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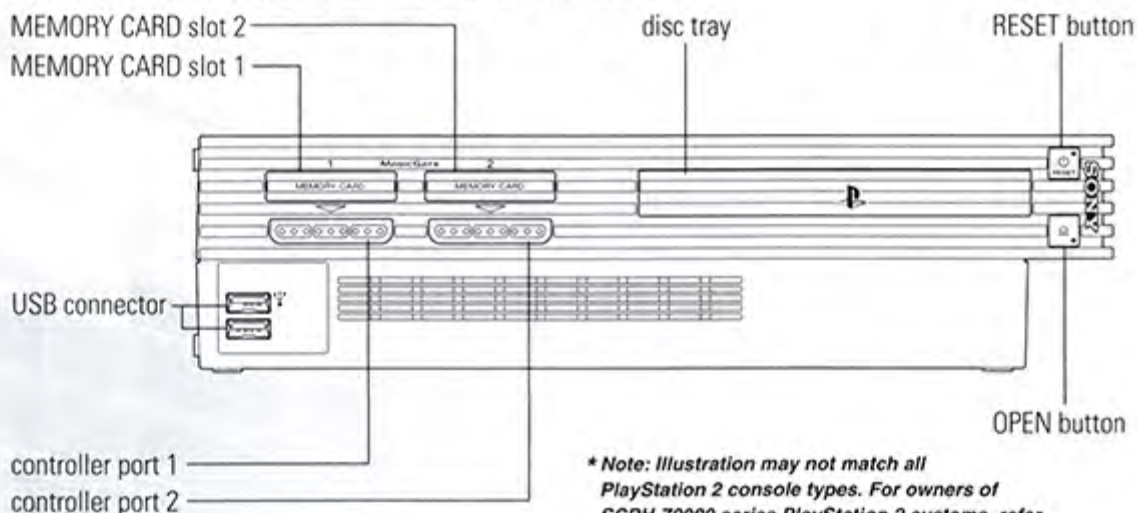
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STARTING THE GAME

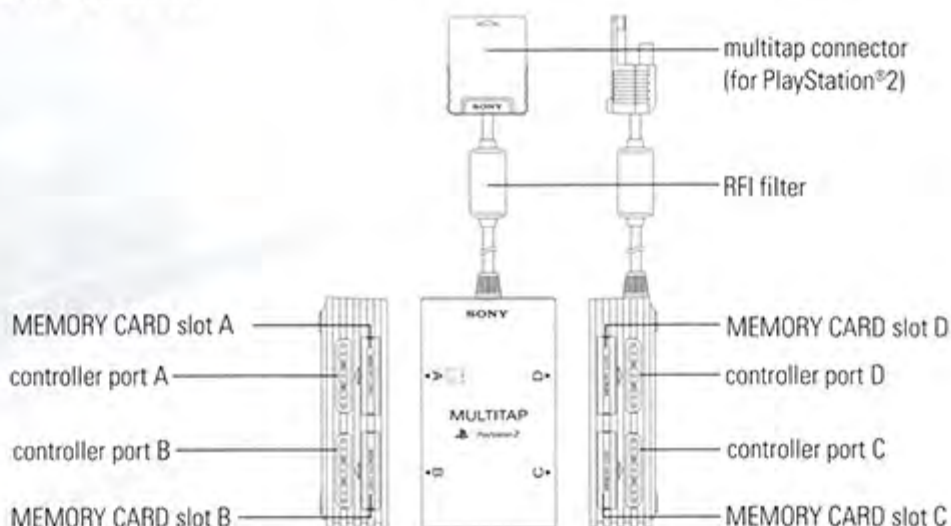
PLAYSTATION®2 COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM



