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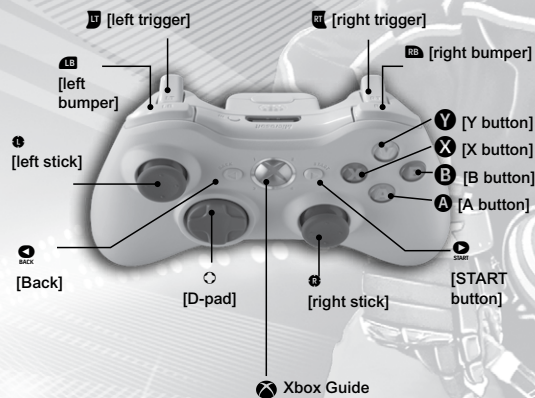
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# Controls



| Menu Controls           |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Navigate Menus          | left stick  |
| Bring up 2K Nav Menu    | right stick |
| Select option           | A           |
| Return to previous menu | B           |

## Game Controls

NHL 2K9 offers three different control schemes – Classic, Pro Stick Evolution, and Hybrid. The game defaults to Classic control mode, so those controls are listed here in these tables. You can change between the three control schemes via the Controller Setup screen in the Options menu. See the on-screen instructions for the different controls.

| Offense With Puck                             |            |
|---|------------|
| Move player                                   | left stick |
| Pass (Tap for Normal, Hold for Saucer)        | A          |
| Dump (Tap for Wrist Dump, Hold for Slap Dump) | B          |
| Shoot (Tap for Wrist, Hold for Slap Shot)     | X          |
| Fake Shot                                     | Y          |

| Superstar Moves             | left bumper              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Stick Handle / Protect Puck | right bumper             |
| Skate Backwards             | left trigger             |
| Speed Burst                 | right trigger            |
| Offense Without Puck        |                          |
| Move player                 | left stick               |
| Change player               | A                        |
| Poke Check                  | B                        |
| Hook / Hold                 | Y                        |
| Deflect / One-Timer         | X                        |
| Block Shot                  | left bumper              |
| Sweep Stick                 | right bumper             |
| Skate Backwards             | left trigger             |
| Speed Burst                 | right trigger            |
| Stick to Ice                | Click right stick button |
| Defense                     |                          |
| Move player                 | left stick               |
| Change player               | A                        |
| Poke Check                  | B                        |
| Hook / Hold                 | Y                        |
| Check                       | X                        |
| Block Shot                  | left bumper              |
| Sweep Stick                 | right bumper             |
| Skate Backwards             | left trigger             |
| Speed Burst                 | right trigger            |
| Goalie With Puck            |                          |
| Move goalie                 | left stick               |
| Pass                        | A                        |
| Leave Puck                  | B                        |
| Cover Puck                  | Y                        |
| Clear Puck                  | X                        |

| Goalie Without Puck (with Crease Control option set to MANUAL only) |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Move Goalie (inside the Crease)                                     | left stick              |
| Save (Hold)   | <b>A</b>                |
| Poke  | <b>B</b>                |
| Pounce  | <b>Y</b>                |
| Check / Slash   | <b>X</b>                |
| Dive  | left trigger + <b>B</b> |
| Roam (outside of crease)  | left trigger            |
| Stack Pads  | left bumper             |
| Butterfly   | right bumper            |
| Fighting  |                         |
| Weak Punch  | <b>A</b>                |
| Strong Punch  | <b>B</b>                |
| Balance Left  | left trigger            |
| Balance Right   | right trigger           |
| Faceoffs  |                         |
| Aim Faceoff   | left stick              |
| Faceoff   | <b>A</b>                |
| Tie-up Swipe  | <b>B</b>                |
| Jostle  | <b>X</b>                |

## Main Menu

Once the game loads, press **START** and select your Profile. Use the **right stick** to bring up the 2K Nav menu.

**Quick Game:** Jump into a game with any of the available teams – from the 30 NHL squads to International, All-Star, and historic teams. Choose your uniforms and the arena, and set team strategies before hitting the ice.

**Game Modes:** You have several game modes to choose from in NHL 2K9 – Franchise, Season, Pond Hockey, Mini-Rink, Shootout, and Practice.

**Features:** Manage the rosters, view your Trophy Room, select the soundtrack with 2K Beats, set up the Arena Music for the game, use the 2K Reelmaker to create and upload awesome highlights, configure the 2K Sports Ticker, enter codes, and view the credits.

**Options:** Change the way you play NHL 2K9 by customizing the gameplay, the rules, presentation settings, and controller setup.

