

FOOTBALL UNDER COVER



SYNOPSIS

Narmila is on the Iranian Women's national football team, they're dedicated, they train, they love football, but they have one problem, they are not allowed to compete.

Under Iranian law only men can participate in or watch a sporting match.

When Marlene, the left back on the Berlin-Kreuzberg women's team, hears of this, she decides to do something about it. She spends the next year in a difficult struggle with the Iranian government to get a match arranged between her team and the Iranian women's team. Finally, she and her colleagues manage to get through the red tape, the approval is granted and the game takes place. Men are banned from attending, and the morals police stand outside to prevent anyone from peaking inside. Inside, even though it was forbidden to advertise the match, 1000 women chant and cheer. The excitement ignites the stadium until over the loudspeaker a woman's voice reminds them to behave decently and tend their hijab.

Football Under Cover is more than a...

FESTIVALS

2008 among others

Teddy Award – Berlinale PERSPECTIVE

NaturVision

Audience Award – Pink Apple Festival, Zurich

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LETsDOK

CAST AND CREW

SCORE Niko Schabel · EDITOR Sylke Rohrlach · DOP Anne Misselwitz, Niclas Reed Middleton

2008

86 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, Gender, Conflicts, Human Rights, Social issues, Sports

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