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BASIC GAME CONTROLS

OFFENSE

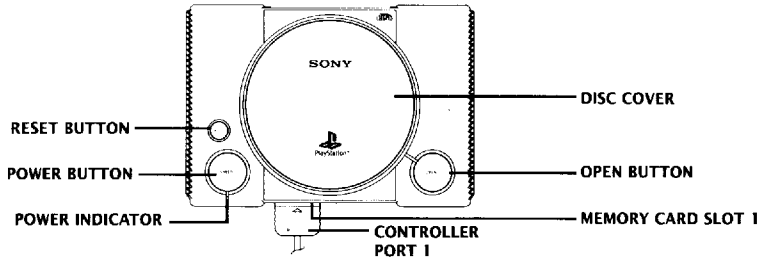
Skate; Choose pass/shot direction	D-Button
Pass; Draw the puck (faceoffs)	✖
Shoot	■
Speed burst	●

DEFENSE

Skate	D-Button
Control player closest to puck	✖
Block shot	▲
Speed burst	●

● **NOTE:** *For a more detailed list of commands,* ➤ Detailed Control Summary *on p. 4.*

STARTING THE GAME



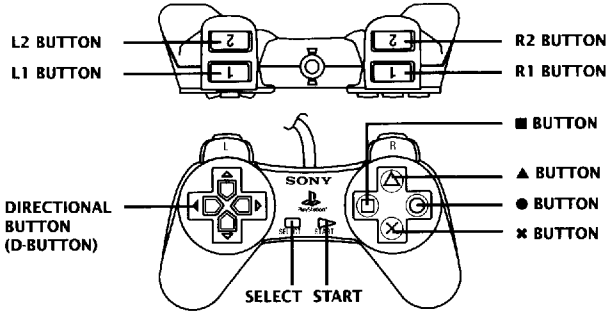
1. Set up your PlayStation® game console according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual. **Make sure the power is OFF before inserting or removing a compact disc.**
2. Insert the *NHL 99* disc and close the Disc Cover.
3. Insert the game controllers and turn ON the PlayStation game console.

● **NOTE:** *When using the Multi Tap, you must connect at least one controller to port 1-A.*

4. The video introduction sequence begins, followed by the *NHL 99* title screen.
5. After a few seconds, the Game Setup menu appears. (➤ p. 6)

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DETAILED CONTROL SUMMARY



MENU CONTROLS

Action	Command
Highlight menu item	D-Button ↕
Cycle menu items	D-Button ↔
Select menu item	✖
Return to previous menu	▲
Accept/Advance to next screen	START
Access on-screen help	■
Toggle control between columns; Toggle Season/Playoff statistics	●

OFFENSE

Skate; Choose pass/shot direction	D-Button
Pass; Draw the puck (faceoffs)	✖
Shoot	■
Speed burst	●
Special move	▲

DEFENSE

Skate	D-Button
Control player closest to puck	✖
Speed burst; Body check	●
Hook; Hold	■
Block shot	▲

GOALTENDING

Action	Command
Control goalie	R2
Skate	D-Button
Save attempt	■
Cover up (draw faceoff)	●

STRATEGY

Call line change	L2
Call defensive strategy	L1, then ✖, ■, ●, or ▲
Call offensive strategy	R1, then ✖, ■, ●, or ▲

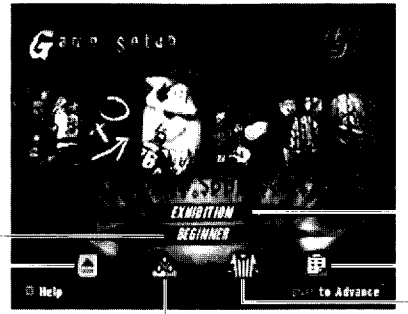
FIGHTING

Command	Pre-Fight	Fighting	Clinch
✖	Shove	Jab	Punch
●	Drop Glove	Avoid	Break Away
▲	Taunt	Grab	Pull
■	Shove	Haymaker	Punch

NOTE: *This section documents* NHL 99 *default button commands. To adjust your controller configuration,* ➤ Configure Controller *on p. 11.*

SOFT RESET: *Press* **START** *to pause the game, then press* **SELECT**. *A menu appears prompting you to quit or continue gameplay.*

GAME SETUP MENU



CYCLE SKILL LEVELS

➤ *MEMORY CARD* ON P. 7

➤ *ROSTERS* ON P. 7

CYCLE GAME MODES

➤ *STATS* ON P. 12

➤ *RULES AND OPTIONS* ON P. 9

● NOTE: *Whenever you see the ■ icon in the lower-left corner of the screen, press ■ to access on-screen help. On-screen help displays button commands specific to the current screen.*

● NOTE: *Default options appear in* **bold** *in this manual.*

GAME MODES

EXHIBITION Drop the puck for a one-game *NHL 99* ice war. (➤ *Exhibition Mode* p. 12.)

