

= Lillestrøm Stadion =

Lillestrøm idrettspark , colloquially known as Lillestrøm stadion , is a sports facility located at Lillestrøm in Skedsmo , Norway . The main venue is Romerike friidrettsstadion , an athletics stadium with eight all @-@ weather running tracks . It has multiple football pitches , including one with artificial turf and one with gravel . The park features of two arenas , LSK @-@ Hallen with a full @-@ size artificial football pitch and Skedsmohallen for indoor sports . The venue is located adjacent to Åråsen Stadion , the home ground of Lillestrøm SK . The main tenants for Lillestrøm idrettspark are Flisbyen BK and Focus FK in football , and Strømmen IF , Lørenskog FIL and Minerva IS in athletics . The stadium opened on 6 June 1920 and was the main venue for Lillestrøm SK until 1951 . The athletics stadium opened two years later . In 2004 , the artificial turf pitch was laid and in 2007 a new athletics venue and LSK @-@ Hallen opened .

= = History = =

The stadium opened on 6 June 1920 and was originally named Lillestrøm kommunale idrettsplass (" Lillestrøm Municipal Sports Place ") . Lillestrøm SK was the main football tenant from the opening until 1951 , when they opened Åråsen Stadion . The original athletics stadium opened in 1953 , located at the same place as the current athletics stadium . Minerva arranged the first tournament on 16 June 1954 . Subsequently a velodrome was installed outside the running track . A municipal grant of 5 @, @ 000 Norwegian krone (NOK) allowed a steeplechase obstacle to be installed in 1959 . A cage for discus throw and hammer throw was installed on the current artificial turf pitch in 1970 .

The athletics venue suffered with drainage problems , and from the 1970s it was no longer used for competitions . This forced Minerva IS to hold many of its trainings at Stovner stadion in Oslo and Jessheim stadion in Ullensaker . In 1976 , Minerva IS took initiative to lay all @-@ weather running track , but the proposal was rejected by the municipality . In 1990 , Skedsmo Municipal Council initially voted to allocate NOK 2 million for all @-@ weather running track , but the funding was reallocated to fix a leaking roof on Skedsmo Church . No further grants were issued for the stadium .

In 2004 , Lillestrøm SK took initiative to convert one of the gravel pitches to artificial turf . The proposal also saw the installation of floodlights and under @-@ soil heating . The new field cost NOK 9 million , which was covered by LSK , betting grants and the municipality . Construction started in August 2004 and was completed in November . The pitch located behind Skedsmohallen was converted to a throwing venue in 2005 .

Ahead of the 2003 municipal elections , the Labour Party mayor candidates for the municipalities of Skedsmo , Rælingen and Lørenskog , Andreas Hamnes , Terje Granerud and Åge Tovan , proposed that a central , inter @-@ municipal athletics venue be built for Nedre Romerike . The proposal was followed up by the three athletics clubs in the area , Minerva IS , Strømmen IF and Lørenskog FIL , who established a committee . Several locations were considered , but the committee landed on Lillestrøm idrettspark because of the availability of existing utilities , parking and changing rooms , which would reduce the investment costs . In the process , Strømmen stadion was rejected because it was undergoing upgrades to receive artificial turf and Marikollen was deemed too remote . Also Nordlimyra in Lørenskog was deemed unsuitable . The choice of Lillestrøm idrettspark was selected by consensus among the municipalities and the sports clubs in June 2005 .

Grants were issued from the municipalities in 2005 , the size of which was determined by the population of each municipality . Multiconsult was hired to design the venue and construction started on 28 June 2006 . Earthworks were completed by November and asphaltting started on 16 May 2007 . The all @-@ weather surface was completed on 13 June and technical installations were completed by mid @-@ August . The new venue was inaugurated on 1 September 2007 . It cost NOK 28 @. @ 6 million , of which NOK 15 @. @ 9 million were paid for by the municipalities in ratio of their population . The rest was financed through a combination of betting grants , value added tax

compensation and volunteer work .

In 2006 , the municipality approved Lillestrøm SK 's plans to build an indoor football pitch . The hall was inaugurated on 11 October 2007 and cost NOK 62 million . In 2009 , Lillestrøm launched itself as one of six candidate cities for Norway 's joint bid with Sweden to host the UEFA Euro 2016 . This would involve building a new venue seating between 35 @,@ 000 and 44 @,@ 000 in Lillestrøm . One of three potential locations was at Lillestrøm idrettspark . The stadium would be built in modules , so the upper tiers could be dismantled after the championship and installed on other venues . The proposal was selected as one of four for the bid , but the bid was never sent .

= = Facilities = =

Lillestrøm idrettspark is located across the railway from Åråsen Stadion , the home ground of Lillestrøm SK . It is the main recreational sports complex in Skedsmo , located just north of Lillestrøm . It contains several football pitches , including one with gravel and one with artificial turf . The artificial and two of the natural grass pitches have underoil heating . LSK @-@ Hallen contains an indoor 105 @-@ by @-@ 68 @-@ meter (115 by 74 yd) artificial turf football pitch with capacity for 3 @,@ 000 spectators . Skedsmohallen is the main indoor arena in Skedsmo ; it is largely used for ball sports , athletics and martial arts , but also sees cultural evens such as concerts . Lillestrøm og Omeng Bueskyttere undertakes archery practice behind Skedsmohallen . Also at the park is a driving range and a skateboarding park .

Romerike friidrettsstadion is an inter @-@ municipal athletics venue jointly owned by the municipalities of Skedsmo , Rælingen and Lørenskog . The venue is built to a sufficient standard to host the Norwegian Athletics Championship . It features a 400 @-@ meter (1 @,@ 300 ft) long all @-@ weather surface with eight tracks , permitting 110 meters hurdles on both sides . Both sides have two jumping pits , and two areas for pole vault and two for high jump . Javelin throw is possible from both ends , with underoil heating in the last part of the approach . The throwing cage permits discus throw and hammer throw , and the area for shot put is heated . The venue is used exclusively for athletics and is constructed such that it cannot be used for football . The athletics field has a spectator capacity of 750 , of which 185 can be seated . It has floodlighting at 200 lux and electronic timekeeping equipment , as well as two huts . In addition , a gravel football pitch is used for throwing practice .

= = Events = =

Lillestrøm SK uses Lillestrøm idrettspark and LSK @-@ Hallen for training sessions for the elite team and for lower @-@ level matches . The Women 's Premier League side LSK Kvinner FK play their home matches in LSK @-@ Hallen . The football grounds are also used by Flisbyen BK and Focus FK in the Third Division . The athletics venue is used by Minerva IS , Lørenskog FIL and Strømmen IF . During the 1952 Winter Olympics , the stadium was one of five rinks used for ice hockey . Three rinks were located outside Oslo in order to spread the games to a wider audience . The single match at Lillestrøm stadion saw Poland beat Finland 4 ? 2 on 23 February . The former velodrome hosted two Norwegian championships . The athletics venue annually hosts Romerikselekene and one of the three Hyundai Grand Prix events . Since 2012 the Norway national football team started using Åråsen and Lillestrøm stadion for training .