**Load / Save:** Load and save your roster, settings, profile, and configure the Autosave feature.

**Xbox LIVE®:** Play against people from around the world with Xbox LIVE, get updated rosters, and find downloadable content.

## Pause Menu

Press **START** during the game to display the Pause Menu.

**Resume:** Get back into the game.

**Replay:** View the replay of the exciting action on the ice.

**Call Timeout:** During a stoppage in play, your team can call a timeout to regroup or set up a play.

**Game Stats:** See the stats of the game – Team Stats, the Box Score, Shot Track, and look in on injuries.

**Coaching:** Edit your strategies, change up your lines, or view your roster.

**Options:** Adjust the camera, switch sides, change the gameplay, My NHL Options, Presentation, NHL Rules, or view the Controller Setup.

**Quit:** Quit to the Main Menu or start the game over with a quick rematch.

# Game Features

## ON THE FLY COACHING

The game of hockey is always in motion and you need to deploy your strategies in real time. Press the **D-pad** in the direction listed on the chart below to bring up the On the Fly Coaching menu.

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>D-pad UP</b>    | Press <b>A</b> , <b>B</b> , <b>X</b> , or <b>Y</b> to switch up your Forward Lines. Note the status bars for each line; you want to bring in a group of forwards that are well rested.     |
| <b>D-pad DOWN</b>  | Press <b>A</b> , <b>B</b> , <b>X</b> , or <b>Y</b> to switch up your Defensive Pairs. Note the status bars for each line; you want to bring in a group of defensemen that are well rested. |
| <b>D-pad LEFT</b>  | Change your coach settings, like Play Styles, Attack Style, Offensive Strategy, Roughness, etc.  |
| <b>D-pad RIGHT</b> | Call your play. Use the onscreen graphics to see which button calls which play.  |

## 1-ON-1 DEKES

NHL 2K9 features a ton of 1-on-1 Dekes for skating past the defenders. When using the Pro-Stick Evolution control scheme, you will have a wide range of moves available to you. Hold the **left bumper** and then quickly press the directions on the **right stick** and **left stick** as indicated below. Please note that these dekes are camera and team direction relative. The default controls below are for when your team is going up.

| 1-on-1 Deke           | Left stick | Right stick |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tuck Puck             | -          | UP          |
| Side step left        | -          | LEFT        |
| Toe Drag              | -          | DOWN        |
| Side Step Right       | -          | RIGHT       |
| Split Defense         | UP         | UP          |
| Stick Around Left     | LEFT       | UP          |
| Kick Puck Right       | DOWN       | UP          |
| Stick Around Right    | RIGHT      | UP          |
| Spin Left             | UP         | LEFT        |
| Jump Left             | LEFT       | LEFT        |
| Twirl Left            | DOWN       | LEFT        |
| Tuck Puck Right       | LEFT       | RIGHT       |
| Kick Puck Left        | UP         | DOWN        |
| Kick Puck Behind Left | LEFT       | DOWN        |
| Fake Shot Spin        | DOWN       | DOWN        |
| Spin Right            | UP         | RIGHT       |
| Tuck Puck Left        | LEFT       | RIGHT       |
| Twirl Right           | DOWN       | RIGHT       |
| Jump Right            | RIGHT      | RIGHT       |

**Note:** If you are using the Classic Control scheme, tapping the **left bumper** will cause your player to randomly perform one of the Dekes listed above, based on player skill and situation.

## GOALIE DEKES

NHL 2K9 also features moves that will allow you to fake out the goalie. When you are heading in the direction of the goalie with the puck, hold the **left bumper** and quickly use the **right stick** and **left stick** to perform the dekes listed below. Please note that these controls are always exactly as listed, regardless of team and camera direction.

| Goalie Deke               | Left stick | Right stick |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Wave Blade                | -          | UP          |
| Head Fake Forehand        | -          | LEFT        |
| Fake Whiff                | -          | DOWN        |
| Head Fake Backhand        | -          | RIGHT       |
| Shot Caller               | UP         | UP          |
| Spin-O-Rama               | LEFT       | UP          |
| Forehand Spin             | RIGHT      | UP          |
| Through Legs              | UP         | LEFT        |
| Drag-n-Drop               | LEFT       | LEFT        |
| Back Turn                 | DOWN       | LEFT        |
| Batters Up                | RIGHT      | LEFT        |
| Behind the Back           | UP         | DOWN        |
| Leg Kick Forehand         | LEFT       | DOWN        |
| Crease Stop               | DOWN       | DOWN        |
| Leg Kick Backhand         | RIGHT      | DOWN        |
| Sweden 94                 | UP         | RIGHT       |
| Double Deke               | LEFT       | RIGHT       |
| Spin Pick Up              | DOWN       | RIGHT       |
| Through the Legs Backhand | RIGHT      | RIGHT       |

**Note:** If you are using the Classic Control scheme, tapping the **left bumper** will cause your player to randomly perform one of the Dekes listed above, based on player skill and situation.