Season Dominate your opponents over an NHL season. (➤ *Season Mode* p. 15.)

Playoffs Make a run for Lord Stanley's legendary trophy. (➤ *Playoff Mode* p. 17.)

Tournament Play a tournament with the world's best teams. (➤ *Tournament Mode* p. 18.)

Shootout Test your penalty shot technique in this mini-competition. (➤ *Shootout* p. 19.)

Coaching Drills Sharpen your game skills in a controlled environment. (➤ *Coaching Drills* p. 19.)

SKILL LEVELS

Beginner Penalties and infractions are defaulted to off, so you can focus on the basics of the game.

Rookie Slow game speed and less-aggressive computer players means easier scoring for you.

Pro Computer opponents wise up and play with more challenging game strategies.

All Star The best of the best. Computer players skate faster, hit harder, and react more quickly.

MEMORY CARD

Load and save seasons, playoffs, tournaments, rosters, settings, and user logs.

● NOTE: *Never insert or remove a Memory Card while loading or saving files.*

Load Game Resume a saved season, playoff, or tournament in progress.

Load Rosters Load saved rosters. (➤ *Save Rosters* below.)

Save Rosters After creating players, editing lines, or trading players, you can save the new rosters.

Load Settings Load a saved setup. (If you start *NHL 99* with a memory card that has settings saved to it, they become the default settings.)

Save Settings Save rules, options, and controller configuration changes.

Load User Log Load your personal user log each time you play to keep your stats current and accurate.

Save User Log Save your user log to keep cumulative personal stats for as long as you play *NHL 99*.

ROSTERS

Set coaching strategies, run an expansion draft, view rosters, edit lines, trade players, sign and release free agents, create players, and build custom teams.

● NOTE: *If you add a player to a roster whose jersey number conflicts with an existing number, you are prompted to choose a different number for the new player. To choose a different number, D-Button ‹ › to select, then press* **START**.

COACHING STRATEGY

Set the strategies you want your team to employ. You can also change strategies on-the-fly during the game.

1. Choose the team whose strategy you want to set.
2. Cycle to the strategy you want to start each game with.
3. Use the sliders to set the amount of pressure you want the team to apply, then press **START** to accept.

EXPANSION DRAFT

Build a roster for the Nashville Predators™ by selecting from a list of unprotected players.

1. Choose YES to begin a new draft.
2. Cycle through the teams and highlight the player you want to draft.
3. Your first two selections must be Goalies
4. Press ✖. The player is added the Predators' lineup.
5. Continue to draft players until the lineup is completed.

● **NOTE:** *You may draft only one player from each team.*

EDIT LINES

Edit any team's lines to experiment with different player combinations.

1. Choose a team and the line you want to edit.
2. Select the player you want to remove from the line, and press ✖.
3. Highlight the player you want to insert in the line.
4. Press ✖. The new player joins the line.

VIEW ROSTERS

Take a look at team rosters to compare player ratings and access individual View Player screens.

➥ To access a View Player screen, highlight a player, then press ✖.

TRADE PLAYERS

Trade players between any two teams. You can include up to three players from each team in a single trade.

1. Choose the teams you want to trade players between.
2. Select the player(s) you want to trade from the first team, then press ● to access the second team's roster.
3. Select the player(s) you want to trade from the second team, then press **START** to make the trade.

❒ The Advantage Indicator adjusts to display which team will benefit most from the proposed trade. The indicator rises along with the level of talent you put on the trading block.

➥ To deselect a player from the Trade List, highlight the player on the Team Roster and press ✖.

FREE AGENTS

Add players from the free agent pool to any team's roster, or remove players from a roster to the pool.

To sign a free agent:

1. Choose the team to which you want to sign the player.
2. Press ● to access the free agent pool.
3. Highlight the free agent, then press ✖ to move the player to his new roster.

➥ To release a player, choose the team from which you want to release the player, highlight the player, and press ✖ to move him to the free agent pool.

