



## Paintball Safe Operating Procedure

Paintball is very safe as long as you follow the rules and use common sense. Injuries can be avoided by following simple paintball etiquette. Following these simple rules will keep you safe on the paintball field!

### **WEAR A PAINTBALL APPROVED MASK AT ALL TIMES**

When a game is being played, wear your paintball mask at all times. Safety glasses should never be used as protective eye wear, only wear goggles specifically designed for the sport of paintball. Do not remove your mask after you have been shot, and **DO NOT REMOVE YOUR MASK WHILE A GAME IS STILL BEING PLAYED!** There are no exceptions to this rule. Keep masks on until barrel plugs have been placed back on all loaded guns, and you, are in a safe zone away from the paintball field.

### **DON'T BLIND FIRE**

Do not fire your paintball marker unless you have a target. Avoid firing in a direction without looking. This could cause you to accidentally shoot players who are leaving the field, referees, or bystanders.

### **SURRENDERS**

Refrain from shooting your opponent when he/she is within 3 meter from you. Ask for, and follow all close-range rules. It is customary to offer a surrender to any opposing player who comes within 7 meters, as close-range paintball shots can be very painful.

### **USE BARREL PLUGS**

All paintball markers should be blocked with a barrel plug or barrel sock when not in use during a live game. All paintball markers come with a BBD (barrel blocking device). This BBD should be inserted when paintball goggles are not being worn, before and after paintball games

### **PAINTBALL COMMON SENSE**

Most problems can be avoided when using common sense. Don't shoot on private property or at any location that is not a specified paintball field. Don't shoot from a moving vehicle. Don't look down the barrel of a loaded or unloaded paintball marker. Keep paintball marker on SAFE mode until ready to operate. Don't test shoot yourself, or any other player.

### **SAFE STORAGE**

Safeties on guns engaged when not used, magazines removed from wells, safe pointing of marker

