

RULES AND SAFETY ORIENTATION

Welcome to Pinnacle Woods Paintball. You are about to participate in one of the greatest adventures of your life, and, like any game, we have a few safety rules that must be followed.

NO CARRY ON PAINTBALL ALLOWED – PINNACLE WOODS IS A FIELD PAINT ONLY FACILITY – IF YOU ARE CAUGHT USING PAINTBALLS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PURCHASED AT THIS PLAYING FIELD YOU WILL BE EJECTED. NO WARNINGS. NO REFUNDS.

Our #1 rule is -- KEEP YOUR GOGGLES ON AT ALL TIMES!!! Paintball is a strenuous outdoor sport that has risks. The most serious injury that could happen to you today is the loss of an eye. The only way that can happen is for you to remove your goggles. Under no circumstances should you remove your goggles while on the playing field. In the past few years, literally millions of paint pellets have been fired on paintball fields. The handful of serious eye injuries resulted from players removing their goggles -- if only for a split second. Additionally, goggles must be worn at the target range as well. This is a practice area where players are learning how to operate their paintguns. An accidental fly shot could put an innocent bystander's eye out.

Our second rule is -- PUT YOUR BARREL PLUG IN YOUR BARREL!! Before and after the game, at the staging area and after leaving the target range -- put your barrel plug in your barrel! People do not wear their goggles in the staging area and therefore everyone must be especially careful with the paintguns at that time.

Our third safety rule is -- NO DISCHARGING OF PAINTGUNS EXCEPT ON THE PLAYING FIELDS OR INSIDE THE TARGET RANGE!

Our fourth safety rule is -- NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS PERMITTED!

Our fifth safety rule is -- NO ROWDINESS, SWEARING, OR FAILING TO LISTEN TO JUDGES!

Our sixth safety rule is -- NO CANS, BOTTLES, OR SMOKING IN THE WOODS!

Our last safety rule is very simple -- FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE ABOVE RULES WILL LEAD TO REMOVAL FROM GAMES AND/OR PROPERTY!!!

Now, here is a brief explanation of how the game is played.

The object of the game is to cross the terrain, secure your opponent's flag and return it to your flag station without being marked by a paint pellet. Thereby capturing the flag and winning the game.

When you are marked directly, it's called a "direct hit" and means you are eliminated from the game. You then must take off your armband, hold it above your head, and proceed directly off the field. **DO NOT REMOVE YOUR GOGGLES UNTIL YOU ARE OFF THE FIELD!** You are not allowed to talk to anyone nor are you allowed to pass off your equipment to anyone as you leave the field. It is also advisable to yell "I'm hit!" or "I'm out!" every now and then as you leave the field. If you are hit and yell "I'm hit" and then look down only to find that the pellet didn't break -- it's too late. Once you call yourself out, you're out. So check yourself first before you call yourself out of the game. By the same token, if a pellet hits the tree in front of you and splatters you with paint -- that is **not** a direct hit and you are **not** eliminated.

If you are a flag carrier and get marked, you are eliminated and the flag is neutral. You must take your armband off and hold the flag above your head as you return it to your opponents' flag station so that your team can attempt to re-capture it. When the flag is alive you may pass it amongst your team members. However, once you are marked and the flag is neutral it may not be passed off to anyone, but must simply be returned to its home flag station. If you are an active flag carrier, the flag must be displayed around your neck or in either hand. It must not be concealed.

During game play there are some important items to remember. Never shoot anyone at point-blank range. It will hurt, it may break the skin and it will definitely bruise. Remember, there is honor in surrender! If someone surprises you at close range, simply shout "Don't shoot! -- I give up!" We also ask that you avoid head shots. No one likes to get shot in the head -- it's not fun -- and the main reason we are here today is to have fun!!

With these thoughts in mind, we do not allow any hand-to-hand combat. We do not want to see anyone taking prisoners! If you get that close to someone -- let them surrender. A little common courtesy and obeying the golden rule of "do unto others as you would like done unto you" will make for a much nicer day for everyone.

The playing fields are enclosed by boundary ropes. (Yellow or Red and White). If you go outside the rope, you are out of bounds and eliminated. You are not allowed to shoot at a player who is out of bounds or who has already been eliminated and is walking out of the woods.

So now that you have the basic rules and safety requirements, please stay tuned for the judge to give you specific rules and safety briefing as well as instructions on operating the paintgun.

On behalf of Pinnacle Woods Paintball, we hope you not only survive, but even manage to capture the flag. Whatever happens -- we know it will be one of the greatest adventures of your life!