



# RORY MCILROY PGA TOUR



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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 PS4™ 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 PS4™ system to turn the system on. The power indicator blinks in blue, and then lights up in white. Insert the *EA SPORTS™ Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR®* 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 PS4™ system's home screen, and then press the  button. Refer to this manual for information on using the software.

**Quitting a game:** Press and hold the  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  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.

# CONTROLS

**NOTE:** These controls refer to the default Arcade gameplay style setting.

<b>Aim shot</b>	↑ button/↓ button/← button/→ button
<b>Shot shaping</b>	right stick
<b>Zoom to target</b>	△ button
<b>Focus on Arc</b> (after zooming)	L1 button
<b>Return to address</b> (after zooming)	○ button
<b>Change shot type</b>	Ⓜ button
<b>Reset Shot</b>	Ⓜ button (hold)
<b>Change golf club</b>	L2 button/R2 button
<b>Toggle Practice Mode</b>	L3 button
<b>Toggle cameras</b>	R1 button
<b>Backswing</b>	left stick ↓
<b>Forward swing</b> (only after backswing)	left stick ↑
<b>Power boost</b> (during swing)	L1 button/⊗ button (tap repeatedly)
<b>Hole Map</b>	touch pad button
<b>Main menu</b>	OPTIONS button

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# GAMEPLAY STYLES

Mastering your swing is the key to becoming a champion golfer. *EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR* gives you three unique ways to play the game. Choose the style that feels most comfortable for you, or customize your own style.

Select GAMEPLAY STYLE from the Settings panel to choose your setting or create a new custom style. If you've already set a custom style, press the  button to select it and then press the  button to edit it.

**NOTE:** You can also adjust settings such as Swing Difficulty and Spin Control for each option to make your games more or less challenging. While viewing the gameplay style options, press the  button to view and then the  button to edit these details.

## Arcade

Uses a simple down-and-up stick swing mechanic. The length of your backswing determines your shot's power; the path of the stick determines your shot's accuracy. Aids like the Aiming Arc, Power Boost, Spin Control, Putt Read, and Zoom help make this style easy and fun to play.

## Classic

Uses a simple three-click swing mechanic. Your first click starts the meter, your second click sets your power, and your third click sets your accuracy. The aids are similar to Arcade with the exceptions of the Power Boost and Spin Control, making this style a little more realistic.

## Tour

Uses an advanced stick swing mechanic. Both the length of your backswing and the speed of your follow-through determine your shot's power. The path of the stick determines accuracy. When you attempt shots that curve to the left or right, the required path changes to a diagonal path. All aids are turned off to provide a more difficult challenge. Additionally, some gameplay factors are more difficult with the use of Wind Gust, Advanced Lie Effect, and Zoom to Aim turned off. All of this makes this style the most challenging and realistic to play.

## Custom

Customize your gameplay style by using any combination of the 11 base gameplay settings: Swing Mechanic, Swing Difficulty, Power Boost, Spin Control, Green Grid, Putt Read, Shot Shaping, Lie Effect, Wind Gust, Zoom, and Aiming Arc.

# THE BASICS

## MAIN MENU

The main menu is your hub for accessing all of *EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR*'s game modes and customizing your settings. Press the **L1** button or **R1** button to tab between panels, move the left stick to highlight a tile, and then press the **X** button to make your selection.

- Home** Select one of the new features in *EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR*.
- Play Now** Quickly jump into a round of golf with Play Now, put your technique to the test with a Night Club Challenge, start or continue your career in PGA TOUR Pro mode, or engage in Head to Head games with Friends online.
- Settings** Adjust settings for your gameplay style, controller set-up, presentation, and online play.
- Extras** Adjust your audio settings, select songs to play in EA Music and Challenge Music, or view the game's credits. You can also view the Rules of Golf.

## EA MUSIC

Customize your music experience in *EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR*. Select EA Music from the Extras panel to see all of the available music tracks, and then select the songs you want to play.

## SELECTING A GOLF COURSE

*EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR* includes a number of world-class golf courses for you to play, as well as fantasy courses that give you the opportunity to spice up your time on the green. You might choose to master a well-known course such as TPC Sawgrass or St Andrews in Scotland, play a few holes at the Coyote Falls located in the Grand Canyon, or try your hand at the unique challenge of a *Battlefield™ 4* map.

While viewing the available courses, press the **⊕** button to fine-tune course settings. Adjust details such as the number of holes you'll play, the wind speed, and the course conditions to set the atmosphere for your round of golf.

