

# The U.S. Army Guide to Playing Paintball



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# Congratulations

You've made a statement about your commitment to excellence. Your commitment to quality. Your commitment to playing the game of paintball like it was meant to be played – with the physical prowess and mental toughness like that of our men and women serving in the U.S. Army.

Manufactured by Tippmann Sports, U.S. ARMY PAINTBALL markers and accessories are designed to enable paintball players to take their games to the highest level of realistic play possible. At home and abroad, the U.S. Army has utilized Tippmann paintball markers in its training to emphasize the importance of fire-control measures and cover & concealment procedures. No other training device can replicate this sense of combat realism in a totally safe environment.

We hope you enjoy and keep this Field Guide as a helpful reference tool.

We believe it will help you play smart ... and play strong. Army Strong<sup>SM</sup>.

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# I GOOD TO GO

## Safety Smart

There's a good reason why every sanctioned paintball park requires the wearing of masks or goggles before entering the field of play. Your paintball marker can inflict serious injury if not handled with extreme care. Playing smart means playing safe. And playing safe means treating your marker as if it was loaded, using a barrel plug or bag and always, *always* wearing your mask or goggles.



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The U.S. Army places the utmost importance on safety. Whether on the range or in combat, Soldiers have a full complement of gear at their disposal: Kevlar helmets, ear protection, body armor, protective masks – all intended to keep them safe, much like what paintball gear does for you.

## Preventive Maintenance

The ability of the U.S. Army to perform any mission is directly linked to the performance of its equipment. Preventive maintenance is the responsibility of each individual Soldier, whether in garrison or on the battlefield.

As a paintball player, your success on the field of play also depends on regular maintenance and cleaning of your equipment. Without it, your marker becomes less accurate and reliable. Follow your maintenance guide to the letter and your marker will continue to perform like the first time you fired it.





## II CODE OF CONDUCT

### Army Values

As a paintball player, you know that **LEADERSHIP** is an important quality to enable you to compete on a high level. In the U.S. Army, **LDRSHIP** takes on a whole meaning. It's about values.

Soldiers learn about values during Basic Combat Training (BCT), from then on they live them every day in everything they do — whether they're on the job or off. The Seven Core Army Values are:

**Loyalty:** Bear true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, your unit and other Soldiers

**Duty:** Fulfill your obligations.

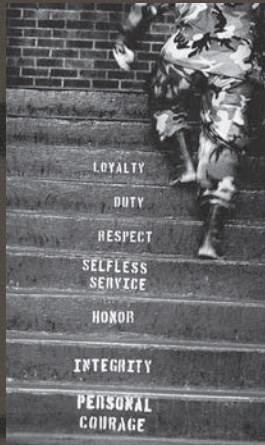
**Respect:** Treat people as they should be treated.

**Selfless Service:** Put the welfare of the Nation, the Army and your subordinates before your own.

**Honor:** Live up to Army values.

**Integrity:** Do what's right, legally and morally.

**Personal Courage:** Face fear, danger or adversity



## III FIT TO PERFORM

### Physical Fitness

On the paintball field or the battlefield, one needs to be strong both mentally and physically to succeed. In the Army, a Soldier learns the value of this starting in Basic Combat Training. The physical challenges of being a Soldier are abundant, but the Army equips its Soldiers with the proper skills to overcome those physical challenges.

Physical Training (PT) is a program that equips individuals with the knowledge needed to be completely physically fit. It's not just running; it's about *conditioning*. The Army PT program combines conditioning and movement drills, stretching techniques and information about nutrition – all the things that today's Soldiers do to stay fit.

To take the first step on your path to fitness, download the Army PT guide at [www.goarmy.com/downloads/pt\\_guide.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/downloads/pt_guide.jsp)





# IV KEEP IT REAL

## Meet the Squad

One of the most important aspects of being a Soldier or a paintball player is working successfully with a team. In the U.S. Army, the smallest – yet possibly the most critical – “team” is the squad. Armed with equipment specific to the task, they are able to take on a variety of missions – from security detail to storm units.

Like an Army Squad, a paintball team is comprised of players willing to do whatever it takes for the good of the team. Everyone on the team has a job and a good leader ensures that those jobs are properly carried out, decisions are made and that the objective is attained. The most successful teams practice together and fully understand the strengths and weaknesses of each individual member.



