



PAINTBALL SAFETY RULES for FIELD OPERATORS

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1. **FIELD OPERATION:** Strict control must be exercised over all areas including: Field Entrance, Parking Areas, Staging Areas, Sales and Service Areas, Spectator Areas, and Playing Fields.
2. **PERSONNEL:** All field staff must be fully and properly trained. Referees and fill station attendants must be sixteen (16) years of age or older.
3. **EMERGENCY PROCEDURE:** All field staff must be trained to properly respond in the event of an accident or emergency and instructed to respond immediately. Field staff must know the exact location of the field telephone, readily accessible first aid kit, and incident report forms. Management must fill out an incident report form immediately following all injuries.
4. **FIELD ORIENTATION:** Prior to the first game, each player must undergo a formal orientation session including a detailed explanation of the player safety rules, clearly specifying those rules which would result in player ejection, game rules, field layout, and emergency procedures. A referee will be assigned to each group at this time.
5. **BARREL BLOCKING DEVICE REGULATION:** The mandatory use of industry-approved Barrel Blocking Devices [BBD] must be strictly enforced at all times in all non-playing areas. Barrel plugs are no longer considered adequate protection due to differing barrel sizes and increased rates of fire. Operators must provide BBD's for all rental equipment and also for customers to buy if necessary. (Towels, socks, or stick squeegee's are not considered a BBD!)
6. **SAFETY GOGGLES and HEAD PROTECTION:** Mandatory goggle enforcement is required in all areas where "Goggles On" signs are posted. Industry approved full-face mask goggle systems must meet or exceed ASTM guidelines which require: full enclosure of the eye cavity using .06 lexan lenses secured within frames and to the head with a headband. The face and ear protector components must be attached securely to the goggle frame to present full coverage (no gaps) to the bottom of the chin, along the jawbone, temples, and ears. Modifications are prohibited. Wash, disinfect, and inspect goggles regularly.
7. **TRIGGER GUARDS:** Trigger guards are mandatory on all paintball markers used by participants at your facility. The trigger guard must be rigid, wider than the trigger area, and enclose the trigger area.
8. **SAFETY NETTING:** Netting (12' required, 20' recommended) must be installed around play areas and must be maintained and checked regularly. Approved netting and/or 300' of open space must surround all areas of play. APL requires each operator to test the netting per the ASTM guidelines: Stand 15' from netting and shoot 10 shots in a 4" circle at 300 fps. No part of the paintball shell may pass through larger than 3 by 5 mm rectangle. Bunkers should be placed at least 15' from the netting and spectators must be kept 5' away from the netting at all times.
9. **CHRONOGRAPHING PROCEDURES:** Maintain at least one chronograph (preferably two) with a back up battery at the field at all times. All paintball Markers must be chronographed before players enter the field and prior to each new set of games. A chronograph referee must be available at all times to strictly enforce velocity guidelines. Paintball marker velocities must be adjusted so that three (3) consecutive shots through the chronograph do not exceed 300 fps for general outdoor games and 225-275 fps for indoor games.
10. **FIELD MAINTAINENCE:** Boundaries of all outdoor playing fields must be clearly and continuously marked with rope, tape, or other highly visible material. The field must be inspected frequently for natural or man-made hazards. Paintball markers must be checked and inspected weekly. A designated staff member must inspect the chronograph, first aid kit, mobile telephone, scale, fill station, CO2 cylinders, and all field equipment (including safety signs) daily.
11. **PLAYER SAFETY RULES:** Each game participant must read the APL Safety Rules prior to signing the waiver of liability. The player safety rules must be posted at the field entrance and counter/sales office. Immediate mandatory ejection of any player who knowingly violates any safety rules is required-especially mask violations.
12. **SAFETY SIGNS:** "Goggles On" signs must be posted at every active playing field entrance. "Barrel Blocked" signs must be posted at every playing field exit. "Caution Paintball Game Area" signs must be posted at every location where unauthorized non-participants might be expected to directly approach the playing field.
13. **FILL-STATIONS:** Only trained personnel are allowed to perform tank fills. Allowing players to fill their own tanks is prohibited. Authorization to use self-fill air stations (attended by trained employee) must be approved by our underwriters. CO2 cylinders must be secured in an upright position. An on-site scale is required to prevent overfills.

To be accepted as a member of this insurance program, I understand and agree to abide by the terms of the Field Safety Requirements. I realize that failure to comply with these terms may result in termination of membership and associated benefits, including insurance.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE

BUSINESS NAME

DATE