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What is Scenario Paintball?



If you have never played a scenario paintball game then you are in for a real treat! Imagine playing paintball on a large scale with hundreds or thousands of players on the field where multiple, coordinated battles and game-specific missions are occurring at the same time. Imagine being able to play paintball all day long with hundreds or even thousands of other players! If this sounds like fun to you, welcome to the world of scenario paintball!

Scenario games typically last between 8 to 24 hours. The 24 hour game will usually allow plenty of night play. During these games, you can pace yourself and play as long as you want. However, many players will play the entire game to get the most out of it because there is so much fun to be had! With that said, the goal of this writing is to help you get the most out of your first or next paintball scenario game.

How to pick an event

Your next step in experiencing scenario paintball fun is to find an upcoming scenario game/event. You can always start with your local paintball field. Find out if the field hosts or produces scenario games. If they don't, they will most likely be able to help you find upcoming games in your area. They can also help you find the website for the scenario game producer for your area. You might even want to search social media sites to see what games people are chatting about.

Don't be afraid to travel a little bit to get to a game. You will find that the majority of field staff and paintballers are friendly and accommodating. You will always find player or a staff member who is more than ready to answer any of your questions.

If it's a 24 hour game, you may want to consider camping if the field allows it. Although, most fields will allow it in order to accommodate those who are coming in from out-of-town.

Once you find the game you want to play, you will want to register for the game online. If you register early, or pre-register, you usually save money and also get put into pre-registration prize drawings. Most scenario game producers give away prizes at the end of the game. Pre-registration helps the game producer approximate how many people are coming to the game so that he or she can better plan for the event. If you are wanting to play on a particular side or with a particular team, pre-registration helps preserve a spot for you.



Preparing for the event

Once you have registered to attend a scenario game, you will need to get ready for the game! The first thing that you need to do is to obtain the game rules. Read and understand the rules, not only for safety reasons but also so that you will get the most out of the game. In addition, find the field map online. Get an idea of what the field looks like on paper and where the main objectives are located. If you can't find the map online, the field should have a copy.

If you don't have all of your paintball gear, call the field ahead of time to ask them about rentals. Most fields will rent you just about anything. Also be aware that the vast majority of scenario games require that you buy their field paint. So don't bring your own paint to the game. With that said, here are a few items that you should bring. There are too many items to, so I will just list the basics:

- Water and a means to carry water with you on the field.
- Paintball mask that is in good condition.
- Barrel covers or barrel socks that are in good condition.
- Paintball markers and backup markers if available
- Paint pods and pod holders
- Hoppers
- Tools, batteries, parts, oil, etc.
- Paintball tanks and remote lines if required.
- Radios can be useful but not required.
- Watches are a must-have, especially since missions are timed.
- Footwear. Boots and cleats are common.
- Multiple pairs of socks.
- Microfiber towels to clean your mask.
- Anti-fog spray or mask fans to avoid fogging.
- Long sleeves are recommended, but not required.
- Paintball pants are recommended.
- Air tanks that are not expired.
- Head cover such as a baseball cap or bandana



If you are attending a 24 hour scenario game, multiple items of clothing are recommended.

If you are camping at the Scenario game, here are a few items to bring:

- Drinks
- Tents
- Coolers and ice
- Canopy tents – these are great for staying out of the sun
- Folding tables
- Chairs
- Trash bags
- Fire wood if campfires are allowed
- If you like to grill bring your bar-b-q grill and cooking utensils, etc
- Food and snacks. Some events will have food for sale
- Personal hygiene items like contact lenses, etc
- Bug repellent and sun screen
- Flashlights

There are a ton of other items that could be listed, but those are the most common and should help you build your own list.

Arriving at the Event

We recommend that you arrive at the game at least three to four hours prior to the event. For 24 hour games, many players arrive the day before and camp at the field. Either way, you will need to allot time for registration, paint and game badge pickup, game briefings, marker issues, camp setup, etc. Time will go by really fast. Before you know it, it's

GAME ON!