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## Urban Assault

The modern-day battlefield is not like the battlefields of past armed conflicts. It takes a different type of training. And when it comes to replicating reality, the Army is among the best. The Army uses MOUT sites – Military Operations on Urban Terrain – to give Soldiers a chance to practice their ability to handle the unexpected during deployments. These mock villages help Soldiers learn how to effectively search and clear buildings, conduct patrols, set up checkpoints and defend against attack, all while keeping civilians out of danger.

Many paintball parks also have areas designated for urban scenario play. Here is where your skills as both an individual and team player are put to the test in an environment strikingly similar to the Army’s MOUT sites. As a matter of fact, the Army has used paintball markers in their urban assault training at Ft. Bliss, TX and Ft. Knox, KY as paintballs are able to maintain the velocity and trajectory necessary to “keep it real.”



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# IV KEEP IT REAL

## Inside the Mission

It can come at any time of day... or night. It's "The Mission". And it demands focus, determination and strength.

The best **training** means all U.S. Army Soldiers are ready for any mission, any obstacle, anytime. From Basic Combat Training (BCT) to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) and Ongoing Training, Soldiers are always improving their skills.



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The best **teamwork** means Soldiers know what it takes to be a link in a strong chain. Every link in the chain has to perform his or her job perfectly to quickly and safely accomplish an Army mission.

The best **technology** means Soldiers have the most sophisticated tools at their fingertips – from GPS locators and Night Vision devices to Stryker combat vehicles and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs).



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## Build a Mission

Every Army mission follows an established order. When properly executed, the eight steps shown below ultimately lead to successful mission accomplishment.

In paintball, this process can be accomplished in just a few minutes to make your game more real and more enjoyable.





# V PLAY SMART

## Army-Style Missions

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of participating in the sport of paintball is to play it with a specific objective in mind. These “missions” can range from the simple (Elimination) to the elaborate (Tower to Tower). Often times, missions are part of a much larger Scenario Game, which can involve as many as several thousand players and last for 24 hours. By successfully completing a number of pre-planned missions, teams earn points and at the end of the game, the team with the most points wins the game.



After mastering some of the more common missions, many players find it challenging to create and play their own Army-style missions. An excellent resource for creating and playing missions online or adapting them for paintball play is *AmericasArmy.com*.

Sponsored by the U.S. Army, the *America's Army Mission Depot™* site contains all the tools you'll need to create your own game levels including art, sound, and game assets. Complete with realistic graphics, these games can help paintball players enhance their skills in a variety of locations, weather and lighting conditions.

Below is an example of an *America's Army Mission*, adapted for paintball play:

## Operation: Charlie Delta (CD)

**Situation:** Intelligence reports that Opposing Forces (OpFor) are using their base camp to plan and launch attacks on U.S. forces in the area. Interrogation of OpFor prisoners has revealed that sensitive, perishable information is stored on a CD and safeguarded in a satchel somewhere in the base camp. There is also reportedly a “phony” satchel containing false hard copy documents intended to deceive the enemy.

**Mission:** Squads of U.S. Special Forces will seize the target, identify and secure the satchel with CD then proceed to extraction point.

**Points:** 3 points for retrieval of correct satchel, 2 more points for safe transfer of the satchel to Intelligence Analysts waiting at the extraction point. Additional points may be awarded for Officer capture or casualties.

**Time Limit:** 30 minutes

**Teams:** One team of OpFor Soldiers and one team of Army Special Forces. Army Special Forces should ideally outnumber the OpFor.

**Props:** One “phony” satchel containing hard copy documents and one “real” satchel containing CD



To view more Army-style missions, go to [www.aamissiondepot.com](http://www.aamissiondepot.com)



# VI RESOURCES

[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)

Everything you need to know about the Army.

[www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil)

The official homepage of the United States Army for news, videos, photos and more.

[www.americasarmy.com](http://www.americasarmy.com)

Take your game to the next level at Mission Depot™ or participate in the Virtual Army Experience (VAE)

[www.usarmypaintball.com](http://www.usarmypaintball.com)

The official site for U.S. Army Paintball.  
Get the latest product information and helpful tips on adding realism to your play.



# CONTACTS

Use this handy Contact Log to keep in touch with other paintball players or U.S. Army Soldiers serving at home or abroad.

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