



# NHL 09





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A very small percentage of individuals may experience epileptic seizures or blackouts when exposed to certain light patterns or flashing lights. Exposure to certain patterns or backgrounds on a television screen or when playing video games may trigger epileptic seizures or blackouts in these individuals. These conditions may trigger previously undetected epileptic symptoms or seizures in persons who have no history of prior seizures or epilepsy. If you, or anyone in your family, has an epileptic condition or has had seizures of any kind, consult your physician before playing. IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE use and consult your physician before resuming gameplay if you or your child experience any of the following health problems or symptoms:

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- disorientation
- seizures
- any involuntary movement or convulsion

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**Use and handling of video games to reduce the likelihood of a seizure**

- Use in a well-lit area and keep as far away as possible from the television screen.
  - Avoid large screen televisions. Use the smallest television screen available.
  - Avoid prolonged use of the PlayStation®2 system.
  - Take a 15-minute break during each hour of play.
  - Avoid playing when you are tired or need sleep.
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Stop using the system immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms: lightheadedness, nausea, or a sensation similar to motion sickness; discomfort or pain in the eyes, ears, hands, arms, or any other part of the body. If the condition persists, consult a doctor.

**WARNING TO OWNERS OF PROJECTION TELEVISIONS:**

Do not connect your PlayStation®2 system to a projection TV without first consulting the user manual for your projection TV, unless it is of the LCD type. Otherwise, it may permanently damage your TV screen.

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- This disc is intended for use only with PlayStation®2 consoles with the NTSC U/C designation.
- Do not bend it, crush it or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

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## COMPLETE CONTROLS

### OFFENSE

#### SKATING

	Hybrid Controls	Classic Controls
Skate	Left analog stick	Left analog stick
Speed burst	<b>L1</b> button	<b>R1</b> button
Deke	Right analog stick ←/→	Right analog stick ←/→
Auto deke/Spin deke	△ button/ <b>R1</b> button	△ button/ <b>L1</b> button
Deke modifier/Cancel shot	<b>R1</b> button	<b>L1</b> button
Open Ice Control	⊙ button	<b>L2</b> button
Open Ice Support	⊙ button	<b>R2</b> button

#### SHOOTING

	Hybrid Controls	Classic Controls
EA SPORTS™ Skill Stick (see p. 6)	Right analog stick	N/A
Wind up/Fake shot	Right analog stick ↓	⊙ button then <b>L1</b> button
Snap shot	Right analog stick ↑	⊙ button (tap)
Slap shot	Right analog stick ↓ then ↑	⊙ button (hold)
Wrist shot	Right analog stick ↙/↘ then ↑/↓	⊙ button

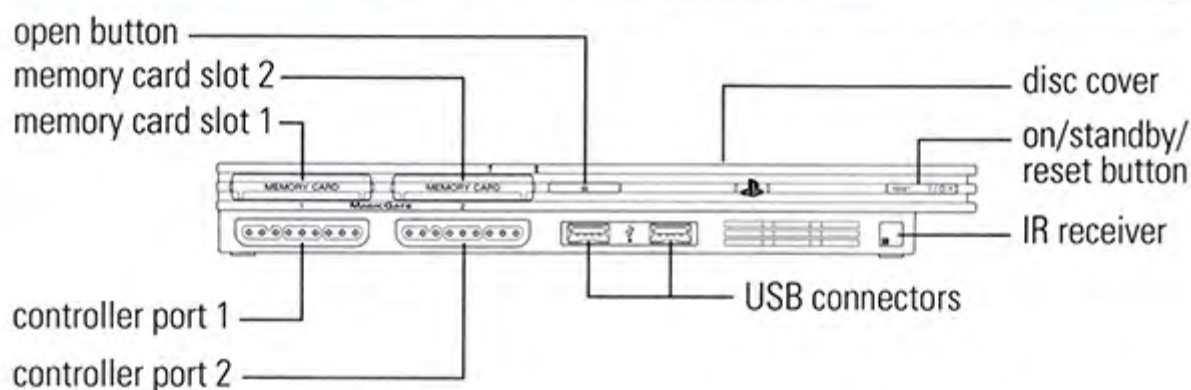
#### PASSING

	Hybrid Controls	Classic Controls
Quick pass	<b>R2</b> button/⊗ button	⊗ button
Manual pass	<b>R2</b> button (hold) + press right analog stick in any direction	N/A
Draw puck during face-off	Right analog stick/⊗ button	Right analog stick/⊗ button

