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# INTRODUCTION & SETUP

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## What is EA Sports FC 25?

EA Sports FC 25 is the newest football simulation game developed by EA Sports, continuing the legacy of the FIFA series under a new brand. With stunning visuals, immersive gameplay, and an ever-expanding roster of leagues and players, EAFC 25 delivers one of the most realistic virtual football experiences to date. This manual will walk you through every step to get you playing—from installation and account setup to exploring game modes like Ultimate Team and Career Mode. Whether you're a casual player or an aspiring FUT Champion, this guide is here to help you get started the right way.



**Figure 1:** Copyright © EA Sports – Erling Haaland performs a volley during in-game footage from an EA Sports FC video.

## **How The Game Works**

EA Sports FC 25 is a football simulation game where you control a team of players in real-time matches. While the game offers multiple ways to play, all modes are built around core gameplay mechanics—movement, passing, shooting, and tactics.

### **Controlling Players**

By default, you control the entire team during a match. The game automatically switches to the player closest to the ball, or you can manually switch using the right stick or L1/LB. Some modes like Player Career or Pro Clubs allow you to control only one player for a more focused, immersive experience.

### **Simulated Gameplay (Auto-Play)**

Certain game modes like Career Mode allow you to simulate matches instead of playing them manually. This is ideal for players who prefer managing tactics, transfers, and long-term progress over minute-to-minute gameplay.

### **Earning Cards in Ultimate Team**

In Ultimate Team (FUT), you build your squad using player cards. These cards are earned by:

- Playing matches
- Completing objectives or Squad Building Challenges (SBCs)
- Earning seasonal rewards
- Opening packs from the in-game store (using coins or FIFA Points)
- Cards vary in rarity, rating, and chemistry compatibility.

**Why this matters:** This section bridges the gap for readers unfamiliar with how sports games work, making the manual more accessible and complete.

## System Requirements

Before installing EAFC 25, it's important to make sure your device meets the system requirements for optimal performance.

### PC Requirements

Component	Minimum Specs	Recommended Specs
OS	Windows 10 64-bit	Windows 11 64-bit
Processor	Intel Core i5-6600K / AMD Ryzen 5 1600	Intel Core i7-8700 / AMD Ryzen 7 2700X
RAM	8 GB	16 GB
Graphics Card	NVIDIA GTX 1050 Ti / AMD RX 570	NVIDIA RTX 3060 / AMD RX 6700 XT
Storage	50 GB available space	SSD with 50 GB available space
DIRECTX	Version 12	Version 12

While the minimum specs allow you to run the game, players using the recommended specs will benefit from faster load times, higher FPS (frames per second), and access to enhanced visual features like ray tracing and detailed textures.

*Note: If you're using a laptop, make sure it's equipped with a dedicated GPU, not just integrated graphics, for optimal performance.*

## Console Availability

EA Sports FC 25 is available on a wide range of platforms, ensuring both next-gen and previous-gen players can enjoy the game. However, gameplay experience will vary depending on the console's hardware capabilities.

- PlayStation 5: Full next-gen experience with HyperMotion V and enhanced graphics
- Xbox Series X | S: Full next-gen experience, fast loading, and upgraded visuals
- PlayStation 4 (limited features): Compatible but with limited features and older gameplay engine
- Xbox One (limited features): Compatible with scaled-down graphics and gameplay elements



**Figure 2:** EA Sports FC 25 is available on both next-gen consoles like PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X, offering the full experience with enhanced graphics and features.

## Installing EAFC 25

- On PC (EA App / Steam)
  1. Purchase EAFC 25 from the **EA App** or **Steam**.
  2. Log into your **EA Account**.
  3. Navigate to your library and click **Install**.
  4. Choose an install directory and wait for the download to complete.
  5. Click **Play** to launch the game.
- On Console (PS5 / Xbox)
  1. Buy and download the game from your console's store **or** insert the physical disc.
  2. Wait for the installation to complete and apply any available updates.
  3. Log into your **EA Account** or create one.
  4. You're ready to play once updates and setup are complete.

## First-Time Setup

Once you launch the game, you'll go through a short setup process.

