

EA
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NHL®

2001

BASIC GAMEPLAY CONTROLS

Ready to get on the ice? These basic moves are all you need for the faceoff.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

ACTION	GAMEPAD™ PRO	SIDEWINDER™	KEYBOARD
Shoot	Button 1	A	SPACEBAR
Pass/Face off	Button 2	B	C
Speed Burst	Button 3	C	X
Deke	Button 4	X	Z

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

ACTION	GAMEPAD PRO	SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Hook/Hold	Button 1	A	SPACEBAR
Change Player	Button 2	B	C
Body Check	Button 3	C	X
Big Hit	Button 4	X	Z



NOTE: In addition to these basic moves, *NHL® 2001* includes many other enhanced control features that can help you out-skate and out-score your opponent. For more detailed information about gameplay controls, ► *Complete Control Summary* on p. 5.



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INTRODUCTION

NHL 2001 delivers all the excitement of high-flyin', big hittin', big shootin', powerplay hockey. Be part of the action like never before. Rip a screaming slapshot for the game-winning goal with a Big Shot. Land a devastating body check with the improved Big Hit feature. Big plays like these can swing the momentum in your team's favor—and now you can actually see that happen with the new Momentum Meter™. See your coach's frustration when you get blown out. Only EA SPORTS™ delivers this kind of drama and emotion. *NHL 2001*—home to the Stanley Cup® on the PC.

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- Improved career management features**—Trade players or draft picks, sign free agents, draft rookies, and watch players retire
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- Select-A-Team Jersey**—Pick from a variety of team jerseys, including, home, away, and historical



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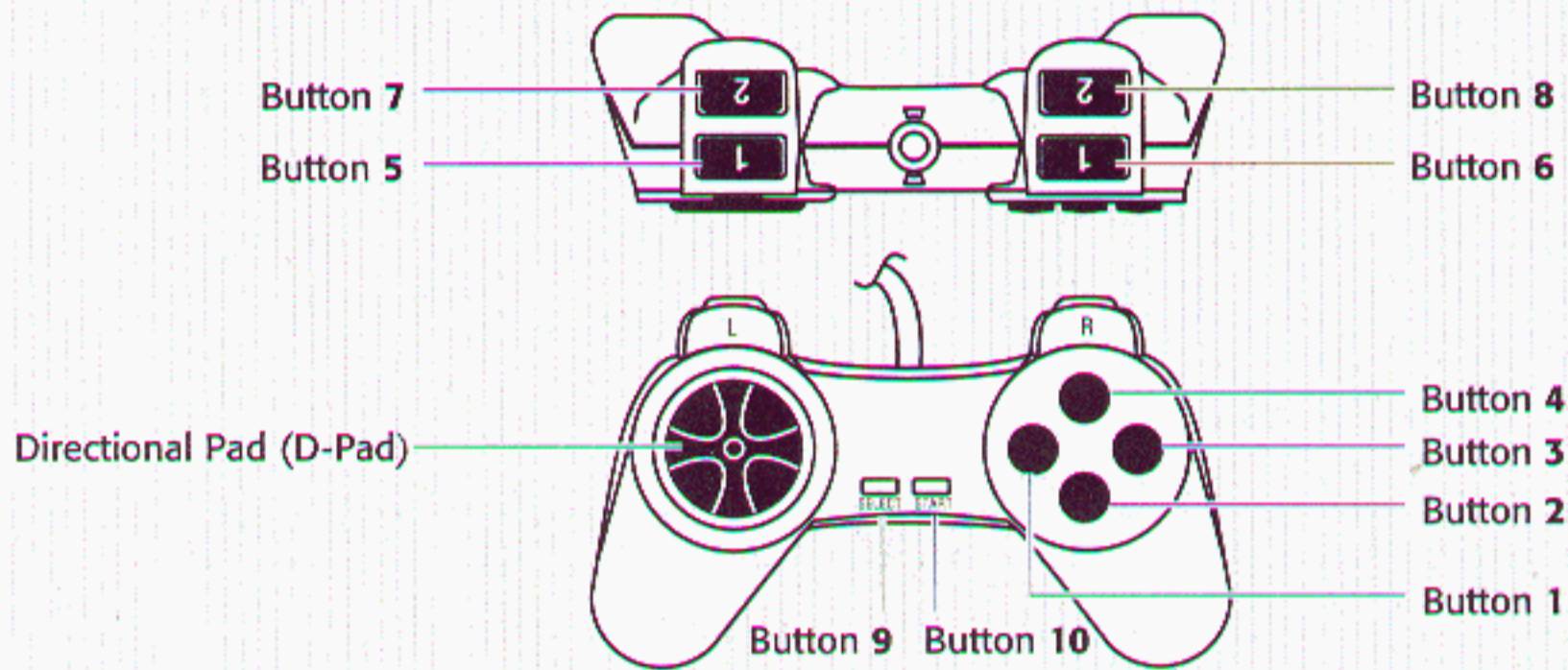
NOTE: See enclosed Install Guide for Technical Support information.

COMMAND REFERENCE

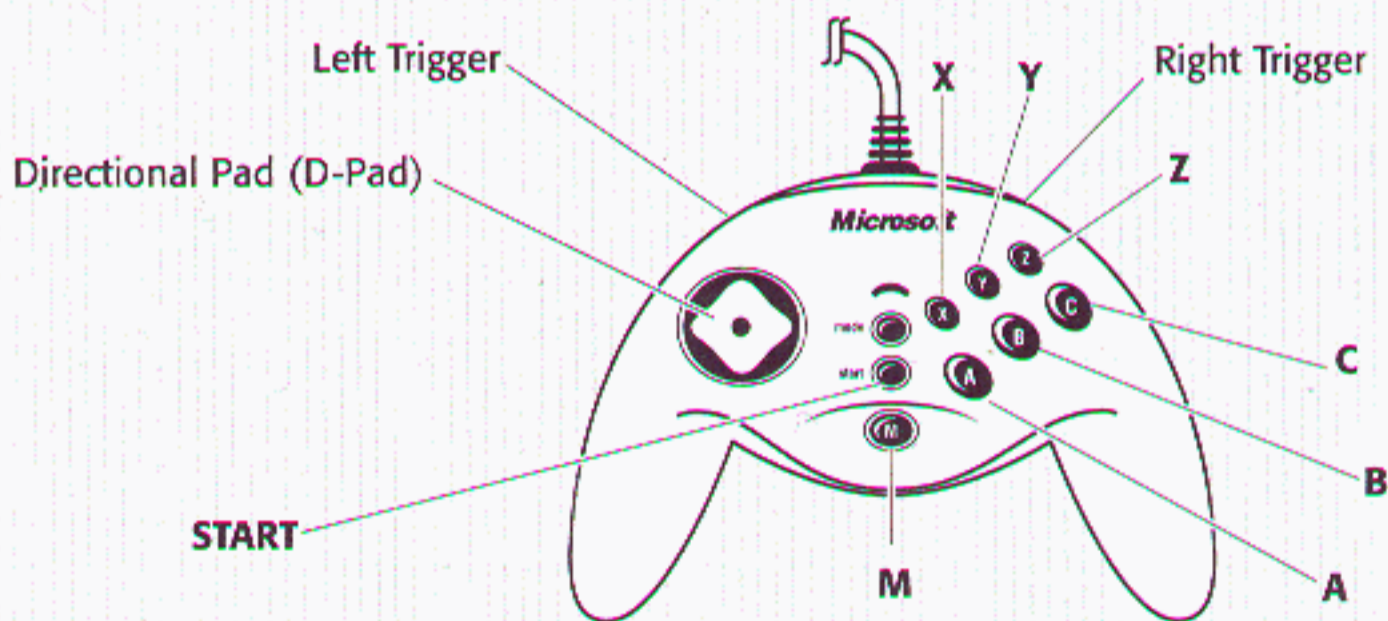
It's easy to navigate *NHL 2001* menus using the mouse. This section provides the complete controls for *NHL 2001* menu navigation and gameplay.