**NOTE:** Complete Controls section continued on p. 4.

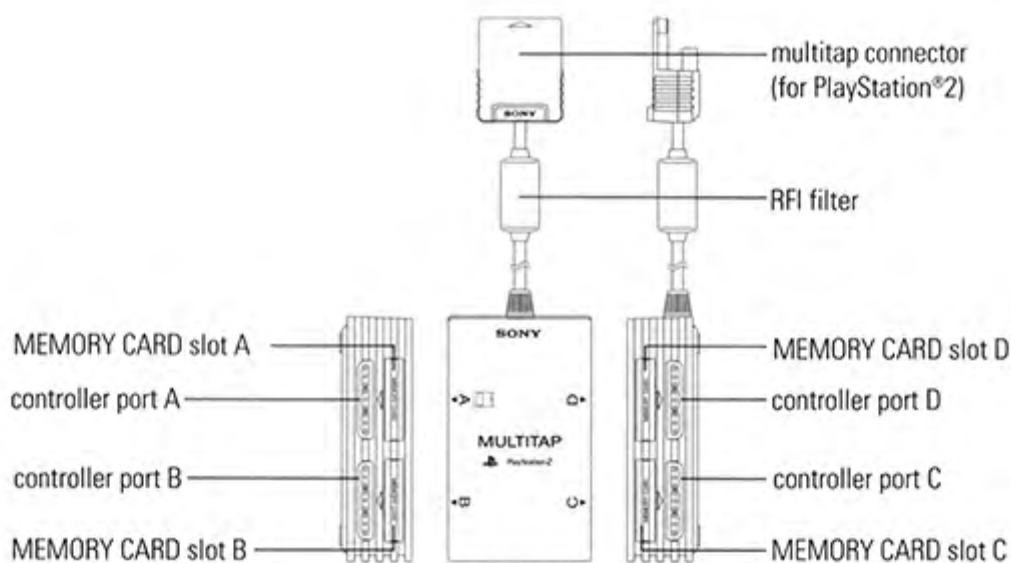


# GETTING STARTED



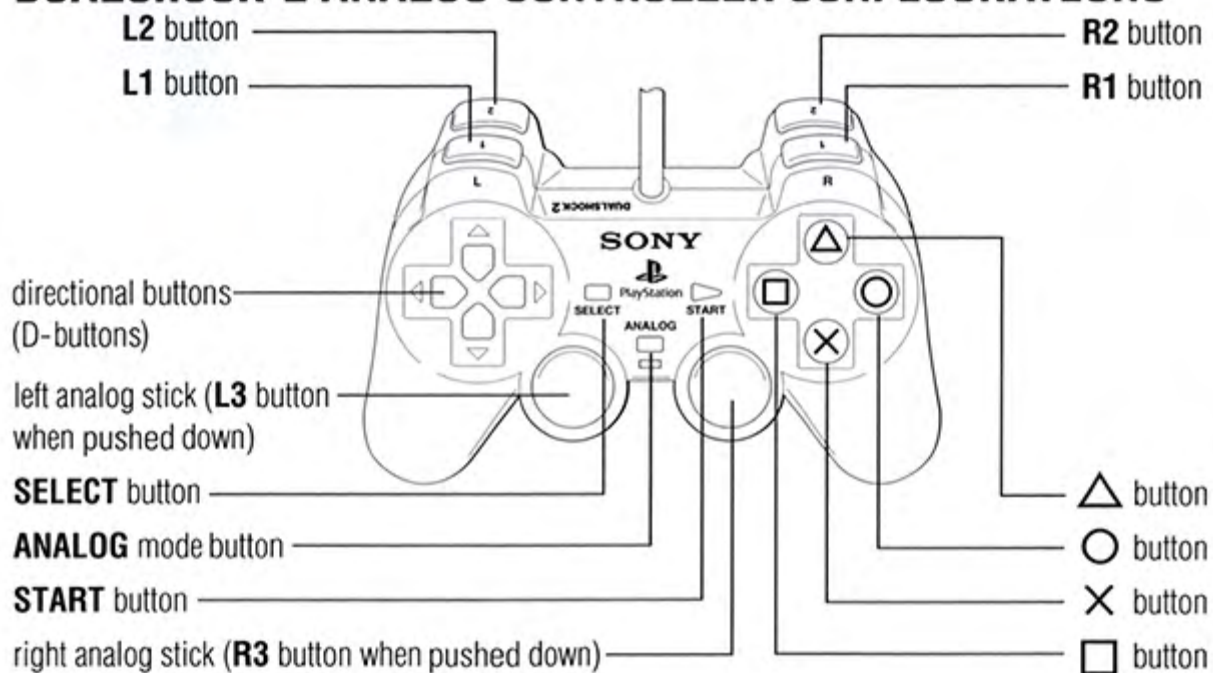
1. Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions supplied with your system.
2. Check that the system is turned on (the on/standby indicator is green).
3. Insert the *NHL 09* disc in the system with the label side facing up.
4. Attach game controllers and other peripherals as appropriate.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

**NOTE:** When using the multitap (for PlayStation®2), a controller must be connected to controller port 1-A.



## STARTING UP

### DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



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## COMPLETE CONTROLS (CONT.)

### DEFENSE

	Hybrid Controls	Classic Controls
Move	Left analog stick	Left analog stick
Switch player	⊗ button (hold for goalie)	⊗ button (hold for goalie)
Body check	Right analog stick	△ button
Poke check	R1 button	⊖ button
Manual poke check	R1 button + right analog stick	L1 button
Hook/Tie up	△ button	⊙ button
Block pass	⊙ button	R2 button
Dive/Block	⊖ button	L2 button
Speed burst	L1 button	R1 button

### GOALIE

Hug post left/right	L1 button/R1 button
Poke check	Right analog stick ↑
Random save	Right analog stick ↓
Pass	⊗ button/R2 button

### COACHING STRATEGY

	Hybrid Controls	Classic Controls
Offensive/Defensive Strategies	Directional button ←/→	Directional button ←/→
Select face-off strategy	Left analog stick	Left analog stick
Line change	Directional button ↑	Directional button ↑
Vision control	L2 button	N/A
Pull goalie	SELECT button	SELECT button
Pause game	START button	START button

**NOTE:** You may pull your goalie by selecting Pull Goalie in the Pause menu.

### FIGHTING

Initiate fight	Directional button ↓
Punch high/low	⊙ button/⊗ button
Block high/low	△ button/⊖ button



## PLAYING THE GAME

Lace up your skates, hit the ice, and get ready to settle the score with a Play Now game.

### USER PROFILES

Keep track of your personal stats with a User Profile. An active User Profile saves Dynasty Mode™ statistics to your memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2).

