

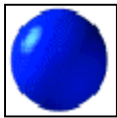
WHAT IS PAINTBALL?

It took 15 years for the sport of paintball to become recognized as one of the worlds most participated in outdoor extreme sports. Millions of men and women of all ages and lifestyles play paintball in over 40 countries. Paintball is a combination of "tag"



and "hide & seek" with much more challenging and sophisticated action. Paintball participation surpassed snowboarding in 2001 and is now the number three most participated in extreme sport in the United States, snowboarding is now number five. The object of paintball games is to capture your opponent's flag and return it to your flag station. Players are "Marked" or eliminated by other players with a paintball that is expelled from a .68 caliber marker. Paintball games usually last five to fifteen minutes. Referees start and stop the games as well as enforce the safety rules and game regulations. Like a game of chess, being able to think decisively is what gives you the edge. Physical size and strength are not as important as intelligence and determination.

WHAT IS A PAINTBALL MADE OF?



A paintball is a thin-skinned gelatin capsule filled with a colored paint. Paintballs are similar to large bath oil beads and are non-toxic, biodegradable, and water-soluble. Paintballs will rinse out of clothing and off skin with just water. When a paintball 'tags' a player, it leaves a brightly colored splat. The splat will not damage the environment or leave permanent marks.