

BETWEEN

ELENOA LILO

Appellant

AND

BOXING NEW ZEALAND

Respondent

AND

NEW ZEALAND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Interested Party

**RESULT DECISION OF SPORTS TRIBUNAL
14 JUNE 2026**

Hearing

13 June 2026 – virtual by Microsoft Teams

Present

Elenoa Lilo, Appellant
L'Tanya Lilo (support person and sister) for Appellant
Josh Wharehinga (President, Boxing NZ) for Respondent
Sam Watt (selector, Boxing NZ) for Respondent
Tara Pryor for NZOC (Interested Party)

Tribunal

Warwick Smith (Acting Chair)
Andrea Twaddle (Deputy Chair)
Pippa Hayward

Registrar

Luke Macris

1. Elenoa Lilo (the Appellant) filed an urgent appeal against the decision of Boxing New Zealand (the Respondent and Boxing NZ) not to nominate her for selection by the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) to the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games in the Women's 75kg boxing division.
2. Ms. Lilo's ground of appeal was that there was no material on which the non-nomination decision could reasonably be based. In her submissions, Ms. Lilo acknowledges that she did not meet the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games Nomination Criteria for Boxing Events (the Criteria) on their face. However, she submits that this was due to circumstances outside her control, not lack of ability nor effort. She says that the decision did not fairly assess Ms. Lilo and was based on limited and unreliable material.
3. Accordingly, the issues for determination were whether:
 - a. when regard is had to Criteria clause 5.3 factors identified by Ms. Lilo, the selectors had no reasonable basis for declining to nominate Ms. Lilo for selection;
 - b. the selectors (or Boxing NZ as appropriate) had no reasonable basis for declining to make a finding of Extenuating Circumstances;
 - c. the selectors had no reasonable basis for declining to nominate Ms. Lilo conditionally on the basis that she would be required to meet stipulated additional performance criteria by a stated time; and
 - d. the selectors had no reasonable basis for not exercising some other discretion to arrange additional bouts for Ms. Lilo, to assist in making a nomination decision.
4. A hearing was held on 13 June 2026 under urgency by Microsoft Teams, after the Tribunal directed a compressed timeframe for filing of evidence and submissions. That is because the NZOC need to register those athletes selected for sport entry by 23 June 2026.
5. The Tribunal issues this Result Decision given the urgency of the registration deadline and will later issue a Reasons Decision explaining its reasoning.

Decision

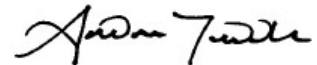
6. Having assessed the evidence and the oral submissions of the parties, the Tribunal concludes that the ground of appeal was not made out.

7. The Tribunal therefore dismisses the appeal.
8. The Reasons Decision will be provided as soon as practicable.

Dated: 14 June 2026



Warwick Smith
Acting Chair



Andrea Twaddle
Deputy Chair



Pippa Hayward
Tribunal Member