NOTE: In this manual, the default controls are provided using Gravis™ GamePad Pro controls. To use a different control method (e.g., keyboard or Microsoft® SideWinder Gamepad), refer to this section for the control equivalents.

GAMEPAD PRO



SIDEWINDER



CONVERSION TABLE

GAMEPAD PRO

SIDEWINDER

KEYBOARD

D-Pad

D-Pad

Arrow Keys    

Button 1

A



Button 2

B



Button 3

C



Button 4

X



Button 5

Y



Button 6

Z



Button 7

Left Trigger

-

Button 8

Right Trigger



Button 9

START

-

Button 10

M



MENU CONTROLS

ACTION

MOUSE

Highlight menu item

Move cursor over option

Cycle options

Left-click the ◀ ▶ icons beside the option

Bring up options list

Left-click option name

Select highlighted item

Left-click

Cancel Menu

Left-click the ✕ icon

Accept changes to Menu options

Left-click the ✓ icon

Return to previous screen

Left-click the ◀ icon

Advance to the next screen

Left-click the ▶ icon



EA TIP: These controls are used in all menus in *NHL 2001*, so learn 'em here and use 'em everywhere.

COMPLETE CONTROLS

Here are all the commands you need to make yourself a force to be reckoned with on the ice.

PLAYER WITH PUCK

ACTION	GAMEPAD PRO	SIDEWINDER	KEYBOARD
Pass	Button 2	B	C
Shoot	Button 1	A	SPACEBAR
Speed burst	Button 3	C	X
Deke	Button 4	X	Z

PLAYER WITHOUT PUCK

Change player	Button 2	B	C
Speed burst/Body check	Button 3	C	X
Hook/Hold/Block shot	Button 1	A	SPACEBAR
Big hit	Button 4	X	Z

GOALIE WITH PUCK

Pass	Button 2	B	C
Clear puck	Button 1	A	SPACEBAR

GOALIE WITHOUT PUCK

Save attempt	Hold Button 3	Hold C	Hold X
Free skate	Hold Button 8	Hold Right trigger	Hold S

FACE OFFS

Draw puck	Button 2	B	C
Big hit	Button 4	X	Z

FIGHTING

High punch	Button 1	A	SPACEBAR
Low punch	Button 2	B	C

STRATEGY

Call line change	Button 7	Left Trigger	F1-F4 Away F5-F8 Home
Pause game	Button 10	M	ESC

ADDITIONAL CONTROLS

Skate backwards	Button 6	Z	B
Deflection/Block shot	Button 5	Y	D

ADDITIONAL MAPPABLE CONTROLS

The following commands are not mapped to buttons under the default controller configuration: Coaching Strategy, Coaching Pressure, Spin Left, Spin Right, Dump Shot/Last Man Back, Goalie Control, and Pull Goalie. You may choose to map these controls by accessing the Configure Controller pop-up menu (► *To set up your controller on p. 8*)

SETTING UP THE GAME

NHL 2001 has many modes and customizable options, allowing you to play the way you want to play. From a fast rookie game vs. the CPU in Quick Game mode to a full Season vs. the toughest opponents online, there's a challenge for every NHL gamer out there.



NOTE: Default options are listed in **bold** type.

MAIN MENU

The Main menu gives you access to all of the *NHL 2001* game modes and options screens.

QUICK GAME

Play against the opponent of your choice in an NHL pre-season type game. ► *Quick Game* on p. 8.

SEASON

Take it all the way to the Cup if you can. Play up to 10 seasons of intense, action-packed games. ► *Season Mode* on p. 18.

PLAYOFF

Cut to the frenzy and excitement of the Stanley Cup Playoffs. ► *Playoff* on p. 22

TOURNAMENT

Battle it out to see who rules the ice in an 8-, 12-, or 16-team tournament. ► *Tournament* on p. 22.

SHOOTOUT

All of the edge-of-your-seat excitement of an OT finish; can you deliver when the pressure is on? ► *Shootout* on p. 23.

INTERNET/ONLINE

Go up against the best in the world, without even leaving the house. ► *Internet* on p. 23.

ONLINE LEAGUE

Join a season, tournament, or playoff series and compete against other human opponents. ➤ *Online League* on p. 27.

CUSTOM JERSEY

Create a custom team, choose a city, give them a name, and create your own team jersey, including importing your own logo.

- To discover what a particular button in the game does, point the mouse at the button and read the information at the bottom of the screen.

OPTIONS BAR

At the bottom of most game setup screens is the Options bar. This bar gives you access to various game features and allows you to navigate between screens.

Return to previous screen View Saved Highlights Rules & Options (➤ *Rules & Options* on p. 12)



Quit to Windows

Load Game
(➤ *Saving and Loading* on p. 28)

Coach Options
(➤ *Coach Options* on p. 12)

View statistics
by team, player,
or position

Advance to
next screen

GAME SETUP SCREEN

Use the Game Setup menu to choose the style and difficulty of the game you want to play. For Online game setup, ➤ p. 25.

