



# Standard Practice for Paintball Field Operation<sup>1</sup>

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## INTRODUCTION

This practice sets forth procedures for operating a paintball playing field. The goal is to assist paintball field operators in running a safe business. Like any other physical activity, paintball presents a potential for injury. No procedural practice can prevent all injuries, especially when paintball players do not follow safety instructions. The ultimate responsibility for preventing injury lies with the paintball player. This practice, however, intends to promote safe paintball field operation through standardization of operating practice.

### 1. Scope

1.1 This practice establishes minimum safety requirements for the operation of paintball playing fields, and provides for certain materials and procedures required.

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:<sup>2</sup>

[F1750 Specification for Paintball Marker Threaded-Propellant Source Interface](#)

[F1776 Specification for Eye Protective Devices for Paintball Sports](#)

[F1979 Specification for Paintballs Used in the Sport of Paintball](#)

[F2030 Specification for Paintball Cylinder Burst Disk Assemblies](#)

[F2184 Guide for Installation of Paintball Barrier Netting](#)

[F2271 Specification for Paintball Marker Barrel Blocking Devices](#)

[F2272 Specification for Paintball Markers](#)

[F2278 Test Method for Evaluating Paintball Barrier Netting](#)

[F2553 Specification for Warnings on Refillable CO<sub>2</sub> Cylinders Used In the Sport of Paintball](#)

[F2653 Specification for Paintball Valve Male Threaded Connection for Use with Approved Cylinders](#)

[F2773 Practice for Transfilling Compressed Air or Nitrogen](#)

### and Safe Handling of Small Paintball Cylinders

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *bulk cylinder, n*—a gas storage vessel used to fill gas propellant vessels on paintball markers.

3.1.2 *discharge mode, n*—a mode that controls the number of paintballs discharged per trigger cycle.

3.1.3 *ear protection, n*—devices that cover the ear cavities and prevent direct entry of paintballs into the ear canals.

3.1.4 *filling apparatus, n*—equipment used to properly fill gas propellant vessels on paintball markers from bulk cylinders.

3.1.5 *game area, n*—an area in which paintball games are conducted and in which paintball goggles are required to be worn.

3.1.6 *goggles, n*—consist of eye protection devices that comply with Specification [F1776](#) and have ear and face protection integrated into the design.

3.1.7 *goggles on area, n*—areas in which all persons are required to wear paintball goggles, such as and not limited to playing fields, game areas, chronograph areas, and target ranges.

3.1.8 *paintball, n*—the ammunition used to fire from a paintball marker that complies with Specification [F1979](#).

3.1.9 *paintball air system, n*—the power source normally used by a paintball marker to propel a paintball.

3.1.9.1 *Discussion*—All paintball air systems must meet various government regulations that vary by location and shall comply as required with Specifications [F1750](#), [F2030](#), [F2553](#), and [F2653](#).

3.1.10 *paintball marker, n*—a device specifically designed to discharge paintballs that comply with Specification [F2272](#).

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.