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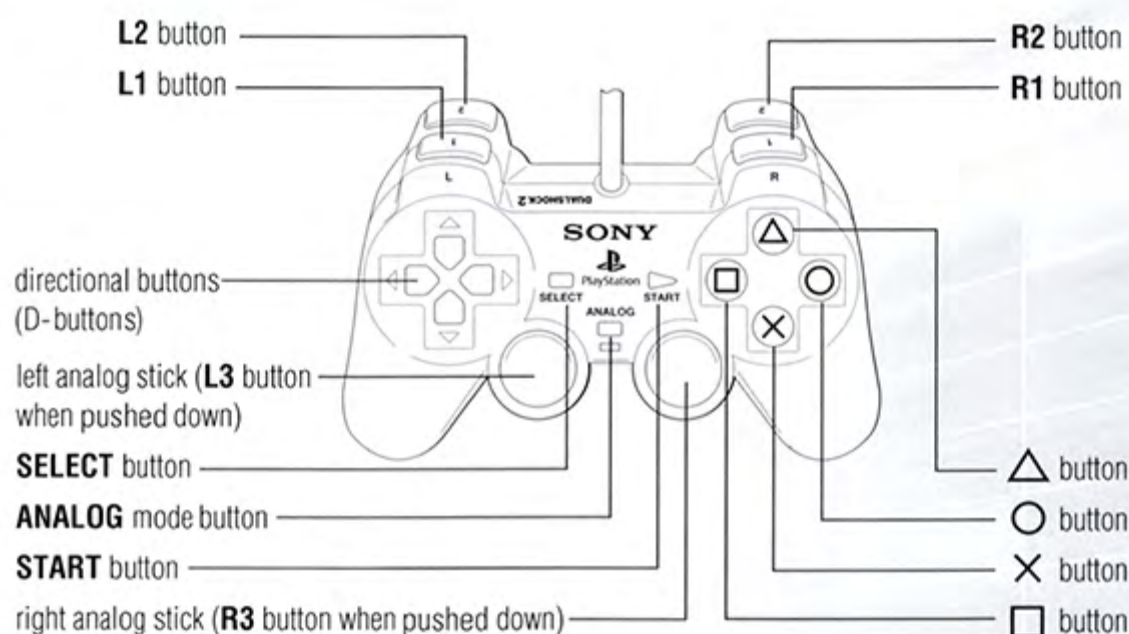
1. Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual.
2. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located at the back of the console) is turned ON.
3. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open.
4. Place the *NHL® 2005* disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close.
5. Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate.
6. Follow 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.



COMMAND REFERENCE

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



MENU CONTROLS

Highlight menu items	D-button ↕
Cycle choices/Move sliders	D-button ↔
Select/Go to next screen	× button
Return to previous screen	Δ button

COMPLETE CONTROLS

Whether you're playing an NHL rival or challenging for the World Cup of Hockey™, master these game controls and dominate the open ice.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

Move player	left analog stick
Manual deke	right analog stick
Pass/Face-off	⊗ button
Wrist shot	■ button (hold briefly to wind up)
Slap shot	⊙ button (hold briefly for harder shot)
One-timer (with loose puck)	⊙ button (tap)
Spin	L1 button + △ button
Auto deke	△ button (tap)
Manual deke shot	right analog stick + R3 button
Manual deke pass	L1 button + right analog stick + R3 button
Speed burst	R1 button
Fake shot	Tap the L1 button while in a wind up
Fake pass	Tap the L1 button while in a pass wind up

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

Move player	left analog stick
Speed burst	R1 button
Body check	△ button/right analog stick
Hook/Pin/Tie up/Poke	■ button
Dive/Block	⊙ button
Charge up a hit	R3 button (hold)
Last man back	⊗ button (hold briefly)
Change player	⊗ button
Manual poke check	L1 button + right analog stick

NEW EA SPORTS™ OPEN ICE CONTROL/ OPEN ICE SUPPORT

Open Ice Control (Switch between players)	L2 button
Instruct a teammate to shoot slap shot	○ button
Call for a pass	⊗ button
Open Ice Support (Call for a double-team)	R2 button

BRUISE CONTROL

Throw a nasty check with Bruise Control. Move the right analog stick in the direction of an opposing player to throw a check. You can also press and hold the **R3** button and your player loads up for the hit.

GOALIE WITH PUCK	
Pass	⊗ button
Saucer pass	■ button
Clear puck	○ button

GOALIE WITHOUT PUCK	
Save attempt	○ button (tap or hold)
Control goalie	L1 button + ⊗ button (hold and release)