CREATE PLAYER

Create new players as free agents.

1. Complete the player information options to create your player, then press ● to adjust the skill ratings.

❒ The amount of Skill Remaining for distribution is displayed at the bottom of the screen.

2. Adjust the skill ratings to customize your player, then press **START** to accept. The new player joins the free agent pool.

CUSTOM TEAMS

Copy players from any team to create custom teams of your favorite players. Custom teams are available in Exhibition mode only.

RESET ROSTERS

Reset all rosters and lines to the *NHL 99* defaults.

RULES AND OPTIONS

RULES

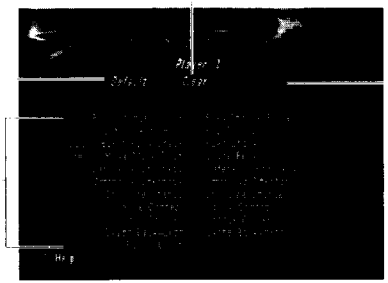
Penalties	Use the slider to set the frequency of penalty calls. All the way left is OFF.
Period Length	Set period length to **5**, 10, or 20 minutes (regulation).
Fighting	Toggle the possibility of fighting **ON**/OFF.
Off Side	When **ON**, refs call Off Side violations.

Icing	When **ON**, refs call Icing violations.
2 Line Pass	When **ON**, refs whistle 2 Line Pass violations.
Crease Rule	When **ON**, refs disallow illegal goals.
Injuries	Toggle the possibility of player injuries **ON**/OFF.
Rink Type	Choose a rink size that adheres to NHL or INTERNATIONAL specifications, or select **AUTO** (rink type is determined by the home team).
Referee Type	Choose a referee who adheres to NHL or INTERNATIONAL rules, or select **AUTO** (referee type is determined by the home team).
Tie-Break	SINGLE OT: NHL regular-season style.
	CONTINUOUS OT: NHL playoff style.
	SHOOTOUT: A tie score is settled by penalty shots.
	OT AND SHOOTOUT: One overtime period followed by penalty shots. International style.
	AUTO: Tie-Break is determined by the home team.

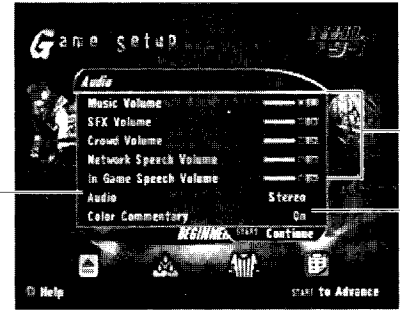
OPTIONS

Speed Game	When ON, play delays are minimal. Faceoffs take place directly after stoppages in play.
Fly-ins	Toggle the pre-game arena fly-ins **ON**/OFF.
Score Overlay	Toggle the in-game score overlay **ON**/OFF.
Shot Meter	When **ON**, the shot meter appears during a shot.
Controller Indicator	Select an overlay to identify the puckhandler by **NAME**, POSITION, or USER.
Password	Enter passwords to access *NHL 99* "Easter eggs."
Credits	Roll the *NHL 99* credits list.

CONFIGURE CONTROLLER



AUDIO



CAMERAS

Camera View	Set the default camera angle. As you cycle cameras, the sample monitor highlights to display each view.

Auto Zoom	When ON, the camera zooms in when the puck enters the slot or crease area.
Auto Replay	Set to HIGH, **LOW**, or OFF to adjust the camera angle for instant replays.
Reverse Angle	Toggle ON to flip the camera angle.

STATS

View team and player stats, and track user stats and leaders. Team Stats compare teams in 15 categories. Player Stats track every player in nine categories. User Stats compile stats from any game played with a User Log-assigned team. Leaders displays the top 10 players in each category.

EXHIBITION MODE

In Exhibition mode, you choose two teams to do battle on the ice and play a single game. There's no scheduling or seeding to deal with—just lace 'em up and drop the puck.

➥ To begin an Exhibition game, choose **EXHIBITION** at the Game Setup menu, and press **START** or ✖. The Team Select screen appears.

TEAM SELECT

Every *NHL 99* team is eligible to play in Exhibition mode, including NHL teams, national clubs, All Star teams, and custom teams. Set your favorite matchups or let *NHL 99* make random team selections for you.

➥ To choose teams randomly, press **L1** or **R1**.