- Language & Region Settings: Choose your preferred language and region.
- EA Account Login: Required to access online features like Ultimate Team and Pro Clubs.
- Game Updates & Content Sync: Allow the game to download the latest patches, squad updates, and live content.
- Accessibility Options: Adjust visual and control preferences (colorblind mode, subtitles, etc.).

*Tip: If you're on PC, make sure background apps aren't draining performance during this step.*

# GAME MODE

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EA Sports FC 25 features a variety of game modes to suit different types of players—from casual matchups to deep strategic play and creative football action. Here's a breakdown of the main modes available in the game:

## Kick-Off

Kick-Off mode is the fastest way to get into the action. Choose your teams, stadium, and match settings, then jump straight into the pitch—solo or with friends.

Features:

- Classic: 90-minute matches
- House Rules (e.g., No Rules, Headers & Volleys, First to One Goal)
- Skill Games Warm-Up
- Local multiplayer

*Why this matters: It's perfect for warming up, testing out new teams, or having a quick match without affecting online rankings. In Kick-Off and most other modes, you control the entire team, switching players automatically (or manually) during play.*



**Figure 3:** The Kick-Off menu in EA Sports FC 25, featuring House Rules

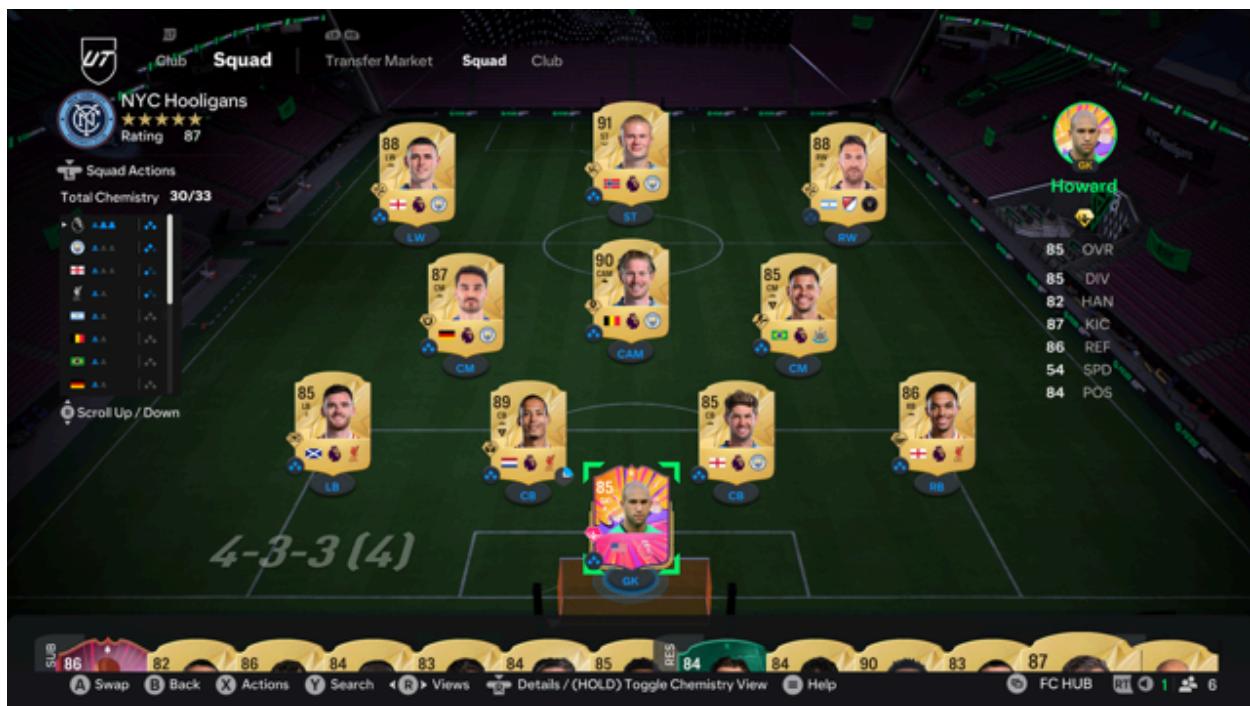
## Ultimate Team

One of the most popular modes, Ultimate Team (FUT), allows players to build their dream squad using player cards from all over the world. Earn rewards, compete in ranked divisions, and customize your lineup.

