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Athletics New Zealand's decision not to allow athlete to compete at international competition confirmed

The Sports Tribunal heard an urgent appeal by Daniel Wallis, who had been refused permission to compete at the World Half-Marathon Championships scheduled to take place in Poland on 17 October 2020.

Athletics New Zealand (ANZ) based its decision on the increasing danger that Covid-19 presented to the athletes.

Mr Wallis asked ANZ to reconsider its decision on several occasions, however ANZ refused to change its stance and both parties agreed to refer the matter to the Tribunal for determination.

The Tribunal noted the unique nature of the case and the dedication and experience of Mr Wallis, but accepted that the process that ANZ followed was fair, reasonable and appropriate.

The Tribunal considered that there was therefore no basis for it to issue any direction to ANZ to enter the athlete, or to reconsider the decision.

The decision in this case is available for download from the website of the Sports Tribunal (www.sportstribunal.org.nz). See *Daniel Wallis v Athletics New Zealand* (ST 06/20). Copies can also be obtained directly from the Registrar, Sports Tribunal of New Zealand (telephone: 0800 55 66 80; e-mail: info@sportstribunal.org.nz).