

Champions Paintball Series Media Policy 2015

Policy approved by the Champions Paintball Series organization. Any questions, concerns or suggestions may be addressed directly to the Champions Paintball Series via email; info@championspaintballseries.com

1. Access;

- 1.1. Accreditation applications must be received no later than 5 days before an event.
- 1.2. All media is required to have an APPA ID. This id must be submitted with application.
 - 1.2.1. If you do not submit an APPA ID your application cannot be processed and considered for accreditation.
- 1.3. Media shall have ID pass cards such as those the players receive. These pass cards can be acquired at registration. In the event you lose your ID pass card please return to the registration to request a new one. Replacement fee is 10€
- 1.4. Only the Champions Paintball Series official videographer, webcast personnel and accredited outside media may film on field.
 - 1.4.1. Requests for filming purposes may be submitted to the media manager, fees and restrictions will be discussed for approval for event basis.
 - 1.4.2. At any given time may the media manager check your material for video content. If video content is found, it will result immediate revocation of on field media access for the remainder of the season. The Champions Paintball Series may exercise their right to access fines for infractions. These fines will be determined by the Champions Paintball Series organization
- 1.5. Two types of media support – on field and restricted access. Your media pass will coded as such.
 - 1.5.1. On field access is issued for photographers and webcast personnel.
 - 1.5.2. Event and season media passes will be issued at the discretion of the media manager
 - 1.5.3. Restricted access is issued to media personnel who may not enter the field, pit or staging area. Restricted media found inside the areas listed above will be removed. Continued infractions of this point will result in removal from the event.
- 1.6. Event armbands are given out at each event. These armbands are issued to all media. These are available at registration. If you lose the armband please return to registration and request a new one.
 - 1.6.1. On field media is required to have on field media coded pass as well as armband to enter the field, pits and staging areas.
- 1.7. A team may request that you may not be present in their staging area (i.e. pits and or staging area where teams prepare.) At no time may a team request that you not be present on the field while they are playing.
- 1.8. The media shall follow any instructions given by marshals or head marshal. Failure to follow these instructions can result in revocation of your on field access. Media should try whenever possible remain out of the proximity marshals as not to hinder the marshals job. (We know that this can't always be followed)
- 1.9. Media personnel MAY NOT play on a team at an event and participate as media on the field at the same event. You must be one or the other.
- 1.10. Marshals may request at any given time to view your media pass and or event armband.
- 1.11. Media accreditation applications may be denied at the Champions Paintball Series at the organizations discretion.
- 1.12. Media may not share their passes or armbands. Failure to comply will result in the revocation of media accreditation.
- 1.13. The number of photographers allowed on the fields at any given time is no more than five per field. Webcast personnel and CPS official video personnel do not apply to this point.

The number of media personnel can be changed with the number and size of fields based on the number of accredited photographers granted on field access. CPS media manager will access the situation by event basis.

1.14. In the event of a high number of applications for on field access, magazine and international paintball news portal media providers will take priority over other media for on field access.

1.15. Media accreditation applications must be received no later than 5 days before an event. An APPA ID must be submitted with application. You will be notified via email when/if your accreditation is approved.

1.15.1. On field media accreditation approvals are based on the following criteria

1.15.1.1. Media must have at least 1 year of paintball photography experience in a larger regional or international tournament.

1.15.1.2. At the discretion of the media manager, the organization may request to view your previous work.

1.15.1.3. Assessment of the equipment based on professional/semi-professional verses consumer equipment is taken into consideration for granted accreditation.

1.15.1.4. Media with lesser experience may be granted limited access to on field or restricted to secondary fields when applicable.

1.16. In the event that a media provider has more than one media personnel with granted on field access present at an event only one may enter the field at any given time.

2. Clothing policy;

2.1. On field media personnel may not wear a team playing jersey or a jersey that could be mistaken as team jersey on the field while photographing. If you enter the field wearing such clothing you will be asked to leave the field. You have the option to remove the jersey or turn it inside out before returning to the field.

2.2. Media personnel must wear clothing that differentiates them from players as well as marshals. 2.3. If at anytime a marshal deems your clothing is not acceptable (i.e. you are confused for a player or a marshal) he/she can remove you from the field until such time you correct the clothing issue.

2.4. Current protective color is yellow. On field media may wear clothing of this color, hi-vis vests or other clothing such as media jerseys.

3. Interaction-interference with players;

3.1. Media personnel may not help in the pits for any team.

3.2. On field media personnel may not help pick up pods from the field for a team

3.3. Media personnel may not interact in any fashion players that are currently active in a match. This includes any second line players

3.4. On field media may not indicate or coach a player/team on the field. This is considered cheating and your media ID will be revoked immediately and you will be restricted from on field access for the remainder of the season.

3.5. Media MAY interact with players once they are out of the active pits.

3.6. All on field media personnel must remain outside the boundary lines of the active field of play. At no time may media personnel be present on the field no matter if the match is complete or during active play (i.e. laying on the field or behind bunkers). This is a safety issue for player, marshals as well as the media personnel.

4. Promotion of the Champions Paintball Series;

4.1. Any photos that are available for public access on the Internet are required to bear the Champions Paintball Series logo. You may also choose to include your logo as well. The logo will be sent to media representatives upon receiving a signed acceptance of the terms of agreement (i.e. the photographers website, Facebook page etc.). Failure to comply with this policy will result in immediate revocation of on field access.