➥ To accept the selected teams, press **START**. The Controller Setup screen appears.

❒ You can adjust the Advantage Meter to balance gameplay. The higher you adjust the meter, the better the players perform.

CONTROLLER SETUP SCREEN

Choose a team to control. After selecting a team, press ✖ to enter a User Log for stat tracking.

➥ To choose a position to control, press **L1** or **R1**. The position you select is the position you control for the entire game, whether your player has the puck or not.

❒ If you don't choose a position, you always control the puckhandler on offense.

➥ To set Team options, press ●. (➤ *Team Options* on p.13.)

➥ To accept the controller setup, press **START**. The game begins.

TEAM OPTIONS

Coaching Strategies	Choose **AUTO** for your team's default strategies, or MANUAL to choose your own strategies on the fly.
Line Changes	**AUTO**: The computer cycles your lines at each face off. MANUAL: You must change your lines. Players left on the ice too long will tire. OFF: Your best line remains on the ice and at full energy for the entire game.
Goalie Control	Toggle **AUTO**/MANUAL goalie control.

TIP *Auto-controlled goalies attempt to make saves on their own, but when they have the puck, control is transferred to you.*

Shot Aim	Choose **MANUAL** to aim your own shots, or AUTO to have the computer aim them for you.

● **NOTE:** *The Team Options menu is not available in Beginner mode.*

MULTIPLAYER

If you use two Multi Taps, up to eight people can play in a single *NHL 99* game.

An icon for each controller connected to the PlayStation® game console appears on the screen. As users select teams, the icons turn colors. Remember your color: the player you control on the ice skates on the same colored star.

ADVANCED GAMEPLAY CONTROLS

TIP *While you can remap any button control, only default controls are described in this section.*

FACEOFFS

➥ To **take the draw**, D-Button in the direction of the teammate to which you want to scoop the puck, then press ✖ when the puck hits the ice.

OFFENSE

➥ To execute a **special move**, press ▲. If the player is in the slot, he performs one of *NHL 99's* spectacular shots; if he is not in scoring position, he performs an all-star deke move.

● **NOTE:** *Only certain all star players perform special moves. These players are identified by the circle that appears around their controller indicator stars when they have the puck.*

- For a **give-and-go**, D-Button toward a teammate, then press ✖ and hold for a half-second. When the recipient receives the puck, he immediately passes back to you.
- For a **drop pass**, D-Button toward a teammate trailing you, then press and release ✖.
- While you hold ■, your player winds up for a **slapshot**. The higher his wind up when you release ■, the harder the shot. The Shot Meter measures the power of your shot.
- For a **one-timer** shot, send a pass to a teammate. Before the puck gets there, press ■. The pass recipient fires off a quick slap shot.
- To execute a **fake** shot, press ✖ during the wind up.

LINE CHANGING

This section assumes that the Line Changes option has been set to MANUAL.

TIP *Each period begins with all lines at 100% energy, but energy levels decrease as the period draws on. As your current line becomes fatigued, its energy bar gets shorter. Change your lines before your players wear out.*

- To change lines before a faceoff, press ✖, ■, ●, or ▲ to select the corresponding line from the Line Change menu.
- To change lines on the fly, press **L2** to access the Line Change menu, then press ✖, ■, ●, or ▲ to select the corresponding line.

TIP *In power play and penalty killing situations, you have only two lines from which to choose.*

PAUSE MENU

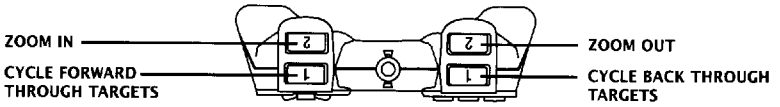
Bring up the Pause menu during the game to access Pause menu options or take a break from the action.

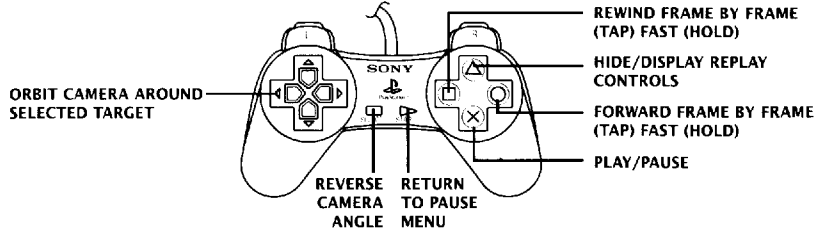
Many Pause menu items are found on the Game Setup menu as well (➤ p. 6). The items described in this section are specific to the Pause menu.