FACE-OFFS	
Draw puck	⊗ button

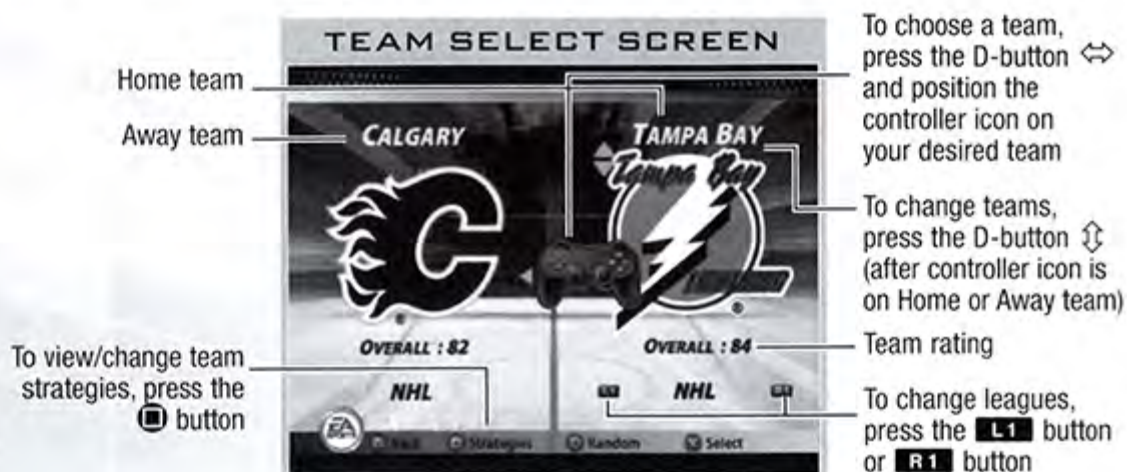
STRATEGY	
Bring up line change menu/Select line	L1 button + D-button
Pause game	▶ button <small>START</small>
Offensive Quick Play strategies	D-button ↕
Defensive Quick Play strategies	D-button ↔

FIGHTING	
High/Low punch	○ button/ ⊗ button
High/Low block	▲ button/ ■ button
Activate fight	■ button <small>SELECT</small>

❖ You can map your controls to different buttons using the Configure Controller option (via the Rules and Options menu).

PLAY NOW

Before you battle for the Stanley Cup®, play an exhibition game in Play Now mode. The games don't count in the standings but the hits still hurt.



- ❖ Before accessing the Quick Settings screen, you have the option to change your team's jersey for the upcoming game. When the team jersey icon appears (after pressing the [X] button in the Team Select screen), press the D-button to select an Alternate, Vintage, Home, or Away jersey.

STRATEGIES

From the Strategies screen, set your Quick Play along with a strategy for each line, power play unit, and penalty killers. For more information on Strategies, check out the Marc Crawford strategy videos.

QUICK SETTINGS

Select the skill level for the next game, along with camera angle, rules, and period length. You can also adjust the Player Advantage and Goalie Advantage sliders. From the Advanced Settings screen, set Line Changes to OFF, **AUTO**, or **MANUAL**, or Shot Aim to **AUTO** or **MANUAL**. When set to **MANUAL**, you are in full control of the action.

PLAYER ICONS

The icons listed next to player names indicate strengths and weaknesses.



BIG HITTER



HOT STREAK



SUSPENDED



BIG SHOOTER



INJURED (out)



SICK



HERO



INJURED (available)



COLD STREAK



SNIPER



TIRED



FAST SKATER

ON THE ICE


Lace up the skates and get ready to light the lamp.

Time remaining
in period

Score



Controlled player

Press the  button to access the Pause menu during a game

NEW FACE-OFF PLAYBOOK

Choose a face-off strategy after each whistle. Plan an attack in your opponent's zone or protect the net right before the puck drops.

NEW EA SPORTS™ OPEN ICE CONTROL/ OPEN ICE SUPPORT

Seamlessly switch between players with or without the puck—call for passes, tell a teammate to shoot, set up a vicious one-timer, or call for a defensive double-team on the fly with the push of a button.

QUICK PLAY STRATEGIES

Choose offensive and defensive Quick Play strategies on the fly.

PLAY ONLINE

Take on the best hockey players in the country without getting off the couch.

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PLAYING ONLINE

In order to play *NHL 2005* online, you must select Your Network Configuration file or create a new one by following the on-screen instructions. Next, create a new EA Online Account. If you already have an EA Online Account saved on a memory card (8MB) (for PlayStation®2), it appears automatically.

After you're logged into the *NHL 2005* Server Login screen, create an EA SPORTS™ Persona (you can have up to four EA SPORTS™ Personas). Change or create new Persona names from the Persona Names screen. You must visit www.easports.com to delete Persona Names.

NOTE: Your Network Configuration file and the EA Login will only be read off of the memory card in MEMORY CARD slot 1.

NOTE: If you have an existing screen name on AOL, AOL Instant Messenger (AIM), CompuServe 2000, or Netscape AOL Instant Messenger, you can use it as your EA Account Name. Visit <http://www.ea.com/nhl-reg> to register, then return to *NHL 2005* and select USE EXISTING EA ONLINE ACCOUNT. Enter your Account Name and password to log on.

PLAYING BEHIND A FIREWALL

We recommend that you do not play behind a firewall. However, if you do play behind a firewall, you must open the following ports: 3658 (peer-to-peer connection); 6000 (VOIP).

