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**Badminton player's appeal against non-selection for  
Tokyo Olympic Games unsuccessful**

The Sports Tribunal has dismissed an appeal by Abhinav Manota against New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC)'s decision not to select him to be part of the Tokyo Olympic Games team.

The Sports Tribunal held an urgent hearing on 5 July, as the quota place allocated to the appellant had to be confirmed that day. The parties were advised following the hearing that the appeal was not successful, and the Tribunal would issue its reasons for this decision later. The Tribunal issued its reasons for its decision to the parties on 7 July.

The appellant asked the Tribunal to select him to participate at the Olympic Games in the Men's Singles Badminton Event. Mr Manota appealed to the Tribunal that NZOC had failed to correctly implement the selection criteria.

NZOC said in its assessment of the appellant's relevant results and performances during the 2019/21 qualification period, the appellant had failed to demonstrate he was capable of a top 16 placing and was therefore ineligible to be selected.

The Tribunal was satisfied NZOC's decision was lawfully made and a reasonable conclusion for it to reach. Accordingly, the appeal was dismissed by the Tribunal.

The decision in this case is available from the website of the Sports Tribunal ([www.sporttribunal.org.nz](http://www.sporttribunal.org.nz)). See *Abhinav Manota v New Zealand Olympic Committee (ST 06/21)*. Copies can also be obtained directly from The Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: [info@sporttribunal.org.nz](mailto:info@sporttribunal.org.nz)).