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Sports Tribunal declines to re-hear appeal against non-nomination for Commonwealth Games

Sarah Her-Lee appealed to the Sports Tribunal against a decision by Table Tennis New Zealand (TTNZ) not to nominate her for the women's table tennis team in the 2014 Commonwealth Games. The Tribunal dismissed her appeal on 2 July 2014.

On 17 July Ms Her-Lee filed an application for the Tribunal to re-hear her appeal on various grounds. However, she and TTNZ then agreed it was impractical to hear the application before the Games started and it was adjourned until afterwards.

Subsequently, TTNZ objected to the application on the basis it was now moot as the Games had concluded. The Tribunal agreed that the original appeal was against non-selection for the Games and a re-hearing would be about the same question which factually cannot now be dealt with.

The Tribunal has discretion under its Rules whether to order a re-hearing. The Tribunal considered that the issues raised by Ms Her-Lee's application would be more appropriately dealt with within TTNZ's internal administrative and hearing processes.

The Tribunal therefore declined the application.

The decision in this case is available from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sporttribunal.org.nz). See *Sarah Her-Lee v Table Tennis New Zealand* (ST 08/14). Copies can also be obtained directly from Brent Ellis, Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: info@sporttribunal.org.nz).