



Paintball: consultation results

There were 1,420 complete responses received to the consultation. The responses are summarised as:

Should paintballing be allowed?

Answer	Total	Percent
Yes	1,176	82.82%
Undecided	79	5.56%
No	165	11.62%

Filtered based on main role:

Role	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
Youth member (Network, Explorer, Scout etc)	390	13	5	408
Parent	70	8	2	80
Section Leader or Assistant	533	76	41	650
Manager (Commissioner, GSL etc)	98	29	17	144
Non member	12	6	0	18
Support role (ACC, Adviser, Assessor etc)	73	33	14	120

Filtered based on age:

Age	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
Under 14	26	0	0	26
14 - 17	293	9	5	307
18 - 25	278	25	15	318
26 - 39	237	40	18	295
40 - 54	279	58	33	370
55+	63	33	8	104

Filtered based on country of residence:

Country	Yes	No	Undecided	Total
Outside the UK	8	0	0	8
Scotland	126	17	5	148
England	998	133	69	1200
Northern Ireland	8	2	1	11
Wales	36	13	4	53

Reasons against paintballing being allowed

Reason	Total	Percentage
We shouldn't be teaching shooting at humans	126	76.36%
It hurts when you get shot	108	65.45%
It teaches a bad attitude towards gun safety	85	51.52%
There is no educational benefit	72	43.64%
Too dangerous	61	36.97%
Too expensive	33	20.00%

Reasons for paintballing being allowed

Reason	Total	Percentage
Young people already take part in it outside Scouting	1,020	86.73%
Good for fitness, team work and communication	992	84.35%
Banning it makes us appear out of touch and old fashioned	772	65.65%
Providers are better regulated than they used to be	647	55.02%
It is a proper sport played by many in organised leagues	584	49.66%

Requirements should paintballing be allowed

Requirement	Total	Percentage
All members taking part in paintball must have written parental consent	1,012	86.05%
The site / provider must be a member of the UK Paintball Association (UKPBA) or UK Paintball Sports Federation (UKPSF)	876	74.49%
The site / provider used must have their own public liability insurance	844	71.77%
Members may only take part in paintball activities with / against other members of Scouting	514	43.71%
Only members aged 18 or above be allowed to take part in paintball	61	5.19%
No requirements	35	2.98%