The first thing you will want to do is to find a place to set up your staging area. This will be your base camp. You can usually setup base camp where you park, but this is not always the case. You can just look around and see what others are doing and usually follow suit.

NEXT - Go to the registration booth/office to check-in and sign a release waiver. If you have not pre-registered or chosen a side for the game yet, you may request a side when registering. The field staff will give you a game badge and other game-specific items such as maps, game schedule and rules. Be sure to read the game schedule so that you don't miss out on anything.

NEXT - Go pick up your paint. If you didn't pre-order paint, you can purchase it at the field during your registration. The amount of paint you purchase will depend on how much you like to shoot. Some players get by with just one 2000 count box of paint per player per game. Some will require several more boxes. In most cases, you can start out with one box and buy more later.

NEXT - Once you have purchased your paint, it's time to pre-check your marker for issues, gear up and get to the air fill station to fill up your air tanks. Bring your mask and your required tools to "chrono" your marker. If you bring your own compressed air or CO2 tank make

sure that you have a tank without an expired hydro date. The tank will have a date stamp on it and will expire about five years after that date. For safety reasons, if your tank is expired, ask the field about tank rentals.

NEXT - After you get your tanks filled, head over to the chrono station. This is where a ref will make sure that your marker is shooting at the legal feet-per-second (FPS) limit. Once you get your marker "chrono'd" then you are just about ready to play.

PAY ATTENTION - Be mindful of the game briefing time. Don't miss the game briefing, especially if you are a new player. They will give a lot of helpful game details during this time.

Another thing that we suggest is that you introduce yourselves to other players on your side. You may even want to find a team or group of players and ask them if you can play alongside of them. Playing with a team will add another dimension to your game and you will enjoy it. Don't be afraid to ask them questions. As I stated before, paintballers are generally a friendly bunch. If you choose to play the game by yourself, that is also fine. There are players who prefer walking around the field shooting players and not playing any missions. (more on missions below) If you like to play that way, that is fine too. You will have a blast either way!

Game on!

Check your schedule for game-on time. Be sure that you are at your base before the game starts. If you are unsure, ask other players. The first few moments of the game can be intense since everyone will be running to their objective. When you get to your base, ask around to see where players are going. You can follow other players on missions if you like. Missions are timed events that will give your side points, and the side with the most points wins. They are central to the game. The missions are usually theme-specific to fit the game. Some of these missions may include “capture and hold objective” or even be as simple as “head over to this area, scout it out and report back” or “guard the base”. Some missions will require certain “roles” or special characters. This will be explained in the rules that you read before the game.

If you are interested in playing a role, find your general before the game. Roles are a great way to get involved in the game. For example, a medic is a great role to start with. Medics can heal other players. This is an important role to have as it keeps

your teammates in the action longer. Also, be sure to study your field map ahead of time. The map should also state the location of your “hospital” or “dead zone”. This is where you will go when you get shot out. See the game rules for more details on how the dead zones work. Some fields can be very large. If you get lost on the field, don’t panic. Use your map. Look for other players. Follow them and ask for directions.

During your scenario gameplay, it is very important to stay hydrated. Always carry water with you. Even in cold weather, dehydration can set in. If you run out of water, go and get some more. This cannot be stressed enough. Be sure to pace yourself. If you feel that you need to step off of the field to rest, do it.

After the game, be sure to hang around for the awards and prizes. Some events will give out really cool prizes. Stick around and see if you win something. Bring your lawn chair and a drink and just relax and think about the fun you had playing the scenario game. Most likely, you will be thinking about which one to play next!



About Us

COBRA is a paintball team based out of Houston, TX. We are 20 members strong and have been playing scenario paintball games as a team for over seven years. We not only enjoy attending the local scenario games, but we also love travelling to games outside of our state. We greatly enjoy playing new paintball fields and making new friends through our travels. Being on a team is an absolute blast and has many rewards. Your teammates become your extended family. These are the people that you know will be there for you on and off the paintball field. You certainly don't have to be on a team to enjoy paintball, but it does take the game to a new level!



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