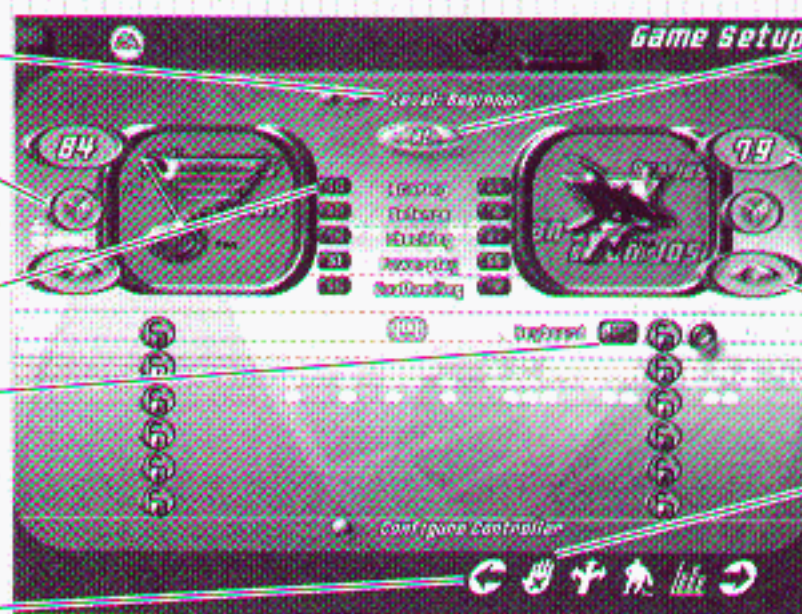
Skill level

Random team selection

Team rating by category

To assign a controller to a team, drag a controller icon next to an open padlock below that team

Back to Main menu



Toggle home/away team status

Overall team rating

Scroll through teams

Exit

PLAYING THE GAME

Ready to wreak havoc on the ice? A Quick Game lets you adjust all of the options and play a hockey game with your choice of teams.

QUICK GAME

A Quick Game is your fastest way to the rink.

To play a Quick Game:

1. From the Main menu, choose Quick Game. The Quick Game Setup screen appears (➤ *Game Setup Screen* on p. 7).
2. Select your desired options and settings.
3. Once you have your desired settings, proceed to set up your controllers.

To set up your controller:

1. Move your desired controller left/right to select a team you want to control.
2. Move your controller up/down to select a color for your control indicator. You can also click & drag the controller icon to a desired slot on the team you have chosen.
 - You can lock a controller onto a specific position (so that only you ever control that position) by clicking on the lock icon. To unlock the position, click the lock icon again.
 - Create and assign a user log for your controller with User Log Setup. Your user log tracks stats for your games, which you can then view in Stats Central – User Stats (➤ *To set up a User Log* below).
3. Re-map the default buttons for your controller by clicking on CONFIGURE CONTROLLER. Click on a command and then press the button on your controller that you want it mapped to. You may map currently un-mapped commands in this manner (➤ *Additional Mappable Controls* on p. 6).

To set up a User Log:

1. Move your desired controller left/right to select a team you want to control. Some text appears next to the icon, depending on which controller you selected: “Keyboard” for a keyboard, “Joypad 1” for a joypad.
2. Click the text to bring up the User Log Setup pop-up from which you can choose a User Log or create a new one.
 - You cannot delete or edit the default Keyboard and Joypad 1 (and 2,3,4) User Logs. You can delete or edit any new ones you create by clicking Delete or Edit on the User Log Setup pop-up.
 - To create a new User Log, Click CREATE, then click the text box and enter the name. Click the ✓ icon when finished.
 - After you create a User Log, you must then assign it to a controller—it is not automatically assigned to the controller from which you accessed the User Log Setup pop-up.

STARTING LINEUP SCREEN

□ All these options can be set individually for each team.

LINE OPTION

Choose which line is on the ice to start the game by toggling this option.

⇒ To view the starting players' pictures on each team, click on a specific position.

JERSEY TOGGLE

Select and view which jersey the players will wear.

PLAYER BOOST

Adjust the skill of the players on a particular team.

GOALIE BOOST

Adjust the goalie's skill on a particular team.



EA TIP: Use **PLAYER BOOST** and **GOALIE BOOST** to even the playing field between two NHL gamers of different skill levels. Drag the more skilled player's slider to the left or the less experienced player's to the right.

LINE CHANGES

Choose **NO LINE CHANGES**, **MANUAL LINE CHANGES** (you change the lines), or **AUTO LINE CHANGES** (the computer changes the lines automatically).



NOTE: Line changes are not available at Beginner difficulty level.

SHOT AIM TOGGLE

Choose to let the CPU aim shots for you, or select manual aim.



EA TIP: If you're not on your game, take some time to practice. You'll improve your skills and learn the fundamentals of the game quickly.

GAME SCREEN

The action is fast and furious on the ice. Keep track of the puck and all your players, and try not to get slammed into the boards too often.



PAUSE MENU

The Pause menu lets you access and change most game settings. Some menu items function the same as those described in the Game Setup menu. Those that differ or require more explanation are listed below.

SAVE GAME

Save the current game to your hard drive.

CAMERA OPTIONS

Select camera angle.

STATS CENTRAL

View team, player and game stats.

HOME & AWAY

Edit your lines, adjust your strategies (► *Coaching Strategies* on p. 13), call a timeout, or pull your goalie.

TEAM OPTIONS

To edit a line from the Pause menu:

1. D-Pad left/right to select a desired line.
 2. Move up/down and press the shoot button to select a player to replace.
 3. Move up/down to highlight a substitute for this player.
 4. Press the shoot button to process the position swap.
- ⇒ View the players' different ratings by moving your controller left/right. View what positions and lines the highlighted player is already on at the bottom of the menu. Also move up/down and left/right by clicking the arrow buttons with the mouse.

CONTROLLER SETUP

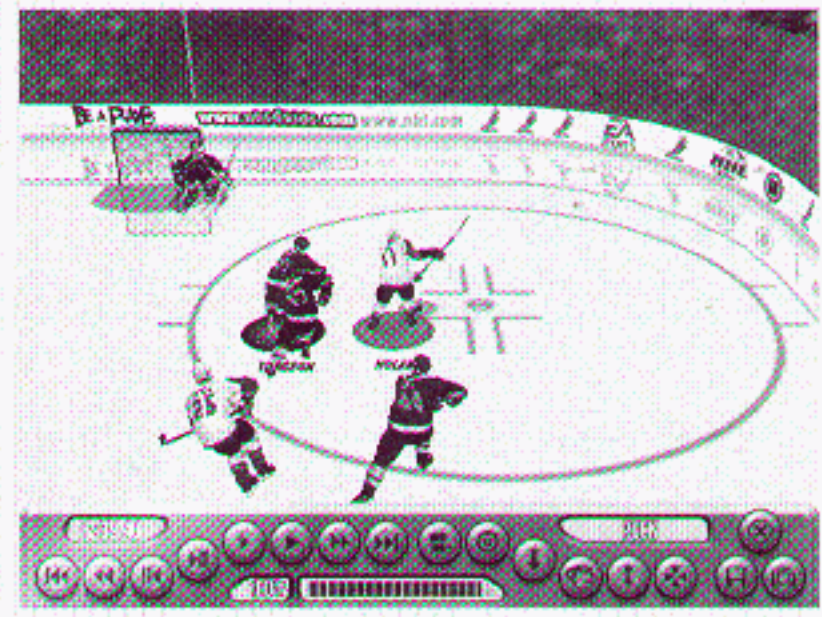
Define User-controlled teams and choose controller.

