

GRETZKY NHL 06



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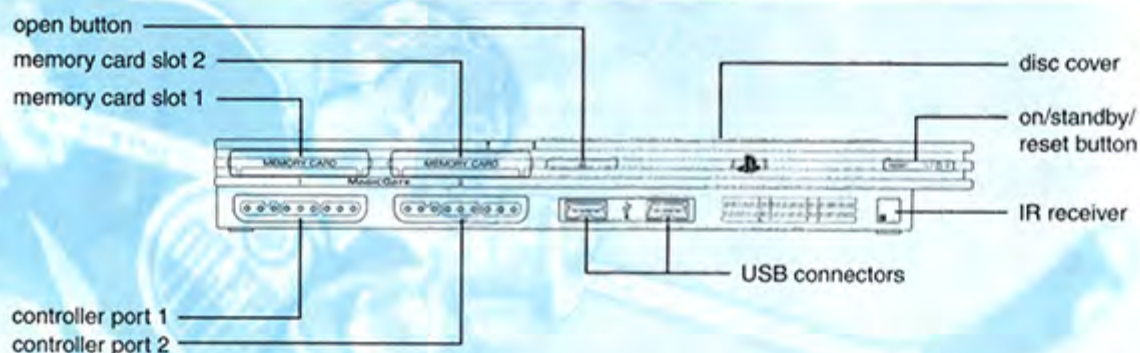
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GETTING STARTED



Set up your PlayStation 2 console according to the instructions in its instruction manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located on the back of the console) is turned off. Attach game controllers and other accessories as appropriate BEFORE you turn your console on. Do not insert or remove accessories once the power is turned on.

When you are ready, turn the console ON at the MAIN POWER switch and press the (standby) / RESET button. When the (standby) indicator lights up green, press the (open) button and the disc tray opens. Place the Gretzky NHL '06 disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the (open) button again and the disc tray closes. Finally, press the (standby) / RESET button again to load the game and commence play.

MEMORY CARD (8MB for PlayStation 2)

Saving Data

You must insert your MEMORY CARD before a file can be saved or loaded. Gretzky NHL '06 saves user-defined options and all data for Season, Rivalry Mode, and Tournament style game modes, settings (including rosters), options, profiles, and records. If an attempted save requires more memory than your MEMORY CARD has available, a MEMORY CARD dialog box appears on the screen indicating the amount of memory needed for a successful save of the current file.

At this point, you can insert a different MEMORY CARD with available memory space, or you can delete existing files from the current MEMORY CARD to create additional memory space for the save. If you do not use a MEMORY CARD all Gretzky NHL '06 data is lost when you turn OFF your PlayStation 2 console.

Options, Pro Manager rosters, and Live Rosters are always saved and loaded from the first MEMORY CARD found when the game is booted. Memory cards are searched in the following order: slot 1 (or 1-A, 1-B, 1-C, 1-D, if a Multitap (for PlayStation 2) is inserted into slot 1), then slot 2 (or 2-A, 2-B, 2-C, 2-D, if a Multitap (for PlayStation 2) is inserted in slot 2).

STARTING UP

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



GAME CONTROLS

Skater

Player Movement	Left Analog Stick
Deke / Body Check	←
Dump / Stick Check	▲
Quick Shot	○ (tap)
Slap Shot	○ (hold then release)
Pass / Change Player	×
Give and Go pass	× (hold), then release × for return pass
Sprint	L1 or R1
Icon Passing	L2 (hold), then × / ○ / ▲, □
Toggle Skate Direction	R2
Advanced Deke	Right Analog Stick
Become Goalie	× (hold for 1 second)

Goalie

Save / Dump Puck	○
Freeze Puck / Sweep Puck	□
Check	▲
Best Coverage	R2
Pass / Switch Player	×

GAME STRATEGY

Choose your game strategy by using the Directional Buttons (↑ / ↓ / ← / →)

Offense

Cycle (Normal)	←
LW Lock (Conservative)	↓
Weakside Support (Normal)	→
Active D*	↑

*Used with Cycle or Weakside Support. If 2-3 LW Lock is in play, the strategy will default to Cycle/Active D.