### CHOOSE TEAMS/STRATEGIES

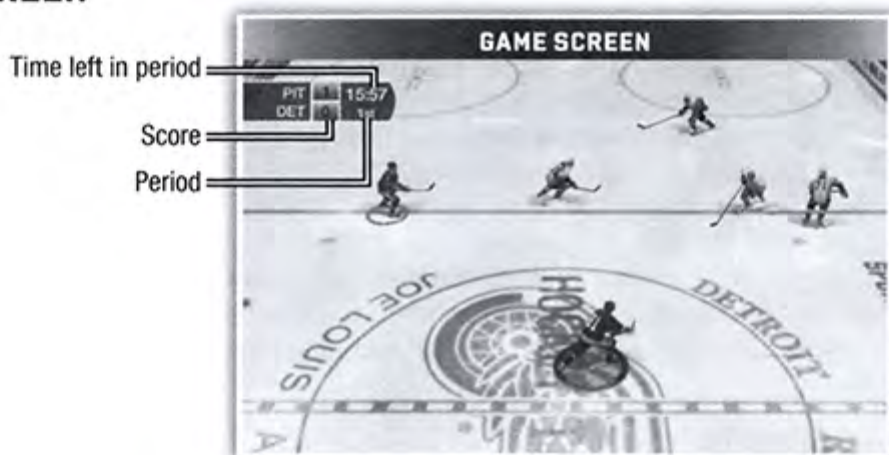
Select your NHL®, AHL, or Custom team for the upcoming match; you can also choose your favorite National team as well as teams from the European Elite Leagues, including the Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Sweden, and for the first time ever, Russia. After selecting your team you can adjust your strategies. Set your Quick Plays along with strategies for specific lines, including your power play and penalty kill units. Finally, select the Home, Away, Alternate, or Vintage sweaters your players will wear on ice.

### Quick Settings

Select the skill level for your next game, along with camera angles, rules, and period length. From the Advanced Quick Settings screen, set your Line Changes to AUTO, OFF, or MANUAL, and Shot Aim to AUTO or MANUAL. When both options are set to MANUAL, you are in full control of the action!

## ON THE ICE

### GAME SCREEN




## **NEW** ROOKIE CONTROLS


Go back to the basics and use the simplified control scheme in your quest for glory. Play with relaxed rules for arcade-style action.

### OFFENSE

Move player Left analog stick

Aim shot Left analog stick  
(with Shot Aim set to Manual)

Shoot  button

Pass  button

### DEFENSE

Switch player  button

Check  button

**NOTE:** Press the **L1** button, **L2** button, **R1** button, or **R2** button to get a speed burst, whether on offense or defense.

**NOTE:** For more information on the Rookie Controls, go to the EA SPORTS Extras screen and check out the "Rookie Controls" tutorial video.

## HYBRID CONTROLS

With Hybrid Controls, the skater's movement and puck handling are more in your control than ever before as you skate, pass, shoot, and defend with the EA SPORTS Skill Stick 2.0.

## CLASSIC CONTROLS

For those old-school players, Classic Controls remain an option. Custom Controls even let you set up the control scheme that you've always wanted. Access the Rules and Options menu to select your preferred control scheme.

## BUDDY BUZZ

You're wide open but your teammate doesn't notice you in the clear for a scoring opportunity. Get his attention in no time with the all-new Buddy Buzz, the communication feature for two players. When playing with a friend on the same team, press the **R2** button to send him a rumble and let him know that you're ready for the puck. Once he is buzzed, the controlled player taps his stick. Get ready for your buddy's sizzling pass and then one-time the puck into the back of the net!

## **NEW** RUSSIAN LEAGUE

Now, new for *NHL 09*, you can control the hockey stars of Russia. Pick from any of the 20 teams that comprise the Russian Super League, from Dynamo Moscow to SKA St. Petersburg. Pair one of Russia's pro teams against an NHL power, play against a fellow Russian team, or face a team from a different country. It's all up to you.



## EA SPORTS™ SKILL STICK 2.0

Control the puck like the pros with the EA SPORTS Skill Stick. By maneuvering the right analog stick, you can elevate passing, shooting, and deking to NHL All-Star levels. Press and hold the **R2** button and point the EA SPORTS Skill Stick in the direction you want the puck to travel to perform a pass. Pressing the right analog stick **↑** executes a quick snap shot while pressing the right analog stick **↓** winds up a blistering slap shot—press the right analog stick **↑** to release your shot! Press the right analog stick **←/→** and deke defenders and goalies into submission. Players can also perform quick-fakes and spin dekes by rotating the EA SPORTS Skill Stick.