## CHOOSING YOUR GOLFER

Who you are on the golf course can be as important as how you perform.

When you start a career in PGA TOUR Pro, you will create your very own golfer to represent you on the green. Name them; select their Gender, Handedness, Bio, and Nationality; and customize their appearance right down to their eye color and hairstyle. You can edit your golfer at any time from the PGA TOUR Pro menu.

**NOTE:** Your created golfer will also be available in the Play Now, Night Club Challenge, and Head to Head game modes.

In Play Now, Online Head to Head, and Online Tournaments modes, you can play as any golfer you want. In Night Club Challenge mode, you can choose from a set of available fantasy golfers. Licensed golfers include big names like Rory McIlroy, Martin Kaymer, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler, and Miguel Ángel Jiménez. Fantasy golfers, available only in *EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR*, give you fictional options for unique and different experiences.

## PRESENTATION SETTINGS

Presentation Settings give you more control over how you view the course. Highlight a tile and then move the right stick to toggle the options for each. At any time, you can press the  button to reset all options to their defaults.

- Address Camera** Choose the Address Camera angle you prefer. This is how you'll view the main action on the course.
- Tee to Green Camera** Choose FOLLOW to have the camera follow the ball after your first stroke, or select PRO to have the camera remain behind your golfer after their swing.
- Putting Camera** Selecting FOLLOW makes the camera follow the ball after you putt, while PRO anchors the camera behind your golfer after the shot.
- Comet Trail** Turn the Comet Trail ON to see a white tracer behind your ball in flight, which helps you track its trajectory. Turn it OFF for a more realistic experience without the tracer.
- Big Hit Moments** Turn Big Hit Moments ON if you want to see a more dramatic presentation for powerful shots off the tee, or OFF if you prefer not to.
- Heartbeat Moments** When Heartbeat Moments are turned ON, a visual effect automatically begins when the ball is about to land close to or in the hole, making the moment all the more exciting.
- Swing Stick** Choose to swing your golf club with either the left stick or the right stick on your wireless controller.

# ON THE COURSE



## SWING FEEDBACK HEADS UP DISPLAY (HUD)

The Swing Feedback HUD in the lower left corner of the screen helps you analyze your swing for each shot you take. As you move the left stick, it traces your swing to show your accuracy. After the shot, it analyzes your backswing and follow-through to tell you whether it was a Short Swing, a Full Swing, or a Delayed Swing, with the percentage of your fault if it wasn't full. Use this meter to perfect your future shots!

### WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION

Wind can make a big difference in the golf ball's trajectory through the air and where it lands. Take a look at the wind speed and direction before each shot, and compensate for strong winds to increase your accuracy.

## SHOT DETAILS

Watch the lower right corner of the screen as you're setting up your shot to choose the club and shot type that's right for what you're trying to accomplish. Take into account your club's range and the terrain when adjusting the details here. You can also see which part of the course you're on, such as the teeing ground, fairway, or green.

Once you make your swing, you'll see the ball's carry in yards. When the ball lands, you can see the total distance it traveled for the current shot as it rolls into its final position.

# GAMEPLAY TIPS

## ZOOM TO AIM

*EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR* has a zoom-to-aim feature that can help you see exactly where you need to hit the ball from your very first shot. Press the **▲** button to rapidly zoom out to the aiming marker, or hold the **▲** button to pan over the green until you reach the marker. Press the **○** button to return to address.

To reposition the marker, press the directional buttons. The carry distance will appear to help you understand how far the ball should fly.

### SPEEDING UP YOUR SHOT

After each hit, you can zoom in on the ball's flight by holding the **▲** button. This also speeds up its flight. If you prefer to skip to the end of the shot, just tap the **▲** button instead.

## PRACTICE MODE

Do you want to take a practice swing before you really hit the ball? Press the **L3** button to toggle Practice Mode ON or OFF. When on, you can take a practice swing; when you're back to Address, your swing will hit the ball, so be ready!

## READING THE GREEN

As you play, the Green Grid can help you read how steep the slopes and breaks of the terrain are. You can also use the Putt Read, which automatically appears when you're putting, to see a line that indicates where to aim based on the slope and break of the green.

**NOTE:** You can toggle the Green Grid ON, OFF, or NO BEADS in the options for creating a custom gameplay style. To reach this option, select GAMEPLAY STYLE from the main menu's Settings panel.

