

1. On 30 June 2021 Abhinav Mani Manota filed an appeal against New Zealand Olympic Committee's (NZOC) decision not to select him for the New Zealand team to participate at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
2. On 1 July, the Tribunal Chairman convened a teleconference and due to time constraints arranged for the appeal to be heard urgently. NZOC advised the selection had to be confirmed on 5 July and also that the New Zealand team was departing for Tokyo that week.
3. On 5 July the Tribunal held a teleconference hearing to determine the appeal. The parties filed statements and supporting material before the hearing. In addition, the Tribunal heard from counsel for the Appellant, and Simon Wickham and Tara Pryor from NZOC.
4. The issue for determination was whether NZOC had correctly applied the selection criteria reasonably available on the athlete's performance and results during the 2019/2021 qualification period.
5. The parties requested the Tribunal advise the outcome of the appeal immediately so that the quota place could be confirmed.

DECISION

6. Having assessed the evidence and the oral submissions of all parties, the Tribunal concludes that the appeal cannot succeed and is therefore dismissed.
7. Written reasons for the decision will be provided as soon as practicable.

Dated: 5 July 2021



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Sir Bruce Robertson
Chairman