

CHAMPIONS FOR CHARITY

“Champions for Charity” 2019:

Dirk Nowitzki competes again against Mick Schumacher

Charity football game in honor of Michael Schumacher will take place in Leverkusen on 21 July

Leverkusen, 5 June 2019 – Basketball legend Dirk Nowitzki has accepted the challenge of Formula 2 driver Mick Schumacher. On Sunday, 21 July, there will be a new edition of the charity football game "Champions for Charity" with many active and former top athletes. For the first time, the venue will be the BayArena in Leverkusen. The proceeds of the game will benefit the 41 Campus Project of the Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and projects of the Keep Fighting Foundation of the Schumacher family. The events starts at 4.30 p.m.. In the run-up, a colorful supporting program will be held in the arena.

Dirk and Mick look forward to top players from Bayer 04 Leverkusen

The two teams "Nowitzki All Stars" and "Schumacher & Friends" can rely on the support of football club Bayer 04 Leverkusen: The two former German national players Simon Rolfes and Stefan Kießling have already confirmed their support to Dirk and Mick. Further top players from the former and current Bayer 04 “Werkself” squads are also expected to join in on 21 July.

Dirk Nowitzki:

"I'm looking forward to coming back to Germany this summer and enjoying a great football event with fans and many other athletes. Even though I am not the greatest football talent, it is always a lot of fun and I will give my best. Especially because I expect Mick and his team to, once again, be a tough challenge.

Given the very tight results of the last two matches, we should manage to achieve a clear-cut victory this time. But what is much more important is that we will once again be championing a good cause in the spirit of Michael."

Mick Schumacher:

"It's awesome that Dirk accepted the challenge and we are getting to meet again post his career as an NBA player. In basketball he sure has set rock-solid records, but in our charity football match he will be defeated because my team and I are extremely motivated. As the event will be taking place one week before the "F1 Grand Prix of Germany", I can hopefully count on the support of many motor racing fans, once again. I definitely look forward to an entertaining and successful "Champions for Charity" event in Leverkusen!

Advance booking starts today

Tickets for "Champions for Charity" are now available starting from 10 Euro via the website www.champions-for-charity.de. There and on the Facebook- (facebook.com/champions4charity) and Instagram page (instagram.com/champions_for_charity) the latest information about players and program will always be announced.

About "Champions for Charity"

"Champions for Charity" is the charity football game in honor of Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher and is an initiative of Dirk Nowitzki, Mick Schumacher and ING Germany. Now taking place for the third time (2016 and 2017 in Mainz), the event brings top athletes together to compete for a good cause. Proceeds from the game in Leverkusen will go to projects of the Dirk Nowitzki Foundation and the Keep Fighting Foundation.

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