To choose a controller:

1. With your gamepad or keyboard, move left/right to place the controller on the desired team.
2. To lock a controller to a specific position, press the shoot button [Gamepad Pro: **1**, Sidewinder: **A**, or keyboard: **SPACEBAR**] and move the controller up/down to the desired slot.
3. To exit Controller Setup, press **ESC** or select DONE with your mouse.

INSTANT REPLAY

Review the previous play and save the great ones.



➔ To view instant replay, press **ESC** to access the Pause menu and then select REPLAY.

Time Display: clock time for that spot in the replay)

Replay Speed: click and hold the mouse button, and drag the mouse up/down, to change playback speed

Zoom In/Out: click, hold & drag up/down

Target Box: displays the current target of the camera

Exit the replay menu

Save the replay

100% Box: displays the speed at which the replay is played back

Change Axis: click, hold & move mouse to rotate camera

Specific Target: Click, hold & move mouse to target a spot

Take a snapshot of that frame of the replay and save it as a TGA

Altitude: click, hold & drag up/down to move camera up/down

Change Camera: click, hold & drag up/down to scroll cameras – single clicking toggles camera

Target: click, hold, & drag up/down to scroll target – single clicking toggles the target

Fast Forward to the end

Fast Forward a bit

Playback

Pause/Step Forward a frame

Pause/Step Back a frame

Progress Bar: click directly in the bar to jump the replay to that spot in time

Rewind to beginning

Rewind the replay a bit

GAME OPTIONS

NHL 2001 offers more ways than ever to customize your game. Control almost every part of the action, from whether or not the refs call icing to the elasticity of the puck.

RULES AND OPTIONS

Access the Rules and Options screen from the Rules and Options icon (the tri-arrow icon) in the Options bar.

RULES

Set the rules of the game, including how frequently penalties are called, the rink type, tie-breaking options, and more.

AI OPTIONS

NHL 2001 lets you adjust AI options for skating, checking, passing/shooting, and even puck physics!

SOUND OPTIONS

Change the volume levels for music, play-by-play, and more. You can also choose to import a taunt.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

Set your screen resolution and the graphical detail of the players and the arena.

GAME OPTIONS

Adjust a wide variety of game options, including game speed, camera angle, and Momentum Meter.

MOMENTUM METER

Make a great save then follow it up with a big goal. If you feel like you've got the momentum on your side now, you're right! The Momentum Meter swings in your favor after you make big plays, boosting your team's attributes until the other team steals some of that momentum from you.

COACH OPTIONS

Coach Options give you complete control over your team's roster and strategy. To access the Coach Options menu, click the hockey player icon on the Options bar.

EDIT LINES

To edit a line:

- ⇒ Click & Drag players from the player window or from a player slot to the desired position in your lines.
- ⇒ Toggle the lines you want to view and edit with the Line toggle.
- ⇒ Change the Team you are editing with the Team toggle.

- You can sort players in the player window by last names, jersey number, position, or by their attributes with the Sort arrows.
- You can select the specific attribute (rating) you want to sort by with the Attribute arrows.

CLEAR ALL LINES

Take everybody off the lines so you start with a clean slate.

AUTO FILL LINES

Automatically fill in blank spots in your lines with the best player for that position not already assigned.

BEST LINES

Let the CPU edit all the lines for you automatically.

The numbers next to the players indicate ratings for the selected attribute. Right-clicking on a player will bring up the Player Options popup.

PLAYER OPTIONS POPUP

Right-click a player name to bring up his Player Options Popup box. This box displays the player's current position and gives you access to the following player options:

PLAYER PROFILE

View extended player information. You can get a player profile from many screens that list player names by right-clicking on his name.

CHANGE JERSEY NUMBER

Change the player's jersey number.

CAPTAINCY

Make the currently selected player a captain or alternate.

SCRATCH & DRESS A PLAYER

You must dress a player before you put him on a line. A Dressed player is listed in white in the player window. A Scratched player is listed in red. If a player is already dressed, you can scratch him, and vice versa.



NOTE: You can only have 18 players and two goalies dressed for a game.

COACHING STRATEGY

Select the strategies that a team uses.

OFFENSIVE PRESSURE Set how aggressive the team plays in the offensive zone. The higher you set the pressure, the more they attack the net.

OFFENSIVE ZONE Set the strategies the team uses when on offense: TRIANGLE, POSITIONAL, FUNNEL, BEHIND THE NET, CRASH THE NET, COMBINATION, or AUTO. You can see an animated diagram of each of these strategies in the Diagram Window by using the selection arrows below the window (► *Diagram Window* on p. 14).

POWER PLAY Set the strategy the team uses when it has a power play: SHOOTING, UMBRELLA, OVERLOAD, COMBINATION, or AUTO. You can see an animated diagram of each of these strategies in the Diagram Window by using the selection arrows below the window (► *Diagram Window* on p. 14).

DEFENSIVE PRESSURE Select the neutral zone and forechecking settings for the team. FC stands for forecheckers. TRAP, WEAK SIDE LOCK, STANDARD, and AUTO are the available neutral zone strategies.

DEFENSIVE ZONE

Choose your defensive zone strategy: TIGHT POINT HIGH or LOW, STAGGERED HIGH or LOW, COLLAPSING HIGH or LOW, or AUTO. You can see an animated diagram of each of these strategies in the Diagram Window by using the selection arrows below the window (► *Diagram Window* below).

PENALTY KILL

Set your strategy for when the other team has a power play. Choose from COMBINATION, PASSIVE BOX, LARGE BOX, DIAMOND, or AUTO. You can see an animated diagram of each of these strategies in the Diagram Window by using the selection arrows below the window (► *Diagram Window* below).

**RIGHT SIDE
OF SCREEN**

Select a strategy to be described/diagrammed.

DIAGRAM WINDOW

Displays a graphic depiction of the selected strategy. The first set of arrows below the window lets you select the category of strategy you want to display, while the second set of arrows lets you choose from the particular strategies available for that strategy category.

DESCRIPTION

Displays a written description of the selected strategy.

TRADE

To make a trade:

1. Choose the two teams you want to trade between and then click on a player from each team to move them into the trade window.
 2. When you have selected the players to be traded, click the double-headed arrow to process the trade.
- You can sort the players by name, attribute, etc. You can also select the rating you want to view.
 - During Seasons you can also trade your draft picks for the upcoming rookie draft.



EA TIP: If you want to take a player off your roster and don't want to trade him to another team, trade him onto the Waivers list as you would trade him onto another team. This is a great tool for keeping all the teams' rosters current with the real teams as the season progresses.

CUSTOM TEAMS

Assign players onto two custom teams and create your dream teams. Or you can build a team composed entirely of your favorite player by assigning multiple copies of the same player. Custom Teams works similarly to trades, except that you are not trading players, you are just assigning them (they'll still be on their original teams too).

