

Tyrone Pillay

Tyrone Pillay is the national record holder in the F42 shot put and discus items.

He recently won the award for KwaZulu-Natal Sports Personality of the Year, and Sportsman with a Disability of the Year.

Pillay has represented South Africa at various international athletics events including the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships in Lyon in 2013.

Tyrone was born in Durban and resides in Durban still today.

He works as an IT Specialist when not chasing his goal of forming part of the SA Paralympic squad.

“The fact that I know that I can make a difference in many people’s lives by proving that there are no obstacles in life and that you cannot overcome if you have the will to succeed, is what inspires me.”

Tyrone started collaborating with Iceexpress Progressive Prosthetics in 2009 towards designing a prosthetic sports solution that would boost the athlete’s chances to achieving his sports goals.

In 2010, he also became an ambassador for the Jumping Kids Prosthetic Fund – a public benefit organisation founded by Iceexpress’ Johan Snyders that provides advanced prosthetic solutions to children from disadvantaged background.

Timeline:

2014	Awarded KwaZulu-Natal Sports Personality of the Year and KwaZulu-Natal Sportsman with a Disability of the Year.
2014	Pillay took the gold in both the F42 shot put and discus items at the IPC Grand Prix in Sao Paolo, Brazil and went on to heave a 12.45m for bronze at the IPC Grand Prix in Berlin, Germany in June.
2013	Selected to represent South Africa at the sixth IPC World Championships in Lyon, France. Pillay finished 4th in the F42 shot put item with a heave of 12.56m. He went on to set a new PB of 13.03m at the London Anniversary Games a few days later.
2013	Pillay bagged silver in the open F42 discus item with a throw measuring 30.45 meters. He ended his campaign with an A-qualifying 12.6m heave for gold in the shot put at the Nedbank National Championships, Pretoria.
2012	Won gold with a heave of 12.58m in the men’s open F42 shot put and silver in the discus at the Nedbank National Championships, Durban.
2011	Pillay took the silver with a distance of 30.64m in the F42 discus event and gold with a distance of 12.08m in the shot put at the Nedbank National Championships, Rustenburg.