

Paintball Referee Pre-Camp Prep

Paintball staff are hired with vast differences in their personal skill levels from being on a competitive team to doing some occasional recreational playing. Our goal with the pre camp work is to have our referee's arrive with the same basic knowledge of how to play and how to be a referee.

Paintball staff teach the sport of Paintball so it can be enjoyed by all campers. Safety is stressed at all times. Paintball takes real skill to play well - campers can expect to learn to communicate under pressure, make quick decisions, use teamwork to accomplish a goal, and to think strategically, all while having a lot of fun!

TASK:

Go to an indoor or preferably an outdoor paintball facility (a real one, not just playing in an area with friends). At this facility, we want you to actually play in at least two games. When you are done playing, we want you to watch and observe the referee for at least one hour. Explain to the management that you will be a paintball ref at a camp and ask if you can "shadow" a referee which means you'd be following him/her on the field so you can hear what is being said. If they are uncomfortable with that ask if you can just observe from nearby. Since you are not participating in the actual game you should try and do this for free.

1. **When observing:** Pay particular attention to how the games are conducted and how the referee's manage the field. Pay attention to the games that the participants are playing, note how they are played and the rules of the game.
2. **When observing:** Also give some thought about the things that the players are doing, their positioning, the way they work together as a team, etc. Remember you are going to have to help kids to do this soon. Think about how you are going to transfer this information to the different ability levels.
3. **Email us** at: alli@campfoley.com
 - a. The name and telephone number of the field where you played/observed.
 - b. Five rules that the field uses.
 - c. Five things that the referee's did to manage the players and the games.