Choose a city

Click then type in the name of your team, then press **ENTER**

Select your home jersey

Select a logo for your team

Import a custom logo

Select your away jersey

Reset all settings to their defaults

Save your custom team



NOTE: Before starting *NHL 2001*, you must copy a picture of your logo (jpg, bmp, png, or fsh format) to the \USER\TEAMS folder in your *NHL 2001* directory. The default directory is C:\PROGRAM FILES\EA SPORTS\NHL 2001.

DRAFT OPTIONS

Build your team from ground zero by conducting a Fantasy Draft, or play GM for the expansion Columbus Blue Jackets and Minnesota Wild with an Expansion Draft. Choose your draft type from Coach Options in the Main menu or by toggling the Starting Rosters option on the New Season Setup menu. The RESET ROSTERS option (in Coach Options) returns all rosters to the game's defaults.

EXPANSION DRAFT

Build the rosters for Columbus and Minnesota with players from the expansion list.

- You can take only one player from each team. These are the players that were exposed for the expansion draft.
- ➔ To select a player, click on him.
- Skater's ratings/Goalie's ratings toggle adjusts whether or not you see goalie ratings or skater ratings.

RESET DRAFT

Reset the draft from the beginning.

- You must select your goalies first before you can select other players.
- The player position counter tells you how many forwards, defensemen, and goalies you have on the team.
- Once you have 18 skaters (forwards and defensemen) and 2 goalies on each team, you can skip the rest of the draft by clicking the forward button.

FANTASY DRAFT

Every player in the NHL is up for grabs! Draft one team or multiple teams from scratch.

FANTASY DRAFT SETUP

Designate teams as human- or computer-controlled by clicking on the icon after each team.

- The Fantasy Draft Setup screen displays the order of the draft. The default is random. To reorder the draft, click and drag a team over another to swap positions.

OPTIONS

Set the Draft Type at **SEQUENTIAL** or REVERSE. In a reverse draft, the draft order flip-flops with every round. As well, in custom league seasons, you can choose a Draft Pool of **ALL PLAYERS** in the NHL or only the PLAYERS ON THE TEAMS IN YOUR LEAGUE.

FANTASY DRAFT SCREEN

In addition to the usual sort-by and attribute toggles, you also have a position toggle which allows you to view skaters only, forwards only, etc.

- CPU teams automatically pick.
- View a summary of the current round by clicking Round Summary.
- View the current rosters at any point in the draft by clicking Roster View.
- You can right-click an undrafted player to get more detailed info on him.
- Click the ► icon to have the CPU complete the rest of the draft for you.

CREATE A PLAYER

Create your own NHL all-star! Set your player's skill levels and give him his own birth date, nationality, jersey number, and more.

To create a player:

1. Click CREATE PLAYER in the Coach Options menu.
2. Enter the vital statistics for your player.
 - If you enter a first name that is recognized by the game, a play-by-play name is automatically chosen for you. If not, you can still assign a play-by-play name manually via the toggle (or list).
 - Adjust the sliders to give your player more skill in a particular attribute.
 - Click the face icon to go to the Face submenu. Choose a pre-built face or import a face from a picture (jpg, bmp, png, or fsh).
 - When you are done, click the Created Player Options button at the bottom of the screen, then click SAVE.

BE THE FACE IN THE GAME

Make sure you've got good dental insurance—*NHL 2001* is about to put you on the ice with the biggest bruisers in the league. With the Face in the Game feature, you can create a player, give him your own face, then watch that face get mashed against the glass.



NOTE: Before starting *NHL 2001*, you must copy a picture of your face (jpg, bmp, png, or fsh format) to the **USER\FACES** folder in your *NHL 2001* directory. The default directory is **C:\PROGRAM FILES\EA SPORTS\NHL 2001**.

To put your face in the game:

1. Outline the face, eyes, nose, and mouth of the picture.
2. Left click to select the nearest point and drag it.
 - ⇒ Right click in a region to drag the entire region around.
- There are more detailed instructions at the Import Face screen for each step.
3. Assign the created player to a team by clicking the Team toggle. You may also place a player on Waivers, meaning that he remains unassigned to a team at this point.
4. Go to EDIT LINES at the Coach Options screen (▶ p. 12) and make sure that he is dressed and on a line.

GAME MODES

Whether you're playing a Quick Game or a full Season, there's plenty of red-hot action on the ice. Choose from Quick Game (➤ Quick Game on p. 9), Season, Playoff, Tournament, or Shootout. If you want to take on the best NHL gamers in the world, log on to EA.COMSM and battle it out online (➤ *Internet/Online* on p. 23).

SEASON MODE

Put your team through a grueling NHL season. See if you can survive the months of fatigue, illness, and injury to take a drink from the Stanley Cup.

To start a season:

1. From the Main menu, choose SEASON. After the Season menu appears, choose NEW season. The New Season pop-up menu appears.
2. Click the Season Name box to name your season. Press **[ENTER]** when done.
3. Select and adjust all other settings.
4. Press the ✓ icon to confirm and advance to the Select Team screen.

CPU TRADING

When **ON**, the CPU-controlled teams offer trades to you and to other CPU-controlled teams, and they have the ability to reject trades offered to them. When **OFF**, only human users initiate trades, and CPU teams won't reject trades.

TEAMS

Customize the number of teams in your season.

SEASON LENGTH

A **LONG** schedule is 82 games for a 30 team league. If there are fewer teams, there will be fewer games. In a **Medium** season, every team plays every other team twice. In a **Short** season, every team plays every other team once.

OT LOSS

Set at **ONE POINT** or **NO POINTS**. The official NHL rule states that the losing team in an overtime game still gets one point. With the old rule, the overtime loser gets zero points.

STARTING ROSTER

Choose the current rosters or the default rosters, or perform an Expansion Draft or a Fantasy Draft (➤ *Draft Options* on p. 15).

⇒ To cancel and return to the Main menu, click ✕.

From the Select Team screen, you can rearrange the divisions.

1. When you have the teams set up the way you like, click the ► icon to continue. The Edit User Control screen appears.
2. At the Edit User Control screen, define which teams you (and other players) control. Enter your name in the User Name field next to the team of your choice. The computer icon changes to a person.
 - ⇒ Click the ? icon next to the team logo to view team status and, if you are participating in an online league, enter user info and a password, if you choose.
3. When all desired teams have been assigned, click the ► icon to advance to the Game Setup screen.
4. At the Game Setup menu, adjust the options and settings to your liking and click the ► icon to advance to the Team Select screen.
5. At the Team Select screen, you can select and configure your controller, and set up the User Log. Click the ► icon to advance to the Starting Lineup screen.
6. At the Starting Lineup screen, you can select your starting line, your jersey, choose **AUTO** or **MANUAL** line changes, and set shot aim to **AUTO** or **MANUAL**. Click the ► icon to go to the faceoff.

