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The Sports Disputes Tribunal has delivered its decision in the case of *Nicolo Riosa v Canoe Racing New Zealand* (SDT/12/05).

The Tribunal dismissed an appeal by Nicolo Riosa, who is now resident in the Czech Republic, against his non-selection for New Zealand in a canoe racing event.

Mr Riosa appealed against his non-selection in the New Zealand Men's Open K1 Marathon team to compete at the International Canoe Federation Marathon Championships scheduled for 15 October 2005 in Perth, Australia. He appealed that he should have been selected instead of Steven Ferguson as the second team member.

The appeal was heard under urgency by telephone conference on 9 October 2005. The Tribunal agreed to give its decision today with written reasons to follow later.

The Tribunal determined that it has jurisdiction to consider Mr Riosa's appeal but that his appeal was unsuccessful. He had not established that Canoe Racing New Zealand had erred in terms of the grounds required under the Rules of the Tribunal.

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