Defense

Weakside Sag (Normal)	←
Collapse (Conservative)	↓
Box + 1 (Normal)	→
Block Shot	L2

Breakout

Boards (Normal)	←
Vs. Trap (Conservative)	↓
Center Swing (Normal)	→
Stretch (Aggressive)	↑

Attack

Criss Cross (Normal)	←
Dump and Chase (Conservative)	↓
Free Flow (Normal)	→
Crash the Net (Aggressive)	↑

Forecheck

2-1-2 (Normal)	←
1-2-2 (Conservative)	↓
2-3 LW Lock (Conservative)	→
3-2 (Aggressive)	↑

Neutral Zone Defense

1-1-3 (Conservative)	↓
1-2-2 (Normal)	→
NZ Trap (Aggressive)	↑

Power Play

High Slot	←
Half Boards	↓
Stack and Back	→
Umbrella	↑

Penalty Kill

Diamond (Normal)	←
Passive Box (Conservative)	↓
Aggressive Box (Aggressive)	↑

Fighting

Punch	⊗
Block	⊠
Pause Fight	▶ START

GAME MODES



Quick Start

Use Quick Start to head out onto the ice for a quality match-up between two great teams selected by the CPU. See Game Startup below for more information on team selection and pre-game setup.

Single Game

Quick Start and Single games are essentially the same thing, a non-franchise, non-tournament game. The only difference is that in Quick Start the CPU picks the match-up for you and in Single Game you get to set up both sides.

Wayne vs. Wayne

When a team loses, they always talk about being one player or one play away from taking their game to the next level. Wayne vs. Wayne is a way to take your game to the next level, the highest level you can. As you play through the game, you earn "99 Time" by taking quality shots, scoring goals, delivering big checks, and making great saves. You lose "99 Time" by getting checked, giving up shots on goal, and letting the other team score. Once you earn enough "99 Time" the game tells you that Wayne is available. Press **L1** and **R1** at the same time to unleash the ultimate Power Play - Wayne Gretzky. Use the Great One to get up on your opponents quickly.



Franchise

Can you guide your favorite team to the Stanley Cup? Or do you have what it takes to create a new team from scratch and get them to the NHL's ultimate prize? There are tons of options to choose from. You can have a Fantasy Draft, set the season length, playoff format, and change the Playoff Overtime Type. During the off season, you have to manage your roster by tracking player progression, watch out for retiring players, sign free agents, and run the Amateur Draft.




Rivalry

Is there one team in particular that is your nemesis? Or is there some team out there that you just like to pound into submission? New for Gretzky NHL '06 is the Head-to-Head series in Rivalry Mode. See how your stats stack up against your ultimate rival.

GAME STRATEGY

Tournament

You can set up either an NHL or World Cup style tournament in Gretzky NHL '06. For an NHL tournament, things progress just like in the NHL playoffs. Select from a 4, 8, or 16-team competition.

Home/Away	First up, decide whether you control the Home or Away team. Move the controller ← / → to make your decision.
Team	Press ↑ / ↓ to make your decision. Press  for help. Press  to have the CPU select a Quality Match-up.
Options	Press ↑ / ↓ to select any of the Single Game options and press  to make a change. You can change things like Uniform, Strategy, or Edit your lines.

A World Cup tournament is slightly different. The teams are split into a World Cup style pool-play system. Each team plays the other three teams in their pool, with the team with the best record moving on into the finals.

Practice

Practice is where you get your chance to hone your skills. Need work on the Give and Go? Work it out in practice. You can set the situation up however you want it. Need an opponent to skate against? Just set the Away Skaters to a positive number and that's the number of skaters you have out there for competition.

Game Startup

Before you hit the ice, you can customize your game experience. Here are the steps for starting the game.

Gretzky Challenge

Gretzky NHL '06 is packed with extras, but you have to prove your mettle on the ice to get them. As you compete against the best, you earn points that can be spent unlocking these extras. Unlock vintage jerseys, other gameplay modes, and even Wayne Gretzky as a player. Keep track of your points via your profile. Make sure you load your profile for each competition. See Profiles on page 10 for more information.

Challenges

Gretzky NHL '06 keeps track of how you are doing in the Gretzky Challenge. View which challenges are currently available, how many times you've achieved each feat, and the number of points you have accumulated.

Challenge	Achieved	Gretzky Pts
Win a Face-off	100%	5
Win 5 Face-offs	100%	5
Win 20 Face-offs	0	10
25% Faceoff Pct.	0.000	10
Score a Goal	100%	5

Unlockables

You've earned a pile of Gretzky Points and here's where you get the chance to spend them. Once you unlock an item, you can save and load them into your game.

Wayne Gretzky

View the stats of NHL Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky. The Great One dazzled hockey fans for years, can you match his career accomplishments?

