

## Information for Parents

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Please read the following fact sheet, then complete the parental consent form (on behalf of your child) and return it to the person organising the paintball activity.

We have years of experience in facilitating memorable and safe paintball games.

At Delta Force Paintball Centres, children will receive full instruction and supervision from trained and uniformed Marshals.

At Delta Force Paintball Centres, every player will be issued with a full head helmet that incorporates the latest in goggle technology. These unique goggles have anti-fog lenses and provide full protection of the face and the entire head.

Paintballs can sometimes bruise the skin. Your child may come home with harmless bruises; however the introduction of body armour now allows everyone to play paintball in comfort and with full protection. The activity is far safer than football and rugby, for example. We have never had any child suffer a broken bone - an occurrence that is sadly too common in mainstream sports.

When playing paintball games, all people are equal; the game does not depend on physical prowess, strength or stature. However, it is our practice to separate children and adult groups. Nevertheless, the administration of events remains at the discretion of the centre manager and he/she may, for example, permit one or two fathers to participate in a children's game or indeed allow children to participate in an adult game, if appropriate in the circumstances.

Paintballs are gelatine skinned, and designed to burst harmlessly on impact. They contain a vegetable based "food colorant" which is water-soluble and will readily wash out of clothing.

Children should wear old clothes. The most suitable footwear is a light boot (with ankle support and grip - such as a timberland boot), but old trainers are most commonly worn.

Protective gloves are recommended and are available for purchase at the site.

Timid children may not enjoy the activity as much as sporty, tree-climbing kids. Please use your discretion in deciding whether or not it would appeal to a particular individual.

The most important safety rule is that players must keep their goggles on and tightly adjusted at all times when in the game zones. If any player breaches this rule, for any reason whatsoever, they will be excluded from participating in the event - this rule is strictly enforced and exists to protect all players from a potentially serious injury.

Where the party comprises of children less than 14 years of age, we strongly recommend that a responsible adult remain at the centre throughout the event. Their role is to ensure that the children in their charge behave sensibly and safely.

When permitted by the law of that state or country, all players under 16 years of age need a 'Parental Consent Form' filled out by a parent/guardian and handed in at the centre before the start of play. We recommend you send these forms out at least one week in advance to ensure parents fill the forms in and return them in time for you to hand in on game day.

Additional 'Parental Consent Forms' can be posted to you on request, or alternatively may be downloaded from our website: [www.paintballing.co.nz/downloads](http://www.paintballing.co.nz/downloads)