## SETTING UP YOUR SHOT

You can press the **○** button to switch shot types. Each time you do, you'll see the new carry distance so you can understand where the ball should land with the currently selected shot type. Also take into consideration your golf club selection; press the **L2** or **R2** button to cycle through clubs. Finally, you can adjust your golfer's position by pressing the **←** or **→** button until your golfer is in line with your desired target.

## DRAW AND FADE

To have your shot curve to the left or right, move the right stick before taking your shot. For right-handed golfers, moving the right stick to the left will add a draw effect, while moving it to the right will add a fade effect to your shot; for left-handed golfers, this is reversed. This can help compensate for wind or tricky terrain that interferes with your shot's perfect line. Your shot type will change according to your specifications here.

## POWER BOOST

Want to hit a more powerful shot? Put extra strength into it with a Power Boost by rapidly tapping the **L1** or **X** button during your backswing.

## SPIN CONTROL

Controlling the spin of your golf ball in the air helps determine its flight as well as where and how it lands on the green. Backspin can be essential for a tight, soft landing, so you don't overshoot the pin with a ball that bounces too far.

In *EA SPORTS Rory McIlroy PGA TOUR*, you can control this with Spin Control. To activate it while the ball is in flight, press the **X** or **L1** button, and then manipulate spin by moving the left stick. To cancel spin, tap the **X** or **L1** button without moving or holding the left stick.

## PAUSE MENU

From the Pause menu, you can access your Scorecard, see your position on the leaderboard, and view the Hole Map. You can also adjust your Presentation Settings here.

## KEEPING SCORE

After each shot, you'll see the area of the course on which the ball landed, such as the fairway. When you land your shot, you'll also see how you fared—specifically, whether you made par or ended up with another score, such as a bogey. You'll also briefly see your score for each of the holes you've played so far and your total score.

Your final tally will appear when you complete the course.

# GAME MODES

## PLAY NOW

Play a round of golf for fun or to work on your technique at your own pace. You can select your golfer under **GOLFER SETUP** and your course under **SELECT COURSE**, as well as adjust settings such as the time of day and how many holes you want to play in **COURSE SETTINGS**.

Although you play a course solo by default, you can also choose to play with others offline. Select **ADD PLAYER** for each additional player who will play the course together offline. When you're ready to play, select **START ROUND** to take to the course.

## CAREER

Create a custom golfer and play through a professional career. Start with the **Web.com Tour Championship** to earn your **TOUR Card** and compete in the **PGA TOUR**. As you play through seasons, you'll earn **XP** and increase your golfer's attributes, as well as unlock new clothing and equipment.

While you can still play full rounds, you can also jump into the main action to save time with **Quick Rounds**. Either way, your golfer will have the same career aspirations and progress in the same way. Success depends on your talent and efforts in each event!

## LEVELING YOUR GOLFER

When you start your career, you can specify a key attribute that will most heavily define your golfer's strengths and weaknesses on the green. Will your golfer be best at the long game or the short game? Will they be a master of shot shaping or a spin doctor who can put the ball almost anywhere they want? These are the choices you can make when defining your golfer's skillset.

As you progress, you'll unlock three more attribute slots for a total of four main strengths. You can find these by selecting **ATTRIBUTE BONUSES** from the **Golfer** panel. Here, you can also review all of your golfer's attributes to see where they're strongest and weakest.

## CAREER MENU

Use the **Career** menu to track your career and edit your golfer. Press the **L1** or **R1** button to switch between the **ON TOUR** panel and the **CAREER HISTORY** panel.

In the **On Tour** panel you can view your **Upcoming Event**, change your golfer's outfit or equipment, or adjust your **Attribute Bonuses**.

In the **Career History** panel, track how you're doing in **Career Progress and Rankings**, marvel at your accomplishments displayed in the **Career Highlights**, and view your **Stats**.

## NIGHT CLUB CHALLENGE

This is not your everyday traditional round of golf. Test your skills in a variety of challenges such as hitting targets, rolling through gates, breaking objects, and flying through rings. Each challenge has tiers at which you can earn points based on your performance. Use boosts such as Rocket and Sticky Ball to improve your odds of success to earn the highest score. You'll unlock a new fantasy golfer when you complete challenges on each course!

## HEAD TO HEAD

Play a round of golf with up to three other Friends online in either Ranked or Unranked matches. While you play, you can see your Friends' golf characters taking shots in real time and watch the arc of the ball as it travels through the air.

## ONLINE TOURNAMENTS

Compete against the world. Submit your best score in daily and weekly tournaments.

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