Features:

- Squad Building Challenges (SBCs)
- FUT Champions, Division Rivals, and Squad Battles
- Live events, season objectives, and rewards
- Transfer Market for trading players and items

**Why this matters:** FUT is a rewarding, competitive mode where you build and evolve your dream squad. Understanding how the system works—from card acquisition to chemistry—improves your chances in both casual and high-stakes games.



**Figure 4:** A sample Ultimate Team squad setup in EA Sports FC 25, showcasing player chemistry, formation (4-3-3), and individual card ratings

## Career Mode

Career Mode lets you control every aspect of a football club or player's journey. Choose to play as a manager or an individual footballer and guide them through multiple seasons.

Manager Career:

- Transfers, tactics, training, and team morale
- Scouting youth talent
- Creating custom clubs and stadiums

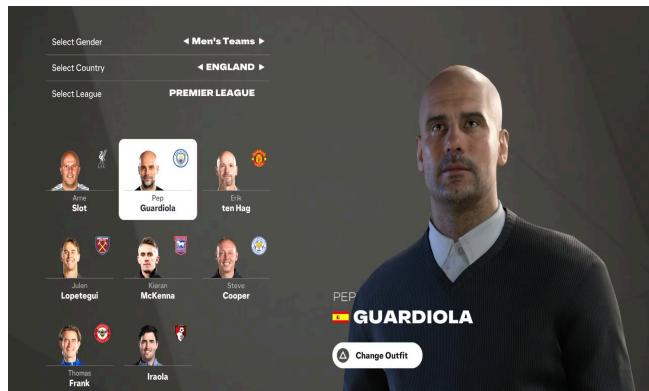
Player Career:

- Control your pro's development, training, and stats
- Earn XP to upgrade skills and unlock abilities
- Switch clubs and rise to fame

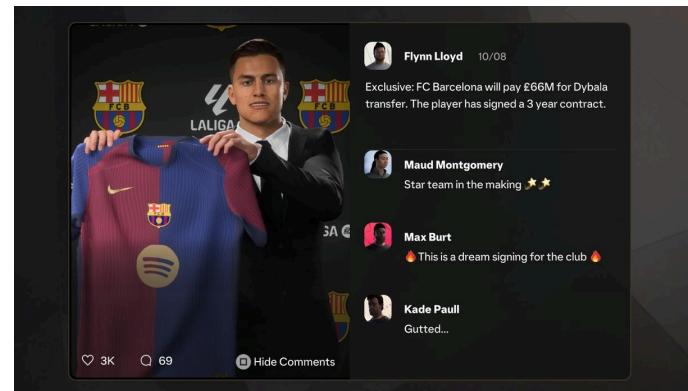
**Why this matters:** Career Mode offers full control over club or player progression.

Whether you're simulating or manually playing, it provides a long-term, offline experience with narrative depth and strategy.

**Auto-Play Option:** You can simulate matches in Career Mode if you don't want to manually play every game.



**Figure 5a:** Select a manager and club in Manager Career Mode.



**Figure 5b:** Player Career includes dynamic cutscenes and story progression.

## Friendlies

Friendlies offer an unranked, relaxed way to enjoy EAFC 25 with friends—online or offline.

Features:

- Invite friends for private matches
- Play using House Rules
- No impact on rankings or FUT progression
- Great for experimenting with new tactics or formations

**Why this matters:** Great for practicing new strategies or playing with others in a low-pressure setting.

## Rush

Rush is a fast-paced, small-sided mode inspired by street football, featuring fewer players, tighter spaces, and a greater focus on individual skill and style.

Features:

- 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5 match options
- Unique, visually vibrant courts
- Focus on flair and creative moves
- Playable with custom avatars or real players

**Why this matters:** Rush offers a more casual, arcade-like break from traditional football modes. It's all about fun and fast-paced action.



**Figure 6:** Rush mode lobby in EA Sports FC 25, where players can customize avatars and set up small-sided street matches with unique flair and style.