WELCOME TO NHL® 2005 ONLINE (LOBBY)

Find an opponent based on your skill level, check out the latest EA News, and set your gameplay options for the games you host.

NOTE: The game's timeout function may be different than your ISP's. This could lead to high telephone charges if you leave the game unattended.


Play Now	Connect with another online player right away.
Game Modes	Enter a room based on skill level, create your own password-protected room, or create or join an online tournament.
Leaderboards	View the top 100 Players and Stat Leaders.
My Career	View your stats.
My NHL®	Set the options related to online gameplay as well as check news and online information.

CHEATING PREVENTION

The following rules are applied to online games to prevent cheating:

- ❖ Games can be ranked or unranked.
- ❖ A user is charged with a loss and a disconnect for exiting a ranked game before it is finished.
- ❖ Users are penalized for delaying games.

PLAYER OPTIONS

Highlight a player's name and press the  button to bring up the player options. From here you can challenge, send or read a private message, block or unblock, add or remove that player to or from your EA Messenger, or report abuse.

PLAYER CONNECTIONS

A Connection Bar is displayed in the top right of the screen. Green indicates a good connection; yellow, a medium connection; and red, a poor connection.

NOTE: If the Connection Bar is green, ping is less than 150 milliseconds. Yellow = ping is less than 350 milliseconds. Red = ping greater than 350 milliseconds.

EA SPORTS™ TALK

EA SPORTS Talk lets you talk to other players. EA SPORTS Talk is activated as soon as you connect to your opponent. The microphone icon represents its status.

❖ A green microphone icon means a headset is detected on the other user's machine (whether **ON/OFF**). A red microphone icon means your headset is turned OFF or muted.

NOTE: EA SPORTS Talk supports the Logitech® USB headset, but does not support modem connections. To use EA SPORTS Talk, both players must have broadband connections.

NOTE: During gameplay, if your USB headset is plugged into your console, and you are not able to talk to your opponent:

- ❖ Your opponent may not have a USB headset connected to their console.
- ❖ Your opponent may be connecting to the Internet through a dial-up modem connection.
- ❖ You and your opponent may have a low quality connection to each other.

NOTE: NHL 2005 supports a USB keyboard for typing messages.

NOTE: To mute yourself and your opponent during gameplay, press the **L2** button and **R2** button simultaneously.

EA SPORTS™ TICKER AND MEDALLION

Stay up to date on the latest sports scores with the EA SPORTS Ticker. The ticker shows you the results of real races and scores of other sporting events. Keep an eye on the ticker for news and information from EA SPORTS.

The EA SPORTS Medallion to the left of the ticker indicates your connection status. During regular network operation, the Medallion is green and the Network Activity Indicator on the right side of the Medallion flashes to indicate network transactions. A red Medallion indicates that you have been disconnected.

EA™ MESSENGER

Keep track of your friends, challenge, chat, and offer feedback with the EA Messenger.

TO SEARCH/ADD A FRIEND:

Press the **○** button to open the EA Messenger and then press the **○** button again to search for friend. To add a friend, highlight his name and press the **⊗** button. A Friend Request is sent to him. Once accepted, the friend is automatically added to your EA Messenger.

TO INITIATE A CHALLENGE OR CHAT:

Highlight your friend's name and press the **⊗** button in either the EA Messenger or in a game lobby. You can only challenge or voice chat with one other player at a time.

SINGLE AND GROUP MESSAGES

To send a message to another user, highlight his name and press the **⊗** button and then choose SEND MESSAGE. To send one message to multiple friends in your EA Messenger, highlight the friends and press the D-button **⇨** to flag them. Then press the **⊗** button on any flagged friend and send a Group Message to all selected friends.

BLOCKING/FEEDBACK

You can block any player from corresponding with you in any way. You're also able to leave feedback—positive or negative—for any player. Please note that abusing the feedback system can result in action against your account.

DYNASTY MODE™

Build hockey's all-time greatest franchise. For ten seasons, you manage the roster; you coach the team; you play the games. After choosing a team to run, creating a GM name, and selecting your characteristics, Season One begins.

MAKING A NAME FOR YOURSELF

The goal in Dynasty Mode is to earn the highest score as General Manager. GMs have ten years to earn profits, win championships, and build a Dynasty.

UPGRADE BUDGET

GMs receive an upgrade budget for their actions and their team's performance. The budget is handed out during the season based on GM performance in: profit, attendance, team winning percentage, playoff performance, trading, free agent signings, and more.

MORALE

All players on your team start with the highest morale rating at 100. Morale goes down if players don't get the ice time they want, they feel you're not spending enough on Team Functions, or your team loses several games in a row. View player morale on the Progress Reports screen. When morale decreases, player attributes go down.

