



# NHL<sup>®</sup> 17



# CONTENTS

GETTING STARTED	2	PLAYING A GAME	12
GETTING ONTO THE ICE	3	GAME MODES	13
COMPLETE CONTROLS	4	NEED HELP?	16
NEW TO <i>NHL 17</i>	10		



See important health and safety warnings in the system Settings menu.

## GETTING STARTED

### PLAYSTATION®4 system

**Starting a game:** Before use, carefully read the instructions supplied with the PlayStation®4 computer entertainment system. The documentation contains information on setting up and using your system as well as important safety information.

Touch the (power) button of the PlayStation®4 system to turn the system on. The power indicator blinks blue, and then turns white. Insert the *NHL® 17* disc with the label facing up into the disc slot. The game appears in the content area of the home screen. Select the software title in the PlayStation®4 system home screen, and then press the **X** button. Refer to this manual for information on using the software.

**Quitting a game:** Press and hold the **PS** button, and then select [Close Application] on the screen that is displayed.

**Returning to the home screen from a game:** To return to the home screen without quitting a game, press the **PS** button. To resume playing the game, select it from the content area.

**Removing a disc:** Touch the eject button after quitting the game.



**Trophies:** Earn, compare and share trophies that you earn by making specific in-game accomplishments. Trophies access requires a Sony Entertainment Network account.

# GETTING ONTO THE ICE

Get ready to experience the energy of real-world NHL hockey in *NHL 17*! The first time you launch the game, you'll have four gameplay styles to choose from:

**I am new to sports gaming.**

Learn the ropes on Rookie difficulty with simplified Hybrid controls, Control Hints and On-Ice visualizations tailored for new users.

**I have not played recently.**

This setting defaults to Skill Stick controls while also raising the game difficulty to Semi-Pro.

**I am experienced.**

Show off your Skill Stick expertise on Pro difficulty.

**I am an expert.**

Expect All-Star difficulty to give you a serious challenge. This option is great for seasoned players who want a realistic hockey experience.

**NOTE:** You can adjust gameplay settings at any time from the main menu—just go to CUSTOMIZE > SETTINGS. There, each control, difficulty, game style and hint option can be tweaked to suit your needs.

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 **OPTIONS** 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 17* 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	left stick
Pass	⊗ button
Slap shot	⊙ button
Wrist shot	⊠ button
Cancel shot	L1 button (hold)

### DEFENSE

Switch player	⊗ button
Poke check	⊠ button
Body check	⊙ button
Dive/Block	L1 button + R1 button
Start fight	△ button (double tap)
Boardplay	△ button (hold)

### FIGHTING

Grab	L2 button (hold)
Fake grab	L2 button
Overhand punch	right stick ↑
Uppercut	right stick ↓
Push	left stick ↑
Pull	left stick ↓
Block/Lean back	R2 button (hold)
Dodge	R2 button

## NET BATTLES (BACK PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	△ button (hold)
Switch sides	△ button (hold) + left stick
Stick lift while in Net Battle	R1 button
Extended stick lift	R1 button (hold)
Shove	○ button
Push opponent	left stick (hold)

## NET BATTLES (FRONT PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	L2 button + left stick (into player)
Shrug off	○ button
Push opponent	left stick
Spin	L2 button

## GOALIE

Pull/Replace goalie	L2 button + touch pad button
Manual goalie toggle	L1 button + ⊗ button
Move goalie	left stick
Precision control	L2 button + left stick
Free skate	⊗ button
Pass	R2 button
Poke	right stick ↑
Change camera view	touch pad button
Cover puck	△ button
Butterfly	R2 button (hold)
Hug post	L1 button + left stick ←/→
Hug post with pad down	L1 button + left stick ←/→ + R2 button
Desperation saves	⊖ button + left stick
With puck: Clear the puck	right stick ↑
Without puck: Lunging poke check	⊖ button + left stick ↑
Stack pad	○ button + left stick ←/→
Spread eagle save	⊖ button + left stick ↓
Butterfly slides	right stick ←/→
Dives	⊖ button + left stick ←/→

# 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	right stick ←/→
One-touch dekes	left stick + L1 button
Wind up/Shoot	right stick ↓, ↑
Fake shot	right stick ↓ (release)
Leg kick	R3 button
Skating/Shot & Pass Aim	left stick
Hustle	L3 button
Glide	left stick (release)
Precision skating	L2 button (hold) + left stick (flick)
Boardplay	△ button (hold)
Pass	R2 button (hold for more strength)
Cancel pass while holding	L1 button
Saucer pass	R1 button
Spin	L2 button
Dump puck	R1 button + right stick ↑
Protect puck	⊗ button
Chop puck	R1 button (hold) + right stick
Quick plays	directional buttons
Line change	○ button, ⊖ button
Vision control	L2 button (hold)

## PASSING

The Skill Stick control scheme gives you the ability to control the power of your passes. Press the R2 button for an easy pass, or hold the R2 button to potentially send the puck farther across the ice. The longer you hold it, the more power behind the pass.