PLAYING THE GAME

Profiles

You have to create a Profile if you want to keep track of your lifetime stats and your status in the Gretzky Challenge. Once created, you need to load the profile before each game. During the Choose Sides screen make sure you select your Profile so all of your stats get tracked.

Game Strategies

During the game, you can adjust your team's strategy on the fly. Press the directional **↑ ↓ ← →** to pick from one of the four available game strategies. If you are on defense, pressing a directional button sets a defensive strategy. Likewise if you are on offense, on the power play, or penalty killing, pressing a directional button lets you choose from the strategies available during that situation.





Player Control

In a two-player game, a red or blue circular icon appears underneath your player, letting you know which player you control. In a multi-player game, additional colors are used. With possession of the puck, your player icon includes a green stamina meter. When you see a player's stamina decrease, make a line change by pressing **SELECT** to get fresh skaters onto the ice.


Shot Meter

When you press and hold  a yellow gauge begins to move above the green stamina meter. Hold  down longer to increase the power of your shot. Release  when the yellow gauge reaches the maximum and, you fire off a blistering slap shot.




Note: There are three different kinds of shots, a snap shot, a wrist shot, or a slap shot. Tap  for a Quick Shot, hold  longer for a slap shot.



Passing the Puck

Press  to pass the puck. The pass goes in the direction of the Left Analog Stick. To be more precise, use the Passing Markers shown on a player's circular icon. As you skate with the puck, the markers point in the direction of your teammates. Use the direction indicated by the marker in coordination with the Left Analog Stick for passes that land on the tape. Blue markers indicate teammates that are open and the marker changes shape for the selected player.

Give and Go

Goalies in the NHL are awfully stingy and you need to be on top of your game to get the puck past these pesky net minders. The Give and Go is a great way to get yourself open and can lead you to a quality scoring chance. Press and hold  to pass the puck to a teammate. Once you are in scoring position, release  for a return pass. You can hold  for as long as you need to get the open look. Combine the Give and Go with a one-timer for an awesome scoring chance.

GAME OPTIONS

Icon Passing

Icon passing is another way to efficiently pass the puck. Press **L2** to activate the Icon Passing system. While pressing **L2**, an icon appears beneath your teammates. Press the button corresponding to your teammate for a tape-to-tape pass.





Shot Aiming


You can choose between Manual and Auto shot aiming in game and during the pre-game setup. With Auto shot aiming turned on, the game takes it's best aim when you make a shot. But sometimes, that's not the shot you want to take. Maybe you're up against a goalie that gives up a lot of rebounds and you've got somebody in the crease to slam home any loose puck. Or maybe you're playing against a goalie that likes to flop low and a top shelf shot scores easily. This is where Manual Shot Aiming comes in. Use the Left Analog Stick while pressing **○** to aim the shot where you want it to go.

LINE CHANGES




Face it, your players are giving it their all out on the ice. No matter how well they're trained, they are going to get tired. Your job as a coach is to watch out for these dips in stamina and get fresh players out there. If you can catch your opponent with tired players out on the ice, you have a better chance at scoring or stopping their last minute rush to win or tie the game. There are three options for how line changes happen – A.I., Initiated, or Manual. Read below for how the three systems work.

A.I.– The CPU automatically makes line changes for you.

Initiated – Press  to put the next forward and defensive line on the ice. If line 1 is on the ice, press  to put line 2 into the game.

Manual – Manual allows you to control line changes during the game. At every stoppage in game play, a menu comes up to let you pick the line of your choice. To make changes on the fly, press  to bring up the line change menu.

Defense

Your goalie is only as good as the defense that is played in front of him. One of the keys on defense is to prevent the other team from taking the shot. The less shots your goalie faces, the better the chance you have in winning the game. Use the Body Check and Stick Check controls to separate the offensive player from the puck and get your team back out on offense. Press  to perform a Body Check. Press  to perform a Stick Check. Press  to lay down on the ice to block a pass or shot.

Fighting

Things can get pretty rough in the game of hockey, that's why players sometimes throw their gloves down and have at it. Knowing how and when to fight are important skills to learn. You could win the fight, but your player is going to sit for the 5-minute penalty, can you afford to have him off the ice for that long? Make sure you aren't controlling one of your superstars when the "fight?" icon appears on screen. Press **X** to throw punches and **□** to block.



PAUSE MENU

Press **START** during a game to bring up the Pause Menu.