TV CONTRACTS

A TV contract is already in place for the first season. Starting in the second season, you are offered a contract based on your previous year's playoff performance, your marketing level, and the number of prestige and high-prestige players on your team.

DYNASTY CENTRAL MENU

Every move takes place from the Dynasty Central menu. From playing the next game on your schedule to setting your Rules and Options, the details are explained below.

NEW EMAIL

Keep up on the latest news from inside your own organization—and around the league—with the *NHL 2005* email system. Get messages regarding trades, a note from your owner or team trainer, and more. But don't miss out on any breaking news—emails delete if you let them sit in your inbox too long.

DAY-TO-DAY

Day-to-Day operations include playing (or simulating) games on the schedule, viewing the season calendar, reading email, and saving your progress on a memory card.

GM OPTIONS

As GM, you have the power to trade players, sign free agents, and view scouting reports in order to evaluate the upcoming rookie draft. You can also upgrade your staff in the front office, and adjust payroll, ticket prices, fan giveaways, concessions, and more.

COACHING OPTIONS

Take more control over the team by adjusting the practice schedule, editing lines, and tweaking game strategy. You can also review progress reports for every player on the team.

STATS CENTRAL

From overall team statistics to individual numbers, here's where you find all the stats you need.

RULES AND OPTIONS

Set rules and options to fit your playing style. Gameplay settings, display settings, sound settings, and the button configuration on the controller can all be adjusted here.

POST-SEASON

Once the regular season ends, the post-season begins. The good teams advance to the playoffs and make their run for the Stanley Cup®. The rest prepare for the off-season. In the end, only one can be crowned Stanley Cup® champion.

OFF-SEASON

This is the time where all GMs evaluate their respective teams and prepare for the upcoming season.

The first event in the off-season is the **NHL Entry Draft**. Here's your chance to fill your squad with some young talent. After the NHL Entry Draft, GMs have the chance to offer contracts to free agents and release players from their team. After the free agent period ends, the new season begins.

OTHER GAME MODES

EXHIBITION

Practice one-timers, wrist shots, face-off strategies, Open Ice Control, and more against live competition. Once you get the hang of the game, put your skills to the test in the other game modes.

SEASON

See if you have what it takes to play through an entire season. Set up a 29-, 58-, or 82-game season and make a run for the Stanley Cup®. You can play the season with current NHL rosters, or assemble your team through a Fantasy Draft.

NOTE: The Season mode menus are set up very similarly to those in Dynasty Mode. See p. 10 more for more information.

NEW WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY™

Take part in the excitement of this year's World Cup of Hockey™ event featuring teams from Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, and the United States playing in authentic European and North American venues. Playing under NHL rules, you set the number of Round Robins as an alternative to the length of series.

NEW EA SPORTS™ FREE4ALL™

The intensity explodes off the ice with an all-out hockey EA SPORTS FREE4ALL. There's one net, one goalie, and every man is for himself. Up to four can play and the one who scores the most goals wins.

After selecting the number of players, choose from a list of All-Stars. Next, select the game (**Score Drive** or **On the Clock**), set the Rules and Options, and then pick the number of defensemen (up to two) to play against.

ELITE LEAGUES

Jump across the pond and take on Europe's elite. You can play an entire season against teams from the Elitserien (Sweden), SM-Liiga (Finland), and DEL (Germany) leagues. With Elite Leagues, you have 39 additional teams to play as or against—all with unique jerseys, traditions, and chants, specific to their league. In SM-Liiga, the top goal scorer of each team wears a Golden Helmet.

International rules govern gameplay, instead of NHL rules (e.g., 2-Line passes are permitted). League-specific rules are also enforced. For example, in the DEL, no game ever ends in a tie.

SAVING AND LOADING

NOTE: With the exception of Saving and Loading, the options listed in the Rules and Options section have been omitted from this game manual. Please follow the on-screen navigation menus for further instructions.

Don't let the hard work go to waste. Save your game settings to a memory card before shutting down.

TO SAVE OR LOAD YOUR GAME SETTINGS:

1. From the Rules and Options menu, choose SAVE/LOAD. Highlight SAVE or LOAD and then press the **X** button. The SAVE or LOAD screen appears.
2. Press the D-button **⇄** to highlight the file you want to save or load, and then press the **X** button.

NOTE: Never insert or remove a memory card when loading or saving files.

NOTE: NHL 2005 only supports MEMORY CARD slot 1.

NOTE: To save your League or Dynasty, select SAVE from the Day-to-Day menu.

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