

## Business Paintball Licence

### What This Information Sheet Is About

- This information sheet explains the key requirements for running a paintball business in Western Australia. It is intended to help you understand what is required if you apply for, or hold, a Business Paintball Licence.
- A Business Paintball Licence is required if you operate a business that conducts paintball games and provides paintball equipment and facilities to participants.

### What is a Business Paintball Licence used for?

- A Business Paintball Licence allows you to:
  - conduct paintball games at an approved location,
  - provide paintball equipment, including paintball guns, and
  - supervise people who take part in paintball games.
- This licence applies only to paintball activities and does not authorise any other use of firearms or ammunition.

### Paintball Guns Used by the Business

- A Business Paintball Licence only applies to prescribed paintball guns that meet the legal requirements.
- People playing paintball at your venue may:
  - use paintball guns licensed to your business, under the supervision of an authorised person, or
  - bring and use their own paintball gun if they hold an Individual Paintball Licence.

### Applying for a Business Paintball Licence

- When applying for a Business Paintball Licence, you must provide information about the location where paintball games will be held.
- Your application must include:
  - details of the proposed premises,
  - a plan of the premises showing the layout, including the playing area and any other areas,
  - photographs of the premises, including the proposed playing area, and
  - evidence that you are lawfully permitted to use the premises for a paintball business (for example, approval or a letter from the local government authority).
- Once your application is approved, the proposed premises becomes your licensed premises, and paintball games must only be conducted at that location.

### Issuing Paintball Participation Letters

- People applying for, or renewing, an Individual Paintball Licence must provide evidence that they have a genuine reason to hold that licence. For paintball, this includes a participation letter issued by a Paintball Business.
- If you hold a Business Paintball Licence, you are responsible for issuing these letters to your members.
- The participation letter must:

- be issued through the Portal,
- be issued by an authorised office bearer (such as the club president, or another office bearer authorised by the president),
- include the applicant's name,
- include your Business Paintball Licence authority number,
- if the licence holder is a body corporate or partnership, include the name of the responsible person issuing the letter, and
- confirm that the applicant has participated in at least three paintball games hosted by the business within the previous six months.

## Record Keeping – Your Ongoing Responsibilities

- If you hold a Business Paintball Licence, you must keep records of every paintball game conducted at your licensed premises.
- For each game, you must record:
  - the name and date of birth of each participant,
  - the authority number of any participant who holds an Individual Paintball Licence, and
  - the name of each authorised person who supervised the game.
- These records must be kept for five years, starting on the day after the game took place.

## Inspecting and Testing Paintball Guns

- Authorised persons supervising paintball games must ensure that all paintball guns used at the venue:
  - are prescribed paintball guns, and
  - are safe and compliant before being used.
- Before a paintball game begins, an authorised person must ensure that each paintball gun:
  - has been inspected to confirm it meets the required specifications, and
  - has been tested to ensure it can only fire a paintball pellet:
    - at a velocity of no more than 91.44 metres per second, and
    - with a diameter of at least 10 mm and no more than 17.27 mm
- If a paintball gun remains at the licensed premises, it does not need to be inspected and tested again for each subsequent game, unless there is a reason to believe it may no longer comply.

## References to Legislation:

Legislation	Relevant Provision
<i>Firearms Act 2024</i>	Sections 51
<i>Firearms Regulations 2024</i>	Regulations 67-75