

XBOX ONE



NHL 16





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## GETTING ONTO THE ICE

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Get ready to experience the energy of real-world NHL hockey in *NHL*® 16! The first time you launch the game, you'll have three gameplay styles to choose from:

<b>Easy</b>	Learn the ropes on Rookie difficulty with Control Hints and On-Ice visualizations tailored for new users. Most rules are disabled.
<b>Standard</b>	Control Hints adapt to teach you new moves on the ice, playing on Pro difficulty. This mode is great for seasoned players who want a realistic hockey experience.
<b>Custom</b>	Customize your <i>NHL 16</i> gameplay for the balance that's right for you. Choose your controller set-up, difficulty level, game style, and On-Ice Trainer settings.

**NOTE:** You can adjust gameplay settings at any time from the main menu—just go to CUSTOMIZE > SETTINGS. There, choose a new difficulty in Gameplay Settings or a different control scheme in Controls.

Once you've made your choice, the game takes you straight onto the ice to play a practice game that teaches you the basics. Command prompts appear onscreen to make moves like passing and shooting the puck.

If you wish to quit the practice game, press the **Menu** button to access the game's pause menu and then select QUIT. After your first game, you'll be prompted to choose your favorite team before landing at the *NHL 16* main menu.

Now you're ready to hit the ice.

# COMPLETE CONTROLS

## HYBRID (BUTTONS)

This is one of the simplest control schemes that uses simple button presses to command the action on the ice. It's great for beginners.

### OFFENSE

Skate/Shot & Pass Aim	
Pass	
Slap shot	
Wrist shot	
Cancel shot	(hold)

### DEFENSE

Switch player	
Poke check	
Body check	
Dive/Block	+
Start fight	
Boardplay	(hold)

### FIGHTING

Grab	(hold)
Fake grab	
Overhand punch	
Uppercut	
Push	
Pull	
Block/Lean back	(hold)
Dodge	

## GOALIE

Pull/Replace goalie	+ View button
Manual goalie toggle	+
Move goalie	
Precision control	+
Free skate	(hold)
Pass	
Poke	
Change camera view	View button
Cover puck	
Butterfly	(hold)
Hug post	+  /
Hug post with pad down	+  /  +
Desperation saves	+
With puck: Clear the puck	
Without puck: Lunging poke check	+
Stack pad	+  /
Spread eagle save	+
Butterfly slides	/
Dives	+  /

# SKILL STICK

This control scheme allows precision control for aiming, passing, shooting, saves, and more advanced moves. Players who know hockey and want a more true-to-life NHL challenge will excel with this set up.

## OFFENSE

Deke	 / 
One-touch dekes	 + 
Wind up/Shoot	 , 
Fake shot	 (release)
Leg kick	
Skating/Shot & pass aim	
Hustle	
Glide	 (release)
Precision skating	 (hold) +  (flick)
Boardplay	 (hold)
Pass	 (hold for more strength)
Cancel pass while holding	
Saucer pass	
Spin	
Dump puck	 + 
Protect puck	
Chop puck	 (hold) + 
Quick plays	
Line change	 , 
Vision control	 (hold)

## PASSING

The Skill Stick control scheme gives you the ability to control the power of your passes. Pull  for an easy pass, or pull and hold  to potentially send the puck farther across the ice. The longer you hold it, the more power behind the pass.

## DEFENSE

Skate	
Precision skating	(hold) +  (flick)
Switch player	
Line change	,
Vision control	(hold)
Dive/Block	+
Stick lift	
Body check	
Poke check	
Hip check	
Sweep	(hold) +
Chop puck	(hold) +
Block pass	
Start fight (post whistle or during gameplay)	
Boardplay	(hold)

## FIGHTING CONTROLS

Fighting controls for the Skill Stick control scheme are identical to those of the Hybrid (Buttons) controls. See the previous section for the full list of how to engage other players in fights.

## GOALIE

Pull/Replace goalie	LB + View button
Manual goalie toggle	LB + A
Move goalie	L
Precision control	LT + L
Free skate	A (hold)
Pass	RT
Poke	R
Change camera view	View button
Cover puck	Y
Butterfly	RT (hold)
Hug post	LB + (L / L)
Hug post with pad down	LB + (L / L) + RT
Desperation saves	X + L
With puck: Clear the puck	R
Without puck: Lunging poke check	X + R
Stack pad	B + (L / L)
Spread eagle save	X + L
Butterfly slides	(R / R)
Dives	X + (L / L)

# NHL® 94 CONTROLS

This control scheme is a throwback to the controls in the original *NHL® 94*. It's a straightforward set-up that uses buttons for most basic controls.