- To Access the Pause menu, press **START**.
- To return to the game, press **START** with any option highlighted.

Instant Replay

Step into the control booth to replay great plays.





Goalie

Bring in a replacement goalie, or choose PULL to make room on the ice for an extra skater.

Quit

Quit the current game.

END OF THE GAME

Following the final horn, the End Game menu appears, displaying the three stars of the game.

At the End Game menu, you can check final game stats, or select REMATCH to get back into it with the same teams and settings.

- To return to the Game Setup menu, press **START** with any option highlighted, then select YES when prompted.

SEASON MODE

Season mode is patterned after an authentic NHL season. Only NHL teams may play, and teams are arranged in their actual conferences and divisions.

- To begin a season, select SEASON at the Game Setup menu. The Season Settings menu appears.

SEASON SETTINGS MENU

The Season Settings menu features several options to customize your season. For the most realism, name your season, then go with the default settings.

Season Name	Enter a custom season name.
Season Type	Play with the teams for the **98/99** season or create a CUSTOM season of user-selected teams.

Expansion Draft	Choose YES to run an Expansion Draft for the Nashville Predators, or **NO** to have the CPU assemble their squad.
Number of Teams	With CUSTOM Season Type selected, choose 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, 21, 26, or **27** teams to play in your league.
Season Length	With CUSTOM Season Type selected, choose to play a **LONG** or SHORT season. In a short season, each team plays each other once.
Playoff Games	Set the playoff series length to 1, 3, 5, or **7** games.
Allstar Rosters	Play the All Star Game with a **WORLD/N.AMERICA** match or an EAST/WEST battle.
Starting Rosters	Use the default *NHL 99* rosters or any custom rosters you've created and saved.
Trade Deadline	Choose NO to make trades up to the playoffs, or **YES** to adhere to NHL trade deadline regulations. The NHL trade deadline is March 22 at noon, Pacific Standard Time.

➥ To accept season settings, press **START**. The Team Select screen appears.

● **NOTE:** *The Season Settings Menu does not appear in Beginner mode.*

TEAM SELECT

Choose the team you think you can take all the way through the Stanley Cup finals, or select multiple teams for more action during the season. You can select every team and play a hand in each game of the season.

➥ When you've selected the team(s) you want, press **START**. The Season menu appears.

SEASON MENU

Several of the options that appear on the Season menu are identical to those found on the Game Setup menu (➤ p. 6).

Matchups	Go to the Matchups screen to play or simulate your next scheduled game and get stats and scoring info on completed games. ➥ To begin your next match, highlight it and press **START**. The Controller Setup screen appears (➤ p. 12).
Calendar	View any team's season schedule month-by-month. Like the Matchups screen, you can play or simulate games and scan recaps of previously played games at the Calendar screen.
Today in	Study the current Hot and Cold players, Injuries, and Suspensions
EA SPORTS	for each team, division, conference, or league.
Standings	Analyze standings by league, conference, or division. The top-eight teams in each conference are bound for the playoffs.
Team Select	Go back to the Team Select screen to reconfigure user- and computer-controlled teams.

PLAYOFF MODE

There are few events in the sporting world that generate as much excitement as the Stanley Cup playoffs. Playoff mode lets you bypass the regular season and begin play at the pinnacle of NHL hockey competition.

➥ To begin a Playoff, select PLAYOFF at the Game Setup menu. The Playoff Settings menu appears.

PLAYOFF SETTINGS MENU

The Playoff Settings menu offers several options to customize your playoff. For the most realism, name your playoff, then go with the default settings.

Playoff Name	Enter a custom playoff name.
Expansion Draft	Choose YES to run an Expansion Draft for the Nashville Predators, or **NO** to have the CPU assemble their squad.
Playoff Games	Set the playoff series length to 1, 3, 5, or **7** games.
Starting Rosters	Use the default *NHL 99* rosters or any custom rosters you've created and saved.
Valid Conference	Choose **YES** to restrict teams to their actual NHL conferences. Choose NO and you may pair teams together regardless of conference.

➥ To accept playoff settings, press **START**. The Team Select screen appears.

● **NOTE:** *The Playoff Settings Menu does not appear in Beginner mode.*

TEAM SELECT

Choose the team you think has the best chance to win the cup, or select multiple teams for a better shot at winning the championship. You can control every team and take part in each playoff game.