## DEFENSE

Skate	left stick
Precision skating	<b>L2</b> button (hold) + left stick (flick)
Switch player	<b>R2</b> button
Line change	<b>○</b> button, <b>⊖</b> button
Vision control	<b>L2</b> button (hold)
Dive/Block	<b>L1</b> button + <b>R1</b> button
Stick lift	<b>⊗</b> button
Body check	right stick
Poke check	<b>R1</b> button
Hip check	<b>○R3</b> button
Sweep	<b>R1</b> button (hold) + right stick
Chop puck	<b>R1</b> button (hold) + right stick
Block pass	<b>L1</b> button
Start fight (post whistle or during gameplay)	<b>△</b> button (double tap)
Boardplay	<b>△</b> button (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.


















## NET BATTLES (BACK PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	<b>△</b> button (hold)
Switch sides	<b>△</b> button (hold) + left stick
Stick lift while in Net Battle	<b>⊗</b> button
Extended stick lift	<b>⊗</b> button (hold)
Shove	right stick (flick)
Push opponent	left stick (hold)

## NET BATTLES (FRONT PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	<b>L2</b> button + left stick (into player)
Shrug off	right stick (flick)
Push opponent	left stick
Spin	<b>L2</b> button



## GOALIE

Pull/Replace goalie	<b>L1</b> button + touch pad button
Manual goalie toggle	<b>L1</b> button +  button
Move goalie	left stick
Precision control	<b>L2</b> button + left stick
Free skate	 button
Pass	<b>R2</b> button
Poke	right stick 
Change camera view	touch pad button
Cover puck	 button
Butterfly	<b>R2</b> button (hold)
Hug post	<b>L1</b> button + left stick 
Hug post with pad down	<b>L1</b> button + left stick  + <b>R2</b> button
Desperation saves	 button + left stick
With puck: Clear the puck	right stick 
Without puck: Lunging poke check	 button + left stick 
Stack pad	 button + left stick 
Spread eagle save	 button + left stick 
Butterfly slides	right stick 
Dives	 button + left stick 

## 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	 button
Pass	 button
Move player	left stick
Hustle	 button
Start fight	 button (double tap)
Spin	<b>L2</b> button



## DEFENSE

Checking	○ button
Change player	⊗ button
Move player	left stick
Hustle	Ⓚ button
Start fight	△ button (double tap)

**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	left stick
Precision control	L2 button + left stick
Free skate	⊗ button
Pass	R2 button
Poke	right stick ↑
Change camera view	touch pad button
Cover puck	△ button
Butterfly	R2 button (hold)
Hug post	L1 button + left stick ←/→
Hug post with pad down	L1 button + left stick ←/→ + R2 button
Desperation saves	Ⓚ button + left stick
With puck: Clear the puck	right stick ↑
Without puck: Lunging poke check	Ⓚ button + left stick ↑
Stack pad	○ button + left stick ←/→
Spread eagle save	Ⓚ button + left stick ↓
Butterfly slides	right stick ←/→
Dives	Ⓚ button + left stick ←/→

# NEW TO *NHL 17*

## GAMEPLAY IMPROVEMENTS

### Better Passing and Puck Control

*NHL 17* makes further refinements to passing, skating, and puck pickups, giving you more reactive players who can make split-second moves when and where you need them.

### New Goalie Content

*NHL 17* adds significant depth to the position between the pipes. With the addition of Reactionary Save Intelligence, goalies now make more technical or athletic saves based on their angle and the amount of net available to the puck carrier. If the goalie has the net covered, they'll confidently stay big and block the puck where they stand. But if a shooter catches the goalie off guard, you'll see their quick reflexes and athleticism at work to make the save.

#### AUTHENTIC GOALIE STANCES

In *NHL 17*, goalies stay true to their actual stances on the ice. And for players looking to create their own goalies, they now have over 40 stances to choose from.

### Net Battles

Things can get heated around the net, so we've given players even more options with all-new Net Battle physics. See a player waiting for a pass? Tie him up. Make sure you have big enough bodies on both offense and defense if you want to control important real estate in front of the net: Size and strength matter in *NHL 17*, so exploit these advantages whenever possible.