## OFFENSE

Shoot	B
Pass	A
Move player	L
Hustle	X
Start fight	Y
Spin	LT

## DEFENSE

Checking	B
Change player	A
Move player	L
Hustle	X
Start fight	Y

**NOTE:** Fighting controls are the same as those for other control schemes. See the Hybrid (Buttons) controls list in this manual to review them.

## GOALIE

Move goalie	
Precision control	+
Free skate	(hold)
Pass	
Poke	
Change camera view	View button
Cover puck	
Butterfly	(hold)
Hug post	+  /
Hug post with pad down	+  /  +
Desperation saves	+
With puck: Clear the puck	
Without puck: Lunging poke check	+
Stack pad	+  /
Spread eagle save	+
Butterfly slides	/
Dives	+  /

# NEW TO *NHL 16*

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## GAMEPLAY IMPROVEMENTS

### VISUAL ON-ICE TRAINING

Easily identify effective actions while you're on the ice with button prompts for basic moves. You'll also be able to see passing lanes, open teammates, and more. Beginners will find value in learning the *NHL 16* controls and understanding hockey strategy. Meanwhile, veteran players can use the visual aids to perfect their technique.

### PRECISION SKATING

*NHL 16* gives you greater control over your skater's on-ice maneuvering than ever before. Easily spot passing lanes and powerplays to move into position at the opportune moments. Stop and turn on a dime—you'll see your player's feet moving left and right depending on your controller input! Whether you're trying to protect the puck or make a big play, Precision Skating makes your actions feel more accurate than ever.

### SEAMLESS PUCK PICKUPS

Control over the puck can make or break a play. Whether you want to pass, intercept, or reign in the puck when it's loose, the new Puck Pickups increase your efficiency while managing the puck. You'll also be able to pick up the puck with greater ease based on the scenario, as well as maneuver with more control after the pickup.

### ONLINE COUCH CO-OP

Play co-op with up to three friends as you face off against an online opponent in Online Versus. Just add users to your side of the match to play with them locally against your online challenger.

# A REALISTIC EXPERIENCE

## PLAYER MORALE (BE A GM)

When you play as a general manager (GM), you'll be in charge of Player Morale and your team's locker room chemistry. Make sure your players are happy so they perform at their best.

You might have an all-star forward who expects to be on the top forward line; put him somewhere else, and he won't be happy. Taking each player's personality into account is just as important as looking at his skillset. When Player Morale is high, team chemistry soars and you might just find your team raking in the wins!

## SHAPE YOUR LEGACY (BE A PRO)

In Be a Pro mode, your player's on-ice performance directly affects their attributes. If you tend to play a certain way, you'll see your most-used skills improving. Skill progression gives Be a Pro mode a more true-to-life feel than ever before.

## SUPERSTAR AUTHENTICITY

Make your player look like a superstar with all-new customization options, including new equipment from the NHL's top players. Whether it's the color of their skate laces or the tape on their hockey sticks, your player deserves something unique to make them stand out on the ice.

### PLAYOFF BEARDS

The playoffs can get hairy, which is why *NHL 16* has added playoff beards to the mix. The game takes into account the various looks, lengths, bushiness, and growth rates for real NHL players to create an authentic representation.

## TEAM ARENA ATMOSPHERE

Every arena has its own energy, and *NHL 16* aims to recreate it. Whether it's antics from team mascots, special cheers, or celebrations unique to the home team, get ready to soak in the atmosphere each time you step onto the ice.

## STORY-DRIVEN COMMENTARY

*NHL 16* has expanded the NBC SPORTS broadcast package to include more story-driven commentary than ever before. Doc Emrick, Eddie Olczyk, and Ray Ferraro call the action as it develops, helping to bring each virtual hockey game to life.

# PLAYING A GAME

### GAME SCREEN



1. Score
2. Period

3. Time left in period

# PAUSE MENU

Press the **Menu** button during a game to freeze the action and open up the pause menu. You can see the current game stats on the right side of the screen, such as goals, shots, passing percentage, and power plays.

<b>Resume Game</b>	Get back onto the ice and continue your current game.
<b>Manage Teams</b>	Manage your team by editing lines and setting strategies as the game progresses.
<b>Instant Replay</b>	View a replay of your game. Fast-forward or rewind the match, zoom in or out, and move the camera around to get the best angles on all of the action.
<b>Action Tracker</b>	Watch replays of the on-ice action by selecting the event you want to witness. Choose the type of action—such as goals—and the period to get started. You can also press  to filter the choices by team and/or player.
<b>Box Score</b>	See detailed scoring and penalty information for the current game, as well as stats for both teams' players.
<b>On-ice Trainer</b>	Adjust settings for on-ice training visuals based on your experience with the game. Keep learning from the visuals or turn them off to take to the ice on your own.
<b>Settings</b>	Customize settings for gameplay, audio, visuals, and controls. You can also choose to play as the other team, or toggle Goalie Mode ON/OFF depending on whether or not you want to play as the goalie.
<b>Quit</b>	Leave the current game, or select REMATCH to restart the game from the beginning. Either way, the current game will not save.

