

XBOX ONE



NHL[®] 17





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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 **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 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	
Pass	
Slap shot	
Wrist shot	
Cancel shot	(hold)

DEFENSE

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

FIGHTING

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

NET BATTLES (BACK PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	Y (hold)
Switch sides	Y (hold) + L1
Stick lift while in Net Battle	RB
Extended stick lift	RB (hold)
Shove	B
Push opponent	L1 (hold)

NET BATTLES (FRONT PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	L1 + L1 (into player)
Shrug off	B
Push opponent	L1
Spin	L1

GOALIE

Pull/Replace goalie	L1 + View button
Manual goalie toggle	LB + A
Move goalie	L1
Precision control	L1 + L1
Free skate	A
Pass	RT
Poke	R2
Change camera view	View button
Cover puck	Y
Butterfly	RT (hold)
Hug post	LB + (L1 / L1)
Hug post with pad down	LB + (L1 / L1) + RT
Desperation saves	X + L1
With puck: Clear the puck	R2
Without puck: Lunging poke check	X + R2
Stack pad	B + (L1 / L1)
Spread eagle save	X + L1
Butterfly slides	(R2 / R2)
Dives	X + (L1 / L1)



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)	(double tap)
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.

NET BATTLES (BACK PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	(hold)
Switch sides	(hold) +
Stick lift while in Net Battle	
Extended stick lift	(hold)
Shove	(flick)
Push opponent	(hold)

NET BATTLES (FRONT PLAYER)

Engage in Net Battle	+ (into player)
Shrug off	(flick)
Push opponent	
Spin	

GOALIE	
Pull/Replace goalie	LB + View button
Manual goalie toggle	LB + A
Move goalie	L
Precision control	LT + L
Free skate	A
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 + L
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 (double tap)
Spin	LT

DEFENSE

Checking	B
Change player	A
Move player	L
Hustle	X
Start fight	Y (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	L
Precision control	LT + L
Free skate	A
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 + (R / R)
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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 **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.

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  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 Xbox One console. 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.

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