4.2. Media may submit photos from each event for the sole purpose of promotion of the series. These photos need only to be 800 pixels at the longest point and do not have to have a resolution higher than 72 dpi. These photos will appear on Champions Paintball Series official website, Facebook fan page as well as other social media outlets. Each photo will be chosen by the photographer himself or herself for submission. The photos submitted would be credited to the correct photographer who owns the copyright to the photos.

4.3. The Champions Paintball Series does not own nor claim rights to the photo at any time. The copyright belongs to the photographer who created the photo. By submitting photos to the Champions Paintball Series you give the Champions Paintball Series a user's rights license. At no time may the Champions Paintball Series use any photo submitted in commercial purposes without the proper written consent from the photographer.

4.4. The Champions Paintball Series cannot be held responsible for parties outside the Champions Paintball Series board for copyright infringement from a third-party (i.e. a person takes the photo from the Champions Paintball Series website or social media site alters, edits or shares the photo elsewhere)

4.5. Any photos that are submitted to publications such as magazines or newspaper articles are not required to bear the Champions Paintball Series logo.

4.6. The Champions Paintball Series will place the logo of the media provider on their website indicating the media personnel is a authorized media support for the series.

4.7. If at anytime the behaviors of media personnel become detrimental to the image of the series his or her media ID pass will be revoked and will not be returned for the remainder of the season (i.e. but not limited to intoxication while present on the field, non-delivery of product sold to a team or player, etc.)

4.8. In the event of infraction of this rule, dependent on the severity of incident, the media personnel will receive one (1) verbal warning. After such time further infractions occur the media ID pass will be revoked for the remainder of the season.

5. Equipment;

5.1. The Champions Paintball Series cannot be responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged equipment. The media personnel are responsible for their equipment at all times.

5.2. No portable video cameras (i.e. GoPro) are allowed on the field. The exception to this is the placement of GoPro, R7 etc. cameras mounted to a player's marker. If a player wishes to submit material from the mounted camera for the official event video they will be credited as to whom the material was filmed as well as the manufacturer of the camera.

5.3. When possible the Champions Paintball Series will attempt to provide a separated press area or tent. Point 5.1 will also apply to this provision. Players and public persons are not allowed in this area. Champions paintball series will attempt to provide electricity whenever possible for the charging of batteries, laptops, etc.

5.4. At no time may a flash or other additional lighting equipment be used, whether on the camera or off the camera activated remotely, while on the field of play.

5.5. Internet Access

5.5.1. Internet access is limited to the webcast and officially appointed media personnel.

5.5.2. If access is granted to media personnel they shall not share the access information with anyone other than other authorized media personnel

5.5.3. If a media personnel will be uploading photos for live-updated information points of section 4.0 of this policy will apply.

6. Sales of services;

6.1. Teams, players, companies and or organizations may retain a media personnel for services. 6.2. The Champions Paintball Series will only promote the services of the official media providers appointed by the series at the beginning of each season.

6.3. Media personnel may not have anywhere on clothing "photographer for hire" or other statements implying services are available for a price.

6.4. Media personnel are responsible for their own promotion of services (i.e. forums, personnel or photographers company website, personnel or photographer's social media site).

6.5. At no time may media personnel request or demand for compensation for their participation as media provider for the Champions Paintball Series events unless prior arrangements have been made with the Champions Paintball Series organization. Compensation includes but not limited to hotel, travel, food, transportation, services rendered etc.

6.6. Champions Paintball Series will not be held responsible for any services rendered to buyers from media personnel. Correct contact information the regards to media personnel will be forwarded to the buyer in the event of non-delivery and other disputes between buyer and media personnel.

I understand the policy provided to me by the Champions Paintball series and accept the actions that will be taken with infractions to this policy. I understand that these policy can be amended at any time and I will be notified via email as well as a notice that an updated set of policy are available upon request. I cannot hold Champions Paintball Series for damages or loss of my equipment, including but not limited to contact of paintballs to my equipment, weather, etc. I cannot hold Champions Paintball Series responsible for injuries occurred during an event. I understand that Champions Paintball Series will provide access to medical treatment at my own expense. I understand that I will receive notice if my authorization to participate as media support provider is granted. This policy can be amended as needed due to specific situations that occur over the season. If in the event that these are amended we will give you notification via email as well as it will be published on our Facebook page as well as our own website. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the revocation of your media accreditation. Please complete the form below, sign, date and return to; media@championspaintballseries.com

Champions Paintball Series Application for Media Accreditation Form.

Full name: _____

APPA ID: _____

Address: _____ Zip code: _____
_____ City: _____ Country: _____

E-mail: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Media company you represent: _____

Website: _____ Years of paintball photography
experience: _____

Please list at least two previous paintball events you have photographed:

Your equipment: _____

I am planning to attend;

One event: _____ The whole 2015 Championship Paintball Series

Please check one:

Media publication staff (i.e online or print magazine).

Media hired by media organization or paintball Industry Company Media shooting for self or for hired by teams.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

_____ For
CPS Staff -----

Approved by Champions Paintball Series Type of media pass:

On Field

Off Field

2015 Season

One event: _____ Rejected by Champions Paintball Series

Reason for

rejection: _____

_____ Name: _____ Date: _____ Signature: _____
