

BASIC RULES and SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OF PAINTBALL

1. All Players Must Fill Out and Sign a Release Form

To Use Our Field or Rent Equipment YOU (Each Person) Must Fill Out this Release Form. Those Under 18 the form must also be signed by a parent or guardian. The form is found at www.pinionflats.com or at our office.

2. WEAR PROPER CLOTHING

It is recommended not to wear shorts or t-shirt during the game. All players should wear long-sleeve shirts and full-length pants. Arms and legs should be fully covered during play. This is the players responsibility not the owners of the field!

3. Face Masks Must Be Worn At ALL Times On The Playing Field And In The Neutral Zone

During a game, goggles are to be worn at all times by all persons on the playing field and never removed for any reason.

4. Barrel Plug or Barrel Cover

Whenever masks are not being worn, all guns should be blocked with a barrel plug or barrel sock. Safeties are good and should be used, but they often fail or are not properly used, and a physical protection from wayward paintballs is a must. Unless everyone has a mask on, do not take out your barrel plugs.

5. DO NOT SHOOT OUT OF THE PLAYING FIELD, AT THE VIEWING AREA, OUTSIDE OF PLAYING AREAS , OR AT ANY OF THE CAMP BUILDINGS OR PERSONAL OR OTHER PERSONS PROPERTY!

(You Can Shoot At the Target Area to Test Your Gun)

6. NO VERBAL ABUSE

Profanity, name calling or slurs against other players will not be tolerated.

7. IT IS STRICTLY FORGIDDEN TO BRING or CONSUME ALCOHOL Before, during, or after the game.

8. DONOT Shoot from a distance under 15 feet!

The paintball leaves the barrel with an average speed of 250-300 ft/sec., and this may lead to injuries. If the distance between two rival players is less than 15 feet, Increase the distance between each other or don't shoot!

9. NO BLIND SHOOTING

Look at your target. Do not fire if you can't see what you are firing at. Many players are tempted to stick their guns out and fire without looking, but avoid this. Blind firing can lead to accidentally shooting players who are leaving the field, referees, or other things you shouldn't shoot.

10. Establish Boundaries

Before any game begins, be sure to talk a walk around the field and clearly indicate the boundaries to everyone who will play. A player is not allowed to move together with the barricades. Do not move or rearrange barricades during a game.

11. Mark Dead Zone and Neutral Zone

Make sure everyone knows the location of the dead zone (or staging area) and knows to not shoot in or near it. The dead zone is an area that is off of the field where people go after they are eliminated. Typically it's also where extra paintball gear and paint is left between games. The neutral Zone is a area that is in or close to the playing area that is a safe zone that you can watch or get your equipment ready, You must ware a mask at all times in this area!

12. Game Objective

Make sure everyone knows what the goal of the game is. Are you playing a simple elimination game? How about capture the flag or center flag? Broadcast clearly any special rules or objectives.

13. Time

Establish a time limit for the game. Most games run 30 to 60 minutes, with 45 minutes being the average. Have Rest periods between games. The Rest Periods allow the players to refresh themselves, to talk over the game that they have just played, to reload ammunition and Co2 gas, and to clean or repair equipment.

14. Teams

Divide up into fair teams. If some people are new to the sport and others are more experienced, divide them up between the teams.

15. Start

The game begins when both teams are set at their respective bases. One team calls out that they are ready, the other team responds that they are also ready, and then the first team calls "Game On" and the game begins.

16. Hits

A player is hit if a paintball leaves a solid, nickel-sized mark anywhere on the player's body or equipment. A player is out of the game if he is hit by a marking pellet (paintball) and it breaks on him, this includes his clothing, gun or equipment. Some variations of paintball don't count gun hits or require multiple hits on the arms or legs.

NEVER SHOOT A REFEREE OR GAME OFFICIAL

17. NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

Players must not touch another player or his equipment at any time. No physical interaction whatsoever is allowed between players.

18. Paint Checks

If you think you might have been hit but can't tell for sure (such as if your back was hit, but you can't tell if the ball broke), you can call a paint check.

19. Walking Off the Field After You are HIT

When a player is hit, they must then raise their gun over their head, shout that they are hit, and then quickly leave the field to the dead or neutral zone or area. Be sure to keep your gun over your head and to shout that you are hit whenever you come across new players. This movement is only allowed if the player is eliminated, or in a case of emergency. An eliminated player cannot shoot while walking out of the field, nor is s/he to be shot at.

20. Victory

When one team has completed the necessary objectives, all players still on the field should be notified.

Do not remove masks until barrel plugs or barrel covers have been placed on all loaded guns.

After you have played one game, try out a new game type and repeat the steps from the beginning.

Safety Precautions

1. Paint guns must have a barrel blocking device (plug) inserted in barrel at all times, except while on the playing field. In case your gun has CO2 leakage, avoid coming into contact with the gas. CO2 has a freezing temperature (-76 C°) and this may cause local chills on the skin. If your gun is leaking, put it aside and repair the problem (ask for help from staff if you need help).
2. Always be prepared for your paint gun to malfunction. Bring spare parts and tools with you to the playing field. The main tools that you should have are: a pair of pliers, a set of Allen wrenches, screw drivers and a small crescent wrench.
3. Do not carry your gun from the CO2 supply hose, or the gas might leak and cause your gun to malfunction.
4. The most important thing about playing paintball is to clean your equipment after every game. It is important to have all your equipment working at its peak performance from your goggles to your paint gun. Always, after a day of paintball, break down your paint gun. Clean it completely and lubricate it before you put it away. That way it will be ready to go the next time you want to play.
5. Never leave your paintball equipment unattended between games and always lock it up during games.