GAME SETUP MENU (SEASON)

TODAY IN EA SPORTS	Check out scores, streaks and injuries, calendar, and more.
STATS CENTRAL	View team, player and user statistics.
COMMISSIONER	Select WAIT FOR CONNECTION, OPTIONS, EDIT USER CONTROL, or SIM TO DATE.
WAIT FOR CONNECTION	(For Multiplayer leagues only). Set your computer up to wait for remote users to connect to you. (► <i>Multiplayer Games</i> on p. 23.)
EDIT USER CONTROL	Go to the Edit User Control screen to reconfigure user and computer-controlled teams.
SIM TO DATE	Simulate Season games for every team (user and computer-controlled) up to the date you specify.

COMMISSIONER OPTIONS

PLAYOFF GAMES	Specify the number of playoff games for each round.
SIM DIFFICULTY	Computer simulated games have scores averaging out to actual NHL scores when set to NORMAL . On easy, scores are equivalent to about 75% of actual scores (when averaged out). Hard produces about 125%, and extra hard, around 150%.
ABORT GAMES	When set to ON , allows you to quit a season game without saving it. When set to OFF , forces any season games to be saved when quitting (applies to single computer games only).

LINE CHANGES

When set to **ON**, forces the user to play with either auto or manual line changes. When set to OFF, there are no line changes.

CPU TRADING

Turn CPU trading **ON/OFF**.

PLAYER BOOST AND GOALIE BOOST

Sets the Player and Goalie Boosts to be used by all players in your league.

COACH OPTIONS

During a Season, you have more options available under the Coach Options menu.

VIEW WAIVERS

See which players have been placed on waivers. These players are available to be picked up via the Trades screen.

VIEW PROSPECTS

The scouts have picked out the hottest young players. Add them to your roster in the next draft.

POST SEASON

After the playoffs and the Stanley Cup Final, the End of Season screen appears. From this menu, you can check out the award winners, the season and playoff stats and begin off-season negotiations.

AWARDS

View the recipients of all the awards from the Stanley Cup to the Conn Smythe Trophy. Click the arrows above the current award to view the winners of different awards.

TODAY IN EA SPORTS

In addition to the regular options during the season, you can also access the Playoff Tree.

STATS CENTRAL

Same as previously noted in other modes.

COMMISSIONER

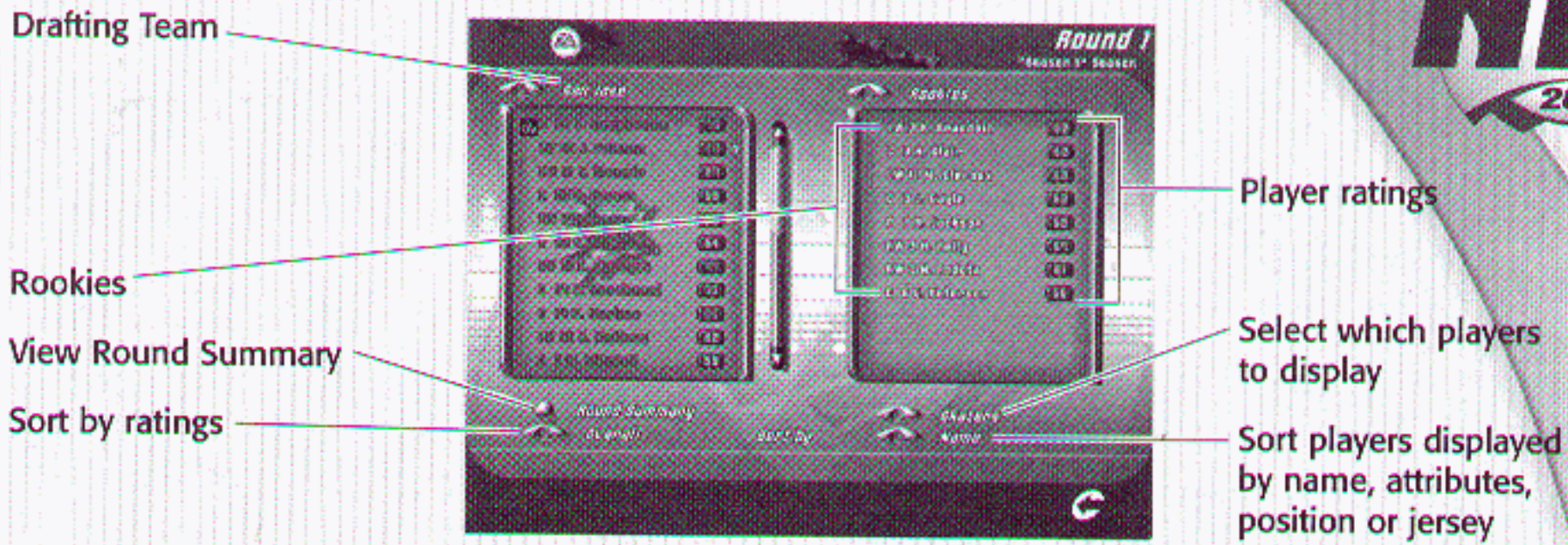
Adjust commissioner options (► p. 19).

⇒ To advance to the Off Season options, click the ► icon in the Options bar. The Rookies screen appears.

ROOKIE DRAFT

To start a draft:

1. From the Rookies screen, select ROOKIE DRAFT. The Draft Order screen appears. This displays the order of the rookie draft.
 2. Adjust teams to be User Controlled by clicking on a given computer icon.
 3. When finished selecting teams, click the ► icon to advance to the Round 1 draft screen.
- ⇒ To revert a team to computer control, click on the person icon next to the user's name.



At the Rookie Draft screen, the CPU-controlled teams autodraft players themselves. When it's your turn to pick, you can sort the rookies by position, attributes, or name. You can also select what type of player you want to view (skaters, forwards, defense, wingers, centers, goalies).

- Click on a player to draft him.
- ☐ The Rookie Draft consists of two rounds.

FREE AGENTS

To sign a free agent:

1. From the Rookie Draft menu, click the ► icon to advance to the Free Agent menu.
2. To attempt to sign free agents, click on SIGN FREE AGENTS, then click and drag the desired free agents in the right window over to the three slots.
 - ☐ Prioritize your picks by placing your most desired player in the 1st slot, and place others in the 2nd slot next, and the 3rd slot last. Selecting them does not mean you automatically sign them. You are just prioritizing which free agents you want to pursue. You can sort available free agents by position, attributes, or name.
 - ☐ You can only "talk" to three free agents at a time.
 - ☐ When you click a free agent, note the "happy face" icon on the pop-up. This indicates how happy a player is to be "talking" to your team and how likely he is to sign with you.
3. Click the SIGN FREE AGENTS button. The computer processes all the teams' free agent signing preferences. If a certain player is the number 1 choice of five different teams, he may decide to sign with any of these five teams, or with none of them.
 - ☐ You can leave the Free Agent signing menu at any time, or keep trying to sign free agents until none are left.
4. When finished, press the back button to return to the Off-Season Free Agent menu. Click the ► icon to begin a new season.

PLAYOFF

Skip the regular season and jump right into the post season. You set the teams, the rules, and the Playoff structure.

