



TACKLING LIFE

by Johannes List



SYNOPSIS

Adam, Nico and Su are members of Germany's first gay rugby team, the Berlin Bruisers. Tackling Life portrays their everyday lives and follows them into the world of this dangerous niche sport, showing their struggle for recognition – in competition with the hetero regional league teams – as well as their community involvement: gathering money at colorful fundraisers and visiting schools to give anti-bullying workshops.

Looking beyond the spectacular surface of self-presentation and cliché, we focus on how our trio copes with the challenges of everyday life – from self-realization to their search for belongingness. By alternating impressions of excessive, vibrant athletics with the quiet observation of its protagonists, the film is fragile and profound, but also spectacular and loud.

FESTIVALS

2018

33rd DOK.fest Munich

69th Berlinale PERSPECTIVE

2019

One World IHR Documentary FF, Czech Republic

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Johannes List · SCORE Jakob Klotz · SOUND

Konstantin Kirilow · EDITOR Eric Asch · DOP Eugen

Gritschneider, Tim Kuhn · COMPOSITING Benedikt Hoenes

2018

91 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Gender, Human Rights, Sports

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German

PREMIERE

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