

MICHAEL JOHNSON

Sport:	Shooting
DOB:	15/10/1973
Resides:	Waiuku
Hometown:	Auckland
Occupation:	Shooter
Classification:	SH2C
Disability:	Tetraplegic



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International achievements

2012	London Paralympic Games	Bronze
2012	UK International	Silver, R4
2012	Turkey World Cup	Gold, R4
2012	Hanover International	Gold, R5
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2011	International UK	Bronze, R5
		Gold, R4
2011	World Cup USA	Gold, R4
		Silver, R5
2010	IPC Shooting World Championships	Gold
		World Record
		Bronze

Other achievements

2012 New Zealand Order of Merit for Services to Shooting

Michael Johnson has been representing New Zealand and winning on the world stage since taking up shooting in 2001, Michael quickly found that he had a flair for this intense and very competitive sport. His meteoric rise culminated at the Paralympic Games in 2004 held in Athens. Johnson shot a perfect score of 600 taking the world record and gold medal. Since this time Michael has been the one to beat worldwide and he has sustained his performances despite the huge amount of competition at the top of this sport. Michael has won gold at World Championships in both 2006 and 2010.

In 2008 in Beijing at his second Paralympic Games; Michael took the Bronze medal in a tight shoot off. Michael continued to perform by winning bronze in the R4. Michael also played a key role within the New Zealand Paralympic team, being the flag bearer at the Opening Ceremony of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Michael is also an inspirational ambassador and representative for Paralympics New Zealand. He demonstrates his commitment to a much wider group of Paralympic athletes. He has recently taken on a role of coaching, and holding training camps for young athletes with physical disabilities to develop their shooting skills.

Michael's commitment to his sport makes him a role model for these younger athletes and his sharing of his knowledge and expertise in his sport of shooting shows his commitment and dedication to both his sport and to the wider Paralympic community.

Michael's commitment to Paralympic sport development in New Zealand has also seen him on the board and as President of ParaFed Auckland, working to achieve the aims and objectives of the Association which are to assist in the rehabilitation of the increasing number of physically disabled and so to enable them to resume their rightful place in society as active, independent and socially useful citizens. Michael Johnson demonstrates true sportsmanship in his commitment to his sport, and in his commitment to assist in the development of the sport of shooting in New Zealand, especially with Paralympic athletes.