You can customize the Team Select screen to include your favorite squads or recreate the 1998 Stanley Cup playoffs.

● **NOTE:** *Only NHL teams may take part in a Playoff.*

➥ To fill the playoff berths randomly, press **L1** or **R1**.

➥ When you've selected the team(s) you want, press **START**. The Playoff menu appears.

PLAYOFF MENU

Most of the options that appear on the Playoff menu are identical to those found on the Season menu (➤ p. 16). The exception is listed below.

Playoff Tree Visit the Playoff Tree to see how each series is shaping up.

❒ At the Calendar screen you can play or simulate matches, and scan recaps of previously played games.

TOURNAMENT MODE

NHL 99 tournaments are structured like most formally sanctioned ice hockey tournaments. Tournaments begin with a round robin, continue through single-elimination rounds, and end following the medal games.

➥ To begin a Tournament, select TOURNAMENT at the Game Setup menu. The Tournament Settings menu appears.

TOURNAMENT SETTINGS MENU

The Tournament Settings menu offers several options to customize your tournament, including number of rounds and number of teams. Several options are identical to those found on the Season Settings menu.

Tournament Name Enter a custom tournament name.

Round Robin Choose **YES** for a complete tournament from the round robin stage, or NO to begin at the quarterfinal round.

No. of Rounds Round robin only. Play **1**, 2, 3, or 4 rounds in the initial round robin stage.

No. of Teams Round robin only. Enter 8, **12**, or 16 teams in the first round.

➥ To accept tournament settings, press **START**. The Team Select screen appears.

● **NOTE:** *The Tournament Settings Menu does not appear in Beginner mode.*

TEAM SELECT

Choose a team and go for the gold, or select multiple teams.

All NHL and national teams are eligible for tournament play. You can select your favorite teams, or let *NHL 99* fill the slots randomly.

➥ To fill the tournament seeds randomly, press **L1** or **R1**.

When you've selected the team(s) you want, press **START**. The Tournament menu appears.

TOURNAMENT MENU

The options that appear on the Tournament menu are identical to those found on the Season menu (➤ p. 16). There is no option for Standings.

SHOOTOUT

In a Shootout, the members of the Power Play 1 line from each team go one-on-one against the opposing goalie. Each player gets one shot, and chances alternate between teams. The team with the most goals at the end of the Shootout wins.

➥ To begin a Shootout, select SHOOTOUT at the Game Setup menu. The Team Select screen appears.

➥ To accept the selected teams press, START. The Controller Setup screen appears (➤ p. 12).

❒ When you accept the Controller Setup, the Shootout Intro begins followed by the Shootout Player Select menu.

SHOOTOUT PLAYER SELECT MENU

The Shootout Player Select menu lets you insert any player from your team's roster into the Shootout line-up and place any goalie in the crease.

To modify your Shootout line-up:

1. Highlight the player you want to remove from the line-up, then press ✖ to access the roster.
2. Highlight the player you want to insert in the line-up, then press ✖. The new player joins the line-up.
3. Press **START** to accept the line-up. The Shootout begins.

COACHING DRILLS

In Coaching Drills, you can practice a number of plays or specific game situations with, or against, any team or player.

➥ To begin, choose COACHING DRILLS at the Game Setup menu, and press **START**. The Team Select screen appears.

TEAM SELECT

Every **NHL 99** team or player is eligible to participate in Coaching Drills including NHL teams, national clubs, All Star teams, and custom teams. Select the teams you wish to practice with or against.

➥ To accept the selected teams, press **START**. The Coaching Drills Options screen appears.

COACHING DRILLS OPTIONS

Choose a drill, time length, and the players with whom you want to practice.

Drill	Select a specific play or game situation to practice.
Duration	Determine a time length (in 30 second increments) to practice each drill from **30 SECONDS** to FIVE MINUTES.
Select Positions	Set the position for each player involved in the drill.
Edit Lines	Edit a team's lines or select a different line to send onto the practice ice.

To run the selected drill:

1. Press **START**. The Controller Setup screen appears. (➤ *Controller Setup Screen* on p. 12.)
2. Select a team to control. The Game Intro appears.
3. After the Game Intro, the Pause Menu appears. Press **START** to begin the drill.
4. To exit Coaching Drills, press **START** to access the Pause menu, then select QUIT.

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