To start playoffs:

1. From the Main menu, choose PLAYOFF. The Playoff menu appears.
 2. Select NEW from the Playoff menu. The New Playoff menu appears.
 3. The New Playoff menu lists several different options and adjustable settings for your playoff. First click on Playoff Name and type in a name, then choose your settings and options. Click the ✓ icon when finished to advance to the Select Teams screen.
 4. From the Available menu, select teams to be included in the playoffs by clicking on the desired team and dragging to a spot in either conference. The team currently in the spot is replaced by the new team.
 5. At the Edit User Control screen you define which teams you (and other players) control. Enter your name in the User Name field next to the team of your choice. The computer icon changes to a person.
 6. When all desired teams have been assigned, click the ► icon to advance to the Game Setup screen.
- From the Game Setup menu, you have access to all of the usual game options (► *Game Options* on p. 7). From the Today in EA SPORTS menu you can view any team's Playoff schedule and check the current series results following each Playoff game at the Playoff Tree.
- ⇒ To view the entire Playoff tree, move the mouse left/right.

TOURNAMENT

Set up your own exclusive invitational. Pit long-time rivals against one another or create new rivalries of your own.

To start a Tournament:

1. From the Main menu, choose TOURNAMENT. The Tournament menu appears.
 2. Select NEW TOURNAMENT. The New Tournament menu appears.
 3. The New Tournament menu lists several different options and adjustable settings. First click on Tournament Name and type in a name, then choose your settings and options. Click the ✓ icon when finished to advance to the Select Teams screen.
- The Select Teams screen is divided into three sections: Pool A, Pool B and Available Teams. You may select any team from the Available Teams list to include in the tournament.
4. To select a team, click on the desired team and drag it into a slot in either Pool A or Pool B. The current team displayed is replaced by the new team.

5. When finished selecting teams, click the ► icon to advance to the Edit User Control screen. The Edit User Control screen functions identically to the Edit User Control screen in Playoff mode (► Playoff on p. 22).
6. Navigate through the remaining screens as you would in Playoff mode.

SHOOTOUT

Test your team's ability to perform under pressure in an intense Penalty Shot Competition.

To start a Shootout:

1. Select SHOOTOUT from the Main menu. The Game Setup menu appears.
2. From the Game Setup menu choose and adjust all desired settings and click the ► icon to advance to the shootout.

To change your team's Shootout line:

1. Select Edit Lines from the Coach Options menu while in the Game Setup menu.
2. On the Edit Lines screen, click the player you want to move and drag him to any shootout position you want. To remove a player from the shootout line, drag him to the roster. To bring in a player from the bench, drag him to the shootout line.

INTERNET/ONLINE GAMES

From friendly pick-up games to hard-core rivalries, EA.COM offers unlimited NHL action. Connect with a friend via Modem or LAN, or log on to the EA.COM Matchup service to take on a complete stranger.

INTERNET

To launch a multiplayer game, from the Main menu, choose Internet/Online. The Choose Connection Type window appears.

MULTIPLAYER
MATCHUP/
INTERNET CHAT

This feature automatically hooks you up to the EA.COM *NHL 2001* Lobby where you can chat with other gamers or use the NHL Matchmaker to find and compete against NHL gamers from around the world.

CUSTOM
CONNECTIONS

Choose Custom Connections from the internet/online screen to advance to the modem, LAN, and Direct Internet Connect options.

To create a Multiplayer Matchup game:

1. From the Main menu, select Internet/Online. The Internet/Online screen appears.
2. Select MULTIPLAYER MATCHUP/INTERNET CHAT. The *NHL 2001* game window minimizes, then your Internet browser launches and connects to the *NHL 2001* Multiplayer Matchup Web site.
3. Click MATCHUP in the upper left portion of the screen. (If you are not logged on to EA.COM, click LOGIN). The Lobby screen appears.
 - If updates for *NHL 2001* are available, a pop-up window appears and gives you the opportunity to download the updates.
4. At the Lobby screen, click CREATE ROOM. The Game Room appears.
5. Set the Room Name, Greeting, Password, Minimum number of players, Maximum Players, and Population. Population is the number of users allowed in the Chat Room at any given time.
6. Click the PLAY tab. From here you can set the Home Team, the Away Team, and the Skill Level, as well as the following options:

PLAYER OPTIONS

NEGOTIABLE—Anyone can change options.

DEFAULT—Default options are used and nobody may change them.

CREATOR—The game creator alone may change options

GAME RULES

Set at NEGOTIABLE, DEFAULT, or CREATOR.

PERIOD LENGTH

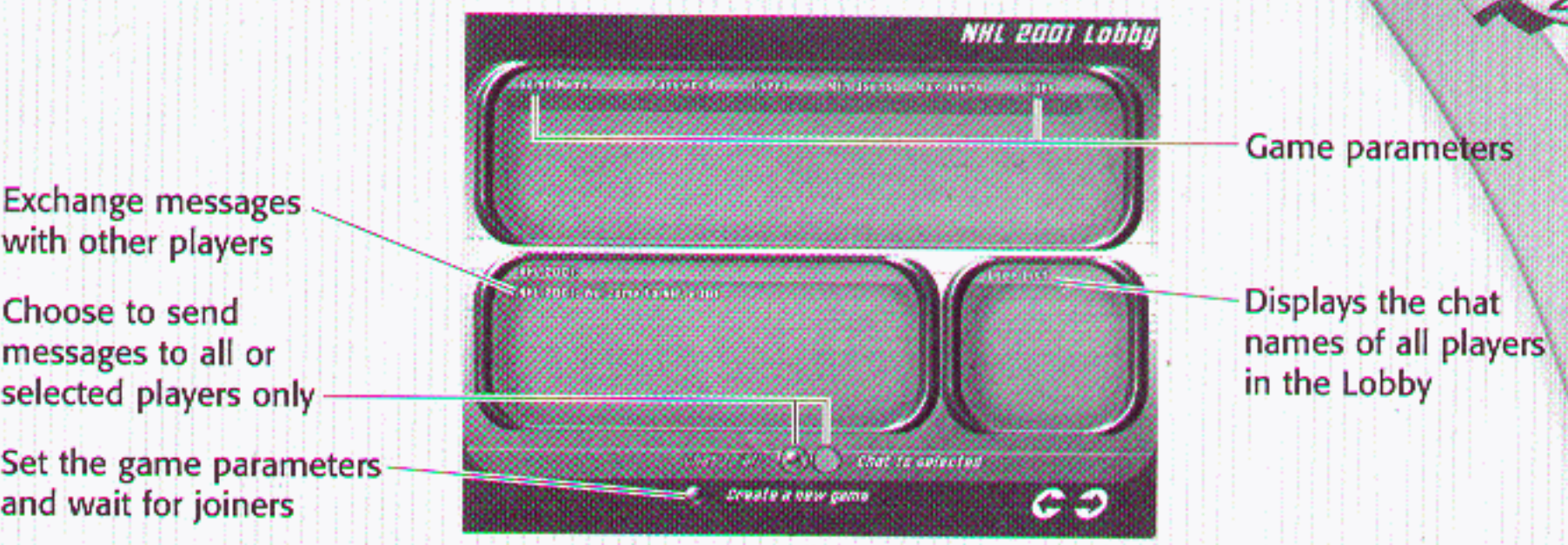
5-20 minutes, or NEGOTIABLE. Note that with NEGOTIABLE, the clock runs faster than normal.