# GAME MODES

Whether you want to play a quick game, compete against friends, or start a hockey career, you can find all of *NHL 16*'s game modes in the main menu.

## SAVING YOUR GAME

Game information for *NHL 16* is automatically saved to your Xbox One Hard Drive. Be a Pro and Be a GM career modes allow you to save new careers based on the one you're currently playing. Your progress in these career modes will be saved automatically at different checkpoints and upon exiting the mode.

## PLAY NOW

Hit the ice in an offline match, either solo or locally with friends. Choose the home and away teams, select jerseys, and get ready to dominate on the ice as the team of your choice.

Before you begin, you can take the time to adjust your lines, strategies, and game settings. Swap players at will and choose your starting lineup for both offense and defense. When it comes to strategy, you have control over everything from your defensive coverage to how your forward line will act.

## PLAYER SKILLS AND STRATEGY

Keep in mind that some strategies are built for certain types of hockey players. For instance, Crash the Net for your forward line is best if your players possess a lot of physical strength. Check your lineups to see who's taking the ice, and choose strategies that put their unique skill sets to good use!

## ONLINE VERSUS

Challenge other *NHL 16* players to games online. You can play a Ranked Quick Match, compete against a friend, or use the Custom Matchmaking feature to search for someone to play against. This is the place to put your skills to the test!

## PLAYOFF MODE

Start a playoff and see which real-world team can make it to the top. First, choose your playoff settings, including the number of participating teams, the length of the series (such as Best of 7), and the difficulty. Next, choose teams to fill out the tournament bracket.

When the tournament begins, you can choose to play games, let the CPU take over, or simulate games.

## HOCKEY ULTIMATE TEAM (HUT)

Create and manage your dream team, and then take it onto the virtual ice in HUT Online Seasons and Playoffs. If you prefer solo play, you can also play HUT Single Player Seasons—it's a great place to brush up on your skills and make sure you're ready to compete online or against your friends. See if you have what it takes to win!

As you progress through HUT, you'll earn Coins to purchase new players and training items to keep upgrading your Ultimate Team. Make sure your players are not only stars on the ice, but also have the right chemistry to successfully work together.

You can also challenge a friend to an online match through Play a Friend. Battle it out on the ice to see who has created the best Ultimate Team!

## **EA SPORTS™ HOCKEY LEAGUE**

Join an online team, compete as a club, and see if you can dominate in Online Seasons.

Create a character to get started. Choose your player's name, jersey number, appearance, and more, and then join a club or create a new one. Compete in six-on-six matches with your club.

You can choose from a list of specialized player classes to hone your skills, playing against other clubs and working your way up the division ladder in Online Seasons. Become the division, conference, and ultimately the league champion as you fill your trophy case.

### **ONLINE TEAM PLAY**

Play online in six-on-six matches. This mode uses the real NHL rosters to populate the hockey arenas. You can search for other available sessions via Quick Match, or create your own session and invite friends to join you.

### **BE A PRO**

Truly experience *NHL 16* as your own custom player, both on and off the ice. Prove your worth in games, improve based on Coach Feedback, and get drafted to start your career.

For the first time, your actions on the ice determine the growth of your attributes, so the skills you use the most will improve the most. Make decisions that will shape your player's career, and orchestrate every action to ensure your legacy will be an impressive one.

## BE A GM

Take on the role of a general manager (GM) to run your favorite NHL franchise. Grab a seat and watch the live season play out in front of you while making key management decisions. This includes everything from scouting new players to making sure your team can bring in the wins on the ice.

### PLAYER MORALE

Place your players in the right positions on the ice to keep them happy and performing at their best. You'll need to take into account each player's personality as well as their skills—some players may want to live in the spotlight, while others are natural leaders. Adjusting your roster can change the way your players work together, so choose wisely!

## NHL MOMENTS LIVE

Are you ready to live in the NHL moment? Take control of a team and change the outcome of some of their most heartbreaking losses, or relive some of their best moments of the NHL season. Check back for new moments as the real-world hockey season progresses.

## PRACTICE MODE

Step onto the ice during your downtime to get in some practice. You'll play against a goalie to practice basic moves such as maneuvering on the ice and shooting.

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