# A REALISTIC EXPERIENCE

## Franchise Mode

What was once Be a GM is now Franchise Mode, and we've done more than simply change the name: Being a GM in *NHL 17* is about not only managing your team, but also making crucial decisions regarding player personnel, ticket prices, operations budgets, arena upgrades, and relocation.

If fans tire of your venue's hot dogs and sodas, expand your concession menu to add variety. Or, if your team's owner wants a boost in overall revenue, try offering a wider selection of merchandise in your team store. Being a GM is all about managing these demands within a budget. Every detail matters—even making sure the bathroom stays squeaky clean.

Lead your team to Stanley Cup® glory through good management and business sense behind the scenes.

## Commentary That Knows

Doc Emrick, Eddie Olczyk, and Ray Ferraro are back providing more dynamic commentary than ever. Whether it's a pre-season game, the start of the season, or a playoff (among other things), these guys will know it. Player highlights—whether it's your first hat trick or your first fight—will likewise make an impact on the discussion.

This attention to detail also extends to Franchise Mode, where the crew will notice upgrades and additions made to your team. Significant milestones will not go unnoticed!

## Celebrate Like a Pro

Post-goal celebrations get their due in *NHL 17*. Pick a celly for your personal Be a Pro player, and unlock even better options as you climb the EA SPORTS™ Hockey League ranks. There is no shortage of ways to rub the game-changing goal into an opponent's face and get the crowd roaring.

## World Cup of Hockey

The addition of World Cup of Hockey is a major milestone for the franchise. This international tournament includes all of the official World Cup of Hockey teams, players, and uniforms.

# PLAYING A GAME



## PAUSE MENU

Press the **OPTIONS** 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.

### Resume Game

Get back onto the ice and continue your current game.

### Manage Teams

Manage your team by editing lines and setting strategies as the game progresses.

### Instant Replay

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.

### Action Tracker

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 the **L3** button to filter the choices by team and/or player.

### Box Score

See detailed scoring and penalty information for the current game, as well as stats for both teams' players.

### On-Ice Trainer

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.

### Settings

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.

### Quit

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 17*'s game modes in the main menu.

## SAVING YOUR GAME

Game information for *NHL 17* is automatically saved to your PlayStation®4 system. Be a Pro and Franchise 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 17* 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!

## ONLINE AND OFFLINE SHOOTOUT MODES

A goalie and a shooter trade off defending and taking penalty shots. In a series of five rounds, users are given a chance to practice this critical moment from both sides.



## 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 as you pick new players for your roster, be sure to choose according to their respective strengths: *NHL 17* introduces HUT Synergy, which grants perks to players who complement each other. Make sure your players are not only stars on the ice, but also have the right Synergy 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!

## DRAFT CHAMPIONS

Draft Champions is new to *NHL 17*, and it has you drafting a team comprised of today's NHL stars and yesterday's legends. First you will select one of four players offered in each round. From there, take your team to the ice to compete in Solo or Head-to-Head games. The more you win, the greater the rewards.

## EA SPORTS HOCKEY LEAGUE

Join a Drop-in game for a quick EASHL experience. Select your favorite position and our improved matchmaking system will find the best available game. Once it's over, stay in the persistent locker room to play with your team again. Develop chemistry with your teammates to eventually join or create a club as a group.

Simply create a character to get started. Customization options will be limited at first, but you'll soon earn more as you progress. Use this character to compete in Drop-in games and in up to 6 vs 6 player club matches.

You can also 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.

## ONLINE TEAM PLAY

Play online in six-on-six matches. This mode uses the real NHL rosters to populate the hockey arenas. 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 17* as your own custom player on the ice. Prove your worth in games, improve based on Coach Feedback, and get drafted to start your career. Your performance will shape your legacy.

Now, with Be A Pro presets, you can play according to your preferred game style and period length.

## SEASON MODE

Play in one of 11 different leagues, including the ECHL® (a series first), for a full season. Dominate the season standings and lead your favorite team to championship glory.

## PRACTICE MODE

Whatever part of your game needs a tune up, *NHL 17* has you covered. This year's entry adds full team and goalie practice modes, so get to work.

# NEED HELP?

The EA Worldwide Customer Experience team is here to ensure you get the most out of your game—anytime, anywhere.

- **Online Support & Contact Info** For FAQs, help articles, and to contact us, please visit [help.ea.com](http://help.ea.com).
- **Twitter & Facebook Support** Need a quick tip? Reach out on Twitter to [@askeasupport](https://twitter.com/askeasupport) or post on [facebook.com/askeasupport](https://facebook.com/askeasupport).