

## = Kanthaugen Freestyle Arena =

Kanthaugen Freestyle Arena ( Norwegian : Kanthaugen Freestyleanlegg ) is a freestyle skiing stadium located in the hillside area of Kanthaugen in Lillehammer , Norway . Opened in 1992 , it was built for the 1994 Winter Olympics . The venue consists of three hills ? one each for aerials , moguls and ski ballet . The moguls hill has a capacity for 12 @, @ 000 spectators while the other two have a 15 @, @ 000 @-@ person capacity . The arena is designated as Norway 's national venue for freestyle skiing . It hosted the FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup in 1993 and 1995 , and is scheduled to host freestyle skiing and snowboarding at the 2016 Winter Youth Olympics . The arena is owned by Lillehammer Olympiapark and is located adjacent to the ski jumping hill Lysgårdsbakken .

## = = Construction = =

Kanthaugen has traditionally served as a recreational area for Lillehammer , and has in particular been used for alpine skiing . In 1946 , Norway 's then @-@ largest ski lift was installed between Stampesletta and Kanthaugen . It remained in use until the late 1970s . At the time of the closing , a local businessman proposed that it be renovated and that a tobogganing slide be built from Kanthaugen to Stampesletta . The plans were met by local opposition and were not carried through .

Venue planning started after Lillehammer was awarded the Olympics in 1988 . In the bid , Kanthaugen had been envisaged as the site of the sliding center . In 1989 , the Lillehammer Olympic Organizing Committee ( LOOC ) proposed that the ski jumping hill and ski stadium instead be located there . Placing venues at Kanthaugen was controversial , as it would result in permanent encroachments in the one of the town 's main recreational areas . Ultimately , only the freestyle arena and ski jump were placed at Kanthaugen , with the ski stadium placed further away from town . Kanthaugen Freestyle Arena was along with Lysgårdsbakken designed by Økaw Arkitekter . The area development plan was passed in August 1991 . The responsibility for construction originally rested on Lillehammer Municipality , but LOOC took over responsibility in November 1991 . The decision to include aerials in the Olympic program was made in October 1992 .

Tore Løkke was selected as the main contractor . Construction cost 20 @. @ 3 million Norwegian krone ( NOK ) , of which NOK 3 @. @ 3 million was paid for by the municipality and NOK 17 million was paid for by LOOC . The venue was completed in the fall of 1992 and was the first freestyle skiing arena in the world to feature a common spectator area for all three event hills . The temporary structures used during the Olympics were completed in December 1993 . A jibbing park was installed in 2008 .

## = = Facilities = =

The venue consists of three hills , each tailor @-@ made for aerials , moguls and ski ballet , respectively . Above the Olympic hills is a 1 @-@ kilometer ( 0 @. @ 6 mi ) long tobogganing hill which uses the competitive area as a finish . At the base of the hill is the spectator area , which featured temporary bleachers during the Olympics . The spectator capacity for aerials and ski ballet is 15 @, @ 000 , while it is 12 @, @ 000 for moguls . Also at the foot of the hill is a jury tower overlooking the aerials hill . The venue is equipped with snowmaking equipment , a T @-@ bar lift and floodlights . The arena is located next to the ski jumping hill Lysgårdsbakken , with which it shares some broadcasting and telecommunications facilities . During the Olympics , 800 square meters ( 8 @, @ 611 sq ft ) of temporary buildings , including tents , were erected at the venue . Kanthaugen is one kilometer ( half a mile ) east of Lillehammer 's town center and owned and operated by Lillehammer Olympiapark , a subsidiary of Lillehammer Municipality .

## = = Events = =

Canada dominated the men 's events during the 1994 Winter Olympics , with Jean @-@ Luc Brassard winning the men 's aerials ahead of Russian Sergey Shupletsov . In the men 's moguls , Switzerland 's Andreas Schönbächler won ahead of Canada 's Philippe LaRoche and Lloyd Langlois . In the women 's disciplines , Norway was the only nation to take two medals , with Stine Lise Hattestad winning the women 's moguls ahead of American Liz McIntyre . In the women 's aerials , Lina Cheryazova won , claiming Uzbekistan 's only medal at the Olympiad , ahead of Sweden 's Marie Lindgren and Norway 's Hilde Synnøve Lid .

Kanthaugen has hosted FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup events twice , on 26 to 28 March 1993 and on 3 to 5 March 1995 . It also hosted the Norwegian Freestyle Skiing Championships in 1993 and 1996 . Lillehammer is scheduled to host the 2016 Winter Youth Olympics , with Kanthaugen to host freestyle skiing and half @-@ pipe snowboarding . The venue is designated a Norway 's national freestyle skiing venue and is the main training ground for the national team . The area around the venue is a popular recreational area for Lillehammer . Since 1995 , Lillehammer Olympiapark has rented out toboggans for use in the hill , including use of the ski lift .