## Mode Matchup: Which One Is Best for You?

Game Mode	Player Type	Online?	Competitive	Great For...
Kick-Off	Solo / Local	✗	✗	Quick play, warm-up
FUT	Solo / Online	✓	✓	Competitive squad building
Career Mode	Solo	✗	✗	Long-term progression
Rush	Solo / Online	✓	✗	Fast, fun street matches
Friendlies	Online / Local	✓	✗	Practice with friends

Each game mode offers a different experience depending on how you like to play:

- **New to the game?** Start with Kick-Off or Friendlies to get comfortable with controls and mechanics.
- **Looking for a challenge?** Try Ultimate Team (FUT) for online competition, rewards, and team building.
- **Prefer offline play?** Career Mode offers a deep single-player experience with long-term progression as a manager or player.
- **Want fast-paced fun?** Rush is a great casual option with quick, stylish matches inspired by street football.

**Tip:** You can switch between modes at any time—explore to find what fits your style best!

# CUSTOMIZATION & SETTINGS

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EA Sports FC 25 offers a range of customization tools and in-depth settings so players can tailor their experience to their style and comfort. From personalized controls to audio tweaks and club aesthetics, here's how to make the game truly yours.

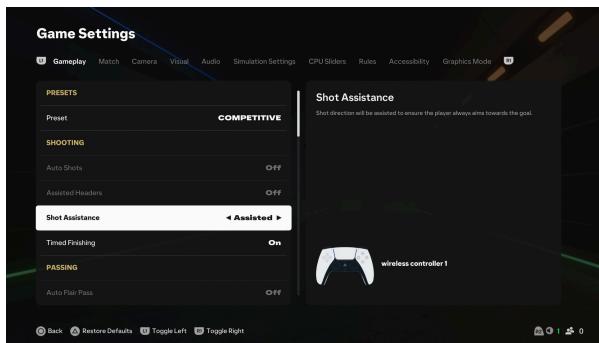
## Controller Settings

Whether you're a casual player or a seasoned competitor, tweaking your controller settings can dramatically improve your performance and comfort.

Key Customization Options:

- **Controller Presets:** Choose from Classic, Alternate, or Custom layouts.
- **Custom Mapping:** Remap button functions (e.g., swap through ball and lob pass).
- **Timed Finishing:** Toggle to increase shooting accuracy with good timing.
- **Analog Sprinting:** Adjust sprint sensitivity based on how far you push the trigger.
- **Assisted vs. Manual Settings:** Choose between assisted, semi, or manual for passing, shooting, and defending.

**Why this matters:** Adjusting control settings helps tailor gameplay to your preferences and skill level. For example, changing sprint sensitivity or button layout can make your movements more responsive and intuitive.



**Figure 7:** Controller settings menu in EA Sports FC 25, allowing players to customize gameplay controls, adjust input assistance, and optimize layout preferences.

## Accessibility & Visual Settings

These settings are designed to enhance usability and comfort for all players, including those with vision or motor challenges.

Adjustable Features:

- **Colorblind Modes:** Multiple filter options for color-coded elements (e.g., kits, radar).
- **HUD Settings:** Show or hide player indicators, scoreboards, and radar.
- **Camera Angles:** Choose between Tele, Co-Op, Broadcast, and Custom views.
- **Subtitles and Commentary Options:** Turn on text commentary or change language.
- **Menu Narration:** Enable text-to-speech for menus.

Accessibility settings ensure everyone can play the game their way.

**Why this matters:** These settings ensure that players of all backgrounds—including those with visual or motor differences—can enjoy the game comfortably and competitively.

## Audio Customization

Immerse yourself in the stadium experience or fine-tune the game's sound to your liking.

Audio Controls:

- **Stadium Ambience:** Crowd volume, chants, and goal reactions.
- **Commentary Volume:** Adjust or mute the commentator separately.
- **Player Calls & Instructions:** Turn on audible teammate communication.
- **Custom Soundtracks:** Use EA Trax or integrate custom playlists (platform dependent).

Lowering commentary and boosting crowd volume can make matches feel more intense.

**Why this matters:** Customizing audio levels enhances immersion and helps you stay focused. For example, turning down commentary lets you hear player calls or focus on gameplay cues.

## Kits, Stadiums, and Club Customization