**NOTE:** For more information on the EA SPORTS Skill Stick 2.0, go to the EA SPORTS Extras screen and check out the Skill Stick tutorial video.

## TARGETS

Shooting accuracy and precision are all but assured with the assistance of in-net targets (when your Shot Aim is set to MANUAL). During scoring opportunities, a target icon appears between the goal posts and inside the net—use the left analog stick during your windup to aim the target to an open part of the net. Once an opening appears, blast the puck on-net and light the lamp as you celebrate the first of many goals to come.

## OPEN ICE SUPPORT/CONTROL

Open Ice Support alerts a teammate to block defensemen on your way to the net. Time it right and scoring will never seem so easy.

Open Ice Control allows the AI to take over the player handling the puck so you can position another player to receive a pass.

## SAVING AND LOADING

Before exiting a game mode (or a menu where changes have been made), be sure to save your progress to a memory card or else all unsaved information will be lost.

# GAME MODES

## **NEW** BE A PRO

You've always wanted to Be A Pro—now here's your chance! It's up to you to play your pro for up to 10 seasons and reach legendary status.

Start your Be A Pro career in one of two ways:

**Create Pro** Create a pro and set his specific characteristics and traits, from jersey number and hair style to hometown, and brand of skates, and more. Once finished, choose what play style you want him to have, from the Sniper to the Offensive Defenseman. Your player type determines the type of expectations you'll receive during your career.

**NHL Pro** Play as your favorite NHL player and try to raise his game to the next level. Your player is assigned a Skill Level based on their attributes, and your goal is to take him to the top. It's up to you to make your player a star!

Each season, the team owner will have a list of expectations for your player based on their Skill Level. Complete these expectations to receive Experience Points, and achieve them all during a season to receive a new, more challenging set for the next season. As you gain Experience Points, your Skill Level improves (to a maximum level of 25). Each Skill Level you reach raises your player's skills—which specific skills get improvement is determined by the type of skater you've chosen.

During and after each game, you receive a Coach Feedback report that grades you in three categories:

Your **STATS** score is based on your personal numbers. Things like goals, assists, +/-, and more go into your STATS score. Rack up some points and stay out of the box to get a good grade.

Your **TEAMWORK** score is based on the performance of your team. Out-shoot, out-hit and, most importantly, out-score your opponents to get a good Teamwork score.

Your **POSITION** score is based on how well you play as your selected player type. If you're a sniper, make sure you're putting that puck in the net with wicked one-timers and brutal slapshots. If you're a defensive defenseman, defend your net with a strong, physical game. Keep that slot clear!

All of these grades are used to determine your **OVERALL** score, which is based on your performance over an entire season and can be found in the Player Options screen of the Be A Pro menu.

## **DYNASTY MODE™**

Take on the role of GM (general manager), coach, and player! Run your favorite franchise—whether it's a team in the NHL or any of the exciting teams from the European Elite Leagues. Your Dynasty can last for up to 10 seasons! For the ultimate squad, build your team from scratch in the Fantasy Draft by drafting each and every NHL player who will wear your squad's jersey. See if you can withstand the pressure of an entire season and live up to your owner's expectations by meeting frequent weekly and monthly goals, capturing division and conference titles, and most importantly, becoming the champion of your league!

### **MESSAGE CENTRAL**

Keep up on the latest news from inside your own organization, and from around the league, by checking your emails. Read important messages concerning the league, messages from the club's owner, its staff, the coaches, the accounting department, and even your players. Adjust your strategies and make decisions accordingly. Be sure to read each message before they expire since emails are automatically deleted after a certain period of time.

### **DYNASTY CENTRAL MENU**

Make every off-the-ice move from the Dynasty Central menu. From playing the next game on your schedule to setting your Rules and Options, the everyday operations are managed here.

### **DAY-TO-DAY**

Day-to-Day operations include playing or simulating games on the schedule, viewing the season calendar and team reports, and saving your dynasty.