## Crease Control

Press the **BACK button** to jump in and control the goalie at any point during the game. Note that if your Crease Control option is set to Manual, you will use the standard Goalie Without Puck controls listed above.

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>left stick</b>                | Move Vision Cone/Move Save Target Cursor |
| <b>right stick Left or Right</b> | Diving Saves                             |
| <b>right stick Up</b>            | Poke Check                               |
| <b>X</b>                         | Diving Save Left                         |
| <b>B</b>                         | Diving Save Right                        |
| <b>Y</b>                         | Poke Check                               |
| <b>left trigger</b>              | Move Camera View Left                    |
| <b>right trigger</b>             | Move Camera View Right                   |
| <b>BACK Button</b>               | Enter/Exit Crease Control Mode           |

## Xbox LIVE®

Play anyone and everyone, anytime, anywhere on Xbox LIVE®. Build your profile (your gamer card). Chat with your friends. Download content at Xbox LIVE Marketplace. Send and receive voice and video messages. Get connected and join the revolution.

## Connecting

Before you can use Xbox LIVE, connect your Xbox 360 console to a high-speed Internet connection and sign up to become an Xbox LIVE member. For more information about connecting, and to determine whether Xbox LIVE is available in your region, go to [www.xbox.com/live](http://www.xbox.com/live).

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These easy and flexible tools enable parents and caregivers to decide which games young game players can access based on the content rating. For more information, go to [www.xbox.com/familyssettings](http://www.xbox.com/familyssettings).

## Game Modes

### SEASON / FRANCHISE

While Season Mode focuses on a single season, Franchise Mode allows you to take control of any NHL team. Do you have what it takes to guide your favorite squad to the Playoffs and eventually the Stanley Cup®? Here is where you find out. You can be as involved or as hands-off in the day-to-day running of your team as you want. Make decisions about the players on the ice, general management, coaching, drafting, and scouting.

### Season / Franchise Menu

**Home:** Go back to the calendar so you can see your upcoming games.

**GM:** Change up your roster, look at your team needs, view the team's current contracts, look at the Free Agent pool, check out the waiver wire, or propose a trade.

**Coach:** Make roster decisions, edit lines, set your team strategies, or head to the rink for practice.

**NHL.com:** Check out information and news about your league. View the league schedule, standings, stats, view transactions, check in on injuries, and see the awards.

**Save:** Save your Season / Franchise Mode progress.

**Options:** Change the rules and options that govern your season and gameplay.

**Quit:** Quit back to the main menu.

### MINI-RINK

Mini-Rink allows you to play 2-on-2 hockey on a miniature indoor rink. The dashboards are unusually bouncy so the action will be wild and fast paced. There are no penalties and there is lots of checking in this arcade style contest.

### POND HOCKEY

Play the game outdoors in a 4-on-4 match with limited rules.

### XBOX LIVE®

Play a standard Quick Match, Mini-Rink, or multi-player game against competition from around the world. Records and stats are tracked via Leaderboards and Player Cards in an effort to determine the best NHL 2K9 players around. For the ultimate experience, users can even enter into full online leagues and tournaments. Play through multiple seasons with fully tracked stats and website support that offers a host of additional options, including fantasy drafts, league news stories and much, much more.

## New to NHL 2K9 Online

### TEAM 2K

Eligible players can compete in Ranked Quick Match games for 10 weeks after the game is launched in Fall 2008. At the end of each week, the user at the top of the Team 2K Leaderboard will be named the winner for that week, with a chance at the following prizes:

- Be added to the Team 2K roster to be included in NHL 2K10.
- 2K Sports gear
- 2K10 library of games

Eligibility is limited by age and country of residence. For participation details including contest period go to [www.2ksports.com/team2k/rules](http://www.2ksports.com/team2k/rules).

### TEAM-UP

Connect and play a game with up to 11 other users on 11 different consoles. Work together with your teammates to try to win the game in a whole new style of play. You will be given a Teammate Grade that updates dynamically during the game and shows how well you are playing as a teammate.

Depending on your position, different actions on the ice will produce positive and negative points towards your grade. At the end of each game, the resulting grade from that game will be put toward an average teammate rating displayed in your online Player Card. Results from games played in this mode are also tracked on the Team-Up Leaderboard so you can see where you stand with the rest of the world.

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