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| Replay | Replay the last few seconds of gameplay using the on screen controls. |
| Assign Controllers | Switch sides during the game. Gretzky Mode is turned off if you change controllers, however. |
| Camera | Set the viewing angle for the game. |
| Edit Lines | Change your players around for the optimum on-ice lineup. |
| Statistics | View real-time stats of the game at hand. |
| Game Options | Adjust the game options. See page 16 for more information. |
| Team Options | Make changes to your team options. See page 16 for more information. |
| Controller Layout | Make changes to which buttons perform which actions. |
| Quit | Leave the current game |

RULES

Game Speed – Set the speed of the game to control its pace.

Penalty Bias – Set the frequency of penalties called during the game. The higher the setting, the more frequent penalties get called.

Fight Bias – Set the frequency of fights. The higher the setting, the more frequent the fight option appears.

Injury Bias – Set the frequency of injuries. The higher the setting, the more frequent injuries occur.

INFRACTIONS

Icing

Icing is called when the puck is passed or shot from the defensive half of the ice and the puck goes past the goal line of the opposition. If you have automatic icing turned off, the defense has to touch the puck to get the call. When icing is called, play is stopped and a face-off takes place at the other end of the ice. This infraction can be turned ON or OFF.

Two Line Pass

A two-line pass penalty is called when a pass crosses two lines (a blue line and a red line). When this infraction is called, play is stopped and a face-off takes place inside the blue line. This infraction can be turned ON or OFF.

Offsides

Players on offense can't cross the blue line before the puck does. When this happens, offsides is called. Play is stopped and a face-off takes place outside the blue line. This infraction can be turned ON or OFF.

GAME OPTIONS

Vibration – Set to ON to cause your DualShock®2 analog controller to vibrate when a collision occurs on ice.

Line Changes – When set to ON, your team's lines can be changed during the game. See page 13 for more details on Line Changes.

Auto Replay – Set to ON to view highlights automatically during the game.

Cut Scenes – Set to ON to see cut scenes during the game.

Display – Set to None, Position, Name, or Name and Position to indicate how players are identified on ice.

Audio – Adjust the volume of the Effects, Announcer, Crowd, and Music of the game. The higher the setting, the louder the sound.

TEAM OPTIONS

Auto Shot Aim – Set your shot aim to MANUAL or AUTO. MANUAL allows you to control the direction of your shot with the Left Analog Stick.

Line Changes – Set your line changes to AI, MANUAL, or INITIATED. See page 13 for more information.

Goalie – Set the status of your goalie to PULLED or NOT PULLED. When they are down at the end of the game, teams pull the goalie to get an extra skater on the ice.

Pass Markers - Pass markers allow you to see the location of your teammates and pass the puck to open skaters.

Strategy Options - There are eight Strategy Modes: Offense, Defense, Breakout, Attack, Forecheck, Neutral Zone Defense, Power Play, and Penalty Kill. Adjust the strategies your team is using during the game.



Controller Layout – An in game summary of the controller layout.

Quit – Leave the current game. If you quit during a season or tournament game you have to replay the game from the beginning.

ONLINE MODE

If you have broadband internet, Gretzky NHL '06 enables you to play games with other users over the Internet. You've got tons of choices once you take the game online - play or host tournaments, email other gamers, and compete in game challenges. To go online, select ONLINE from the Main Menu and press **X**.

Creating an Account

To play Gretzky NHL '06 online, you need to create an account and choose a unique screen name and password. Each time you go online, login using this screen name and password. This account is valid for all online sports titles.

Note: You must agree to the terms of the User Agreement to connect to Gretzky NHL '06 online. You do not need to create a new account if you have already created an account via an online sports title.

In the Online Lobby, you can navigate your way through the entire online process. It allows you to create games, post messages, join tournaments, check out leaderboards, and much more. This screen also shows your user profile that lists your online information such as User Name, Rank, My Team, and User Statistics included in the user profile is your Rank. It keeps track of your combined stats to show where you rank among all the online sports title gamers.

Game Rooms

Game Rooms are where game challenges take place. Search for the perfect match up or challenge other online opponents to a ranked or unranked game. You can also view all online players within your selected Game Room.

Selecting a Game Room

Whether creating a game or accepting a challenge, the Game Room option allows you to select from a group of games that match your skill level. Points earned during competition determine the Game Room level you can enter.

There are a number of Game Rooms including Rookie, Veteran, All Star, and more. Gamers of any skill can find a place to play. Gretzky NHL '06 also has Game Rooms such as East Coast and West Coast.