## **GM OPTIONS**

As GM your team's success depends on your ability to multi-task. Adhering to the NHL's salary cap rules, trading players, signing free agents, viewing scouting reports, and preparing for the upcoming rookie draft are a few details that require your attention. Bolster your roster through player trades and tantalize the rest of the league by placing players on the trading block. Offer free agents contracts and receive instant feedback from them. Remember to plan for the future—you have a dynasty to build!

## **COACHING OPTIONS**

Be a hands-on coach and assume more control over the team by deciding the type of practice that should be done, adjusting lines, managing your minor league rosters, tweaking game strategy, reviewing progress reports for every player on the team, and even changing jersey numbers. Coach with authority and watch your players respond and your team improve.

## **STATS CENTRAL**

Crunch the numbers and use statistics to your advantage. Whether it's overall team standings and statistics or individual performance and awards, Stats Central has the crucial data you need to monitor your team's performance.

## **RULES AND OPTIONS**

Set rules and options to fit your style of play. Game play settings, display settings, sound settings, and the controller configurations are all adjusted here.

## **DURING THE SEASON**

There's more to a season than simply suiting up and playing the games. For every hat trick, stick save, and game-winning goal, there are managerial and administrative issues that need to be addressed. It's up to you to manage your players' salaries and personalities while building hockey's next dynasty.

## **MORALE**

Every player on your team starts with a morale rating of 100. Lack of ice time, dollars spent on Team Functions being offered in trades, and losing streaks all contribute to a decrease in morale. Giving players more ice time, improving the team's Upgrades, and winning games will all improve morale.

View player morale on the Progress Reports screen. When morale decreases, player attributes also decline. In the Player Information screen a phrase next to each player explains how high his morale is at the moment. Use that information to make strategic decisions about which players are best suited for particular lines and massage those bruised egos to their best results come game time.

## **OWNER'S TRUST SYSTEM**

The Owner's Trust System is a point system determined by your team's results on the ice and is calculated every game. Defeating a powerhouse team provides more points than a big win against a floundering team. Don't look past opponents, though, as losing a game your owner expected you to win will make your Owner's Trust Points diminish. Winning a game your owner expected you to lose, however, earns you a boost in Owner's Trust Points. If you have a strong team's number and beat them on numerous occasions, then your owner's expectation will change: he expects to win, regardless of the opponent.



Set the tone of your reign as GM and your owner's expectations by choosing the type of leadership style you plan to employ at the beginning of your Dynasty. Trust Points are gained or lost depending upon what kind of a GM you are. Some GM's award more points per victory but lose more after a loss. Other GM's are able to Upgrade their team's facilities immediately but then provide new upgrades less often over the course of your Dynasty. When it comes to selecting your managerial style, choose wisely.

**NOTE:** The more Owner's Trust Points you earn, the more Available Upgrades you earn. Go to the Upgrade screen in the GM Options menu and use your Available Upgrades to upgrade your team in any of up to 15 categories. The greater your successes, the more you can improve your team. This feature applies to NHL franchises only.

#### **TYPES OF GENERAL MANAGERS**

##### **Played-Out Professional**

Having played many years in the NHL and paid his dues. He starts with higher Owner's Trust, and as a result, has slightly higher Owner's Expectations.

##### **Financial Forecaster**

A wizard with money, this GM is able to find every loophole and exploit every crack in a contract to help his team make money. Upgrades are available sooner, but Owner's Expectations are also boosted, so be prepared to win now.

##### **Braw Boaster**

The beat writer's favorite quote generator, this GM talks a big game. The amount of Owner's Trust Points increases with every win. When you lose, however, the amount of Trust Points lost increases. Be sure to back up the gift of gab with on-ice success.

##### **Insightful Investor**

Long-term planning and slow, steady progress are the mottos of this GM. He provides you with at least a one star Upgrade in each and every category. All this planning comes at a price, though—your Owner's Trust Points build slower than they do with other GMs, so it takes more winning to get your next Available Upgrade.

