



Standard Practice for Paintball Player Safety Briefing¹

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INTRODUCTION

This standard is intended to provide paintball game organizers with safety information, which can be given to each game participant prior to the participant's first game of the day. The intent is to revise this specification whenever substantive information becomes available which justifies revising existing requirements or adding new requirements.

1. Scope

1.1 This standard is intended to satisfy the demand for basic safety information, which should be understood by each paintball game participant, prior to the start of the player's first game on the day of play.

1.2 The information specifies rules of personal conduct, which might affect the safety of persons who are in close proximity to a paintball marker or a propellant gas storage vessel.

1.3 The information includes procedures to be followed by every person who is in, or near, an area where paintballs are being shot, and to the use of safety equipment related to paintball games or paintball target shooting activities. These procedures are to be followed any time a paintball marker is being handled.

1.4 This standard is intended to be a useful tool for paintball game organizers, but it is not intended to eliminate the need for proper field operation conforming to Specification F1777.

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F1776 Specification for Eye Protective Devices for Paintball Sports

F1777 Practice for Paintball Game Site Operation

F1979 Specification for Projectiles Used in the Sport of Paintball

F2271 Specification for Paintball Marker Barrel Blocking Devices

F2272 Specification for Paintball Markers

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *barrel blocking device, n*—device designed to prevent a paintball from being expelled from a paintball marker, conforming to Specification F2271.

3.1.2 *goggles, n*—consist of eye protection devices that comply with Specification F1776.

3.1.3 *paintball, n*—a projectile, comprised of a shell and a fill, designed to be discharged from a paintball marker and conforming to Specification F1979.

3.1.4 *paintball marker, n*—device specifically designed to discharge paintballs conforming to Specification F2272.

3.1.4.1 *Discussion*—The device is sometimes referred to as a paintball gun.

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.