LOCK SIDES

If you check this box, the creator is always the home team. Available only when the maximum number of players is set to 2.

7. Click CREATE to open up the room for people to join.
 - Click the ADMINISTRATION tab to kick people out, ban people from the room permanently, or give control of the room to somebody else.
8. Everybody who wants to participate must click READY.
9. The game creator clicks LAUNCH to start the game. The *NHL 2001* game window reappears and the game starts.

NHL 2001 LAN LOBBY SCREEN



To create a game via LAN:

1. From the Main menu, select Internet/Online. The Internet/Online screen appears.
2. Select CUSTOM CONNECTION. The Choose Connection Type pop-up appears.
3. Enter your chat name.
4. For a LAN game, select LAN, then click the ✓ icon. The NHL 2001 LAN Lobby screen appears.
5. Click the CREATE A NEW GAME button. The Create Game Options pop-up appears.
6. Type in a Game Name and Password, set the minimum and maximum number of users, and determine whether or not users can switch sides during a game (Lock Sides). When you are done, click the ✓ icon to advance to the Game Setup screen.

To join a game via LAN:

1. From the LAN Lobby screen, select a game you want to join by clicking on the game to highlight it.
2. Once the game you want to join is highlighted, click the forward button to join that game and advance to the Game Setup screen.

GAME SETUP SCREEN

This menu functions similarly to other Game Setup menus but offers access to two additional screens: Host Options and Chat Dialog. At the Chat Dialog screen, simply type in your message to another user or other users and press **ENTER** to send.

HOST OPTIONS SCREEN

Change your Connection, Packet Rate, and Custom Taunts settings.

CONNECTION

Choose **PEER-TO-PEER CONNECTION** or CLIENT-SERVER CONNECTION. PEER-TO-PEER CONNECTION distributes latency among all players. Choose this connection for 1:1 play or if you have a slow or unreliable connection. Choose CLIENT-SERVER CONNECTION if more than two users are playing or if you have a high-speed connection.

PACKET RATE

Choose 15, 20, 24, or **30** per second. Packet rate is how often game data is transferred between the connected computers. If you have a high bandwidth connection, use the higher packet rates; users with lower bandwidth connections should use the lower ones.

CUSTOM TAUNTS

Choose whether or not users can download and hurl custom taunts at one another.

⇒ After selecting your desired setup, click the ► icon to advance to the game.

To create a game via Modem:

1. From the Choose Connection Type menu, select MODEM. The Modem Game Join/Host Select pop-up appears.
2. Choose CREATE A NEW GAME. The Modem Select screen appears.
3. Choose whether to lock sides or not and click the ✓ icon to start waiting for someone to join your game.

To join a game via Modem:

1. From the Choose Connection Type menu, select MODEM. The Modem Game Join/Host Select pop-up appears.
2. Choose JOIN A CURRENT GAME. The Modem Select screen appears.
3. Enter the phone number [modem] of the person to whom you wish to connect (the person must have created a game and must be waiting) To start dialing click the ✓ icon.

⇒ You can store the phone numbers of the people you contact in the Phone Book. Additionally, the computer automatically saves a history of phone numbers used, with the most recent contact first. You can click on one of these contacts and the computer fills in the appropriate information.

To create a game via Direct Internet Connection:

1. From the Choose Connection Type menu, select DIRECT INTERNET CONNECTION. The Internet Game Join/Host Select pop-up appears.
2. Choose CREATE A NEW GAME. The Internet Address Select screen appears.
3. Select your Internet Game Options and click the ✓ icon to start awaiting a connection and advance to the Game Setup Screen

To join a game via Direct Internet Connection:

- 1.** From the Choose Connection Type menu, select DIRECT INTERNET CONNECTION. The Internet Game Join/Host Select pop-up appears.
 - 2.** Choose JOIN A NEW GAME. The Internet Address Select screen appears.
 - 3.** Enter the IP address [Direct Internet connection] of the person to whom you wish to connect. Select the ✓ icon to begin the connection process.
- You can store the addresses of the people you contact in the Internet Address Book. Additionally, the computer automatically saves a history of addresses used, with the most recent contact first. You can click on one of these contacts and the computer fills in the appropriate information.

ONLINE LEAGUES

NHL 2001 gives you the chance to play through an entire Season, Tournament or a Playoff Series online vs. other *NHL 2001* gamers. Join an Online League or create your own and get ready for some serious competition.

To join an Online League:

- 1.** From the Main menu, select ONLINE LEAGUE. The Online League Menu appears.
- 2.** Select JOIN NEW ONLINE LEAGUE. The Choose Connection Type screen appears.
- 3.** Choose your preferred connection type, enter a chat name and continue to the *NHL 2001* Lobby.
- 4.** Choose the league that you want to join. Some leagues may be password protected. You must have the password to access the league.

To create an Online League:

- 1.** From the Main menu, select ONLINE LEAGUE. The Online League Menu appears.
 - 2.** Select NEW ONLINE LEAGUE and select either a Season, Tournament or Playoff Mode league. Setup an online league the same way you would setup a normal Season, Tournament, or Playoffs.
- At the Edit User Control menu you can add User Information by clicking the ? icon. Enter user data such as modem number, IP address or other information that will help you contact this player. The Commissioner **MUST** set aside teams to be user-controlled and input the correct user names so that other players can join and play.
- 3.** Choose WAIT FOR CONNECTION from Commissioner Options. The Choose Connection Type screen appears. Continue as you would in a regular Internet mode.

SAVING AND LOADING

Save a game, or even a favorite highlight to show off to your friends.

HIGHLIGHTS

To save a highlight:

1. From the Pause menu, choose REPLAY.
2. At the right side of the Replay Toolbar, click the disc icon to save the highlight.
3. Type in a name for your highlight and press **ENTER**.

To view a highlight:

1. From the Main menu, click on the movie reel icon. A pop-up menu lists the available highlights.
 2. Select the highlight you want to view.
- For detailed information on the Replay Toolbar check out the Instant Replay screen shot
➤ *Pause Menu* on p. 10.

LOADING A SAVED GAME

To load a saved Quick Game:

1. From the Main menu, click the disk icon. A pop-up menu lists the available saved games.
 2. Select the saved game you want to resume.
- To load a saved Season, Tournament, or Playoff game, select the appropriate mode from the Main Menu. Select the desired Season, Tournament, or Playoff, and click LOAD. If a game was in progress it automatically loads up the saved game.

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