

# Welcome To Orange Family - LePy!

## What is LePy?

Leppävaaran Pyrintö, otherwise known as LePy, is a basketball club based in Leppävaara, Espoo. We have more than 1 000 members. We have about 700 licensed basketball players which makes us the third biggest basketball club in Finland.

## We Have Something For Everyone

LePy provides something for everyone. Basketball groups start from age 5 onwards. Each age group is its own team and they are named by their respective ages (e.g. girls 2012, boys 2012). You will get more information about teams from team's own pages (Joukkueet = Teams). Don't hesitate to ask more information from coaches or team managers of your child's age group.

For adults, we offer beginner groups as well as playing in a team. In beginner groups one can practice once, twice or three times per week and pays for the times she/he attends. Each practice is coached by one of the LePy professional coaches. Our adult teams are mainly put together by groups of friends. LePy adult groups consist of a big variety of teams all with different ambitions. If you are interested to join the practices, you can register in Aikuisten harrastekoris = basketball for adults. If you are interested in joining one of the teams which play in different levels, feel free to contact them directly. You can find their information in Joukkueet = Teams.

We also offer Unified Basketball for youth and adults with mental, social or physical challenges or disabilities. In Unified Basketball, disabled players play among abled partner-players on the same teams. More information about Unified basketball can be found in Unified-joukkue.

## How to start

We organize a free basketball school each August and January, which is an easy way to start here at LePy. We also accept players that choose to start at any time of the year. All of our teams and groups take new players throughout the year. More information about joining and registration can be found Koriskoulu = Basketball School.

## Costs

We are a non-profit organization, which runs with the member fees. Our yearly fees start from 450 euros onwards, depending on the level and activity of the group. Our biggest expenses are the coaching salaries and gym fees. Season fees are divided in three and sent by email in August, in November and in January.

On top of the season fee, player will need a license to play in the leagues organized by the Finnish Basketball Association. The license fees start from 40 euros. License can be bought only through the Finnish Basketball Association ([www.basket.fi/basket/info/lisenssit/lisenssin-osto/](http://www.basket.fi/basket/info/lisenssit/lisenssin-osto/)).

In order to attend the practice and games, each player must have an insurance which covers all accidents. The insurance can be bought with the license or it can be included in each player's personal / family insurance.

The LePy uniforms are owned by the club. Each player will receive an uniform after paying a 50 e deposit for it. This money will be returned when player returns a clean uniform which is still in good condition back to the club.

If you are interested in playing basketball, you are always welcome to try a practice free of charge with LePy. After the second practice, fees must be discussed if continuing is in consideration. You can find information about Season fees from the Season fees from Jäsen- ja kausimaksut = Fees.

We run most of our activities in Espoo city schools. This means that they are governed by the schools and therefore influenced on cancellations by the school even in short notice. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the cancellations but we can't offer any refunds since our monthly expenses remain the same (e.g. coaching salaries).

## Games

Our teams take part in the basketball leagues run by the Finnish Basketball Association. Before playing in the first official game everyone is obligated to pay Finnish Basketball Association's player license fee. Players are also responsible for their own insurances. It is possible to purchase an insurance with the license. You will also need the LePy uniform (orange shirt and shorts), which you will receive after paying the 50 euros' deposit on them. More information about this is available upon joining the team.

All games are organized by the team. This means that it is up to the parents to make sure that each game has enough staff to make the games happen.

### It takes a village...

Playing basketball or any team sport means attending practices, other team events and games. For these happenings to run, the team needs not only employees but lots of volunteers. So far, we have organized everything amongst the parents, and we depend on everyone taking part in small tasks e.g. score keeping in games, baking for tournaments. If this happens, our extra costs are limited and the groups tend to work as more of a unit. We don't demand anyone to participate, but we strongly encourage that when your child joins the LePy family, you also join by taking part yourself. LePy events offer a great chance for you to get involved in the community and meet other interesting people that share the same interests as you. The more active the parents are behind the team, the better environment we can offer our children to grow while playing basketball. Remember, it takes a village...

If you have questions, feel free to contact

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