The Chat Area / Selecting a Game

The Chat Area is where available games in the particular lobby are listed. While looking for a game, you can read all of the real-time chatting between potential opponents.

Join in on some trash talking or search for information on possible opponents. To post a chat from the chat screen, highlight the bottom chat bar or use a USB keyboard (for PlayStation 2). Type in a message and enter it. Your message will be displayed in the chat window.

To select an opponent for a game, highlight a name from the list of players in the Game Room and press **X**. You can set the game options, view your opponent's statistics, and start your game. At any time during a game, press **SELECT** to bring up the chat window. While playing, you can trash talk with your opponent.

Quitting Games

After accepting challenges or joining games, you must finish the entire contest or be penalized with a reduction of points previously earned from other games. Losing points prevents you from entering higher skill level Game Rooms.

Leaderboards

Real-time leaderboards show your ranking among all online gamers. Each user ranking will be listed by point total and provide details of team statistics.

Tournaments

Create an online tournament or join others that have already been created. You can even create private tournaments using password protection to control the gamers that join. To sign up for a tournament, select a tournament menu and press **X**.

Online Downloaded Rosters

You are able to download live roster updates for regular and online play. Live rosters represent the current rosters of National Hockey League teams. When you go online, you are prompted to download updated rosters and save them to your Memory Card. If you do not download the latest rosters, you will play with the default rosters from the beginning of the season.

Message Boards

Message Boards are designed to provide a place for gamers to discuss the National Hockey League or any other topic of interest.

Mail / Feedback

The Mailbox allows you to send private email messages to any online gamer, provided you have their user name. Sending email is a perfect way to contact your friends about game start times or just to talk hockey.

Polls / Surveys

Participate in online polls and surveys which are constantly updated, so check back often to fill them out and view the latest results.

News / Promos

Check here for exciting news, reports and updates.

Edit Profile

At any time, you can change the profile for your account.

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Log on to www.gretzkynhl06.com from the web and check out the leaderboards, view tournament brackets, and participate in message boards. You can also send and receive user mail.

Team Management

PRO MANAGER

Pro Manager gives you complete control over your team's roster. Make changes to any roster by signing, releasing, or trading players. Make sure you pay attention to the I.D. symbols next to the player's name. These indicate their abilities and characteristics like who is the team captain, who is injured, and who is on a hot streak.

ROSTERS

Manage Rosters

Use this menu to change the game day status of players on any team roster. You can manage the players of your minor league affiliate, scratch a player from the game, bring a player up or down from the minors, release a player, or set your captains. In Gretzky NHL '06 you are working with your team's AHL affiliate. Develop your talent in Professional Hockey's minor league to get them ready for the big time.

Edit Lines

Set the lines for the game. See page 13 for more information about creating a winning combination.

Trade Players

You can make a trade for any player in the league. Trade proposals can be rejected in two ways – by the other team involved or by the league for roster violations. You must have a minimum number of players at each position on your roster.

Sign Players

Take a look at the Free Agent Pool to see what available talent there is for your team. The Free Agent Pool includes players that are unsigned or have been released by other teams. Rosters max out at 55 players.

Load Rosters

You can reset rosters for your game by loading the previous default rosters or Pro Manager rosters.

Save Rosters

Save all your roster changes to a Memory Card 8MB (for PlayStation 2).

Statistics

Statistics shows you the career stats for all players and teams.

Team Chemistry

Sometimes the hockey team with the most skill isn't the team that ends up winning it all. Often they're beaten by a group of players who arguably have less skill, but undoubtedly have more character. They're beaten by a group of players who are so close, who've formed such a strong Chemistry, that they are able to achieve beyond their skills. They're willing to pay the price for their teammates and if they sacrifice enough, may just hoist Lord Stanley's Cup high over their heads. New to Gretzky NHL '06, Team Chemistry adds value to more than just a player's skill, but also a player's character. Scoring goals, making assists, winning and tying games, delivering big hits, killing off penalties, keeping lines together and more go into building a Team's Chemistry. And once you're able to build positive Chemistry, your team will be able to achieve at a higher level. But keep a close eye on not only your Team Chemistry, but your Line Chemistry and Player Chemistry as well. Because giving up goals, taking bad penalties, losing games will negatively effect the Chemistry amongst your players. What Gretzky NHL '06 gives you is a deeper look into player interaction, giving you insight into which lines work and which players click with one another.



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