##### **Masterful Manager**

This is your neutral GM. You don't start with any Advantages or Disadvantages.

##### **Penny Pincher**

We all like to save money, and owners of hockey teams are no exception. The owner rewards him for his money saving abilities, and thus has slightly lower expectations, but as a result, Upgrades become available for the team later.

##### **Ingenious Intercessor**

A wordsmith of sorts, this GM has the innate ability to spin any bad news for the owner into positive feedback, and is an excellent intermediary. He decreases the amount of points lost from losing games, but you also start with a lower than average Trust Level.

##### **Administration Auditor**

This GM prefers to delegate responsibility and do his own thing. The Owner expects much less from him and your team starts out with lower Owner's Expectations, but you also start with the lowest level of Owner's Trust.



## **NHL ALL-STAR GAME**

Greatness is in abundance as the league's elite players gather for one night in Montreal to play in the NHL All-Star game. Pit East vs. West or North America vs. the World and electrify the Bell Centre crowd. The option is yours to play the game, regardless of whether you are simulating the season or not.

## **POSTSEASON**

There's no season like the postseason and the tension is palpable. The harsh reality of the postseason is simple: winning is the only thing. Some teams advance to the playoffs while the rest stay home. Only one will be crowned champion. Will it be you? The playoffs can be viewed or simulated, even if your team doesn't qualify for them, or is eliminated part-way through.

## **OFF-SEASON**

In the off-season players recover from the grueling grind of the season and teams gear up for a fresh start - beginning with the Entry Draft. After the draft GMs adjust rosters by offering contracts to free agents and releasing players from their team. After the free agent period ends, the rosters are set and the new season begins.

## **NEW SEASON**

Choose franchises from the NHL, AHL, Russian Super Hockey League, or any of the Elite Leagues and begin the season and your quest for dominance of your league. This year you have a choice of 29 teams from the American Hockey League in addition to the four Elite Leagues: Elitserien (Sweden), SM-Liiga (Finland), DEL (Germany), and 02 Extraliga (Czech Republic).

## **EA SPORTS™ WORLD TOURNAMENT**

USA vs. Canada. Germany vs. France. Norway vs. Kazakhstan. The game's gone global as the world's best teams compete in an 8- or 16-team World Tournament. You pick the teams, you set the rules, you play the games.

## **NHL PLAYOFFS**

Skip the regular season and head right into the NHL playoffs for the ultimate experience on the ice. You'll have to beat the best of the best to bring home the Stanley Cup™ trophy.



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Featuring only one net and one goalie, play against up to four others in a Score Drive (play to a set number of goals) or On The Clock (play for a set amount of time) mini-game. It's you against everybody else, and the best goal-scorer wins. Oh, and did we mention there's no penalties?

## SHOOTOUT MINI-GAME

Choose your favorite NHL pro and take on the goalie head-to-head in a one player format, or compete against friends to see who has the best shootout skills. Rebounded shots do not count, so make the first one good!

## ROSTERS

The Rosters menu allows you to move players using roster management; you can also edit lines of any team, and determine jersey numbers. Make sure to go to SAVE ROSTERS before exiting to lock-in your changes or else any changes you make will be lost. Note that saving Rosters will also save your game settings from the Rules & Options menu.

## CREATION ZONE

Create your ideal player or team in the Creation Zone. When creating a player, use the analog facial sculpting controls and add black eyes, broken noses, and scars to strike fear into the hearts of your opponents. Have his place of birth be in your city or the most remote town on the map. Craft his on-ice demeanor and ability to emulate a finesse player or goon. Then create an NHL team in your hometown or edit a player in the league with the player editor. It's up to you to create the ultimate hockey superstar or up-and-coming team.

**NOTE:** To edit a player in the league, you must first transfer him to free agency. Only then can you access the player.

## RULES AND OPTIONS

Go to this menu to adjust the game Rules, game Settings, select your Controller Configuration, and change the songs in your EA SPORTS™ TRAX Jukebox.



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