



NEW ZEALAND MAJOR EVENTS

New training track at QEII for IPC Athletics World Champs

Top athletes at the 2011 Athletics World Championships will be the first to use a new training track at Christchurch's QEII Park Recreation and Sport Centre this month.

From 21 - 30 January, New Zealand's largest multi-sport and leisure complex will host the first IPC (International Paralympic Committee) Athletics World Championships to be held outside Europe. Paralympics New Zealand secured the right to host the event in Christchurch ahead of the other finalist, Barcelona in 2007.

The 10-day championships are also a qualifying event for the London 2012 Paralympic Games and will be attended by top elite athletes from around the world. Nearly 1100 athletes from 80 countries, plus 900 officials will be in Christchurch for the event.