cheer for the Polish athletes. While watching test events held at the new Olympic venues, our compatriots assured that they will be at the stands during the Games to cheer for the Polish Olympians.

Henryk Urbaś
Polish Olympic Committee

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FACE VALUE **200** ZŁ

metal **Au 900/1000** ■ finish **proof** ■ diameter **27.00 mm**
weight **15.50 g** ■ mintage up to **5,000 pcs**

OBVERSE: On the right, an image of the Eagle, established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland. To the right of the Eagle, the notation of the year of issue: 2012, and below it, starting from the left edge of the coin, an inscription: RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA [THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND]. Under the inscription, on its right side, the Mint's mark, M/W, and below it, an inscription: 200/ZŁ. In the background, separate surfaces criss-crossed by semi-circular lines forming a stylised chessboard with stylised images, integrated with it, of competitors of different sports disciplines.

REVERSE: Centrally, stylised images of female pole vaulting competitors against the background of separate, asymmetric surfaces. On the right, a stylised image of the logo of the Polish Olympic Committee. Along the rim, an inscription: POLSKA REPREZENTACJA OLIMPIJSKA LONDYN 2012 [POLISH OLYMPIC TEAM LONDON 2012].

Coin designer: **ANDRZEJ NOWAKOWSKI**



FACE VALUE **10** ZŁ

metal **Ag 925/1000** ■ finish **proof** ■ diameter **32.00 mm**
weight **14.14 g** ■ mintage up to **50,000 pcs**

OBVERSE: Centrally, the image of the Eagle, established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland against stylised outlines of a city panorama. To the left of the Eagle, the notation of the year of issue: 2012, to the right - an inscription: 10 ZŁ. At the top, in semicircle, an inscription: RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA [THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND]. At the bottom, on the right, a stylised image of the logo of the Polish Olympic Committee. Below the Eagle, on the right, the Mint's mark, M/W.

REVERSE: Centrally, a composition of stylised images of competitors of different sports disciplines, against the background of five stylised rings. At the top, an inscription: POLSKA REPREZENTACJA OLIMPIJSKA/LONDYN [POLISH OLYMPIC TEAM/LONDON]. Below the inscription, the notation of the year of issue: 2012.

Coin designer: **ANDRZEJ NOWAKOWSKI**



FACE VALUE **2** ZŁ

metal **CuAl5Zn5Sn1 alloy** ■ finish **standard** ■ diameter **27.00 mm**
weight **8.15 g** ■ mintage up to **1,000,000 pcs**

OBVERSE: The image of the Eagle, established as the state emblem of the Republic of Poland. On the sides of the Eagle, the notation of the year of issue: 20-12. Below the Eagle, an inscription: ZŁ 2 ZŁ. Along the rim, an inscription: RZECZPOSPOLITA POLSKA [THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND], preceded and followed by six pearls. Below the Eagle, on the right, the Mint's mark, M/W.

REVERSE: Centrally, a stylised image of a figure of a running athlete, against interlocked outlines of the silhouettes of other runners. At the bottom, a stylised logo of the Polish Olympic Committee. On the left, at the bottom, in semi-circle, an inscription: POLSKA REPREZENTACJA OLIMPIJSKA [POLISH OLYMPIC TEAM]. On the right, at the bottom, in semi-circle, an inscription: LONDYN 2012 [LONDON 2012].

ON THE EDGE: The inscription: NBP, repeated eight times, every second one inverted by 180 degrees, separated by stars.

Obverse designer: **EWA TYC-KARPIŃSKA**
Reverse designer: **ANDRZEJ NOWAKOWSKI**