

Novak Djokovic Addresses 'Misinformation' on Australian Travel Form | Rolling Stone

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Novak Djokovic released a statement on Wednesday to “clarify misinformation,” which included discrepancies in an Australian travel document used last week to enter the country, as Australian officials consider whether he should be deported.

The unvaccinated tennis star, whose visa was initially rejected last week but the decision was overturned by a judge, is hoping to win his 21st grand slam singles title at the Australian Open which begins on Monday.

In Djokovic’s new statement released on Instagram, he addressed a travel document error, which claimed he had not traveled internationally for two weeks prior to arriving in Australia. The Number One-ranked male tennis champion said his agent made an “administrative mistake in ticking the incorrect box.”

“This was a human error and certainly not deliberate,” he wrote. “We are living in challenging times in a global pandemic and sometimes these mistakes can occur.” His travel declaration appeared to conflict with social media images of him traveling between Spain and Serbia.

He also addressed questions surrounding when he tested positive for Covid-19 in Serbia, which was the basis for his request for an exemption to Australia’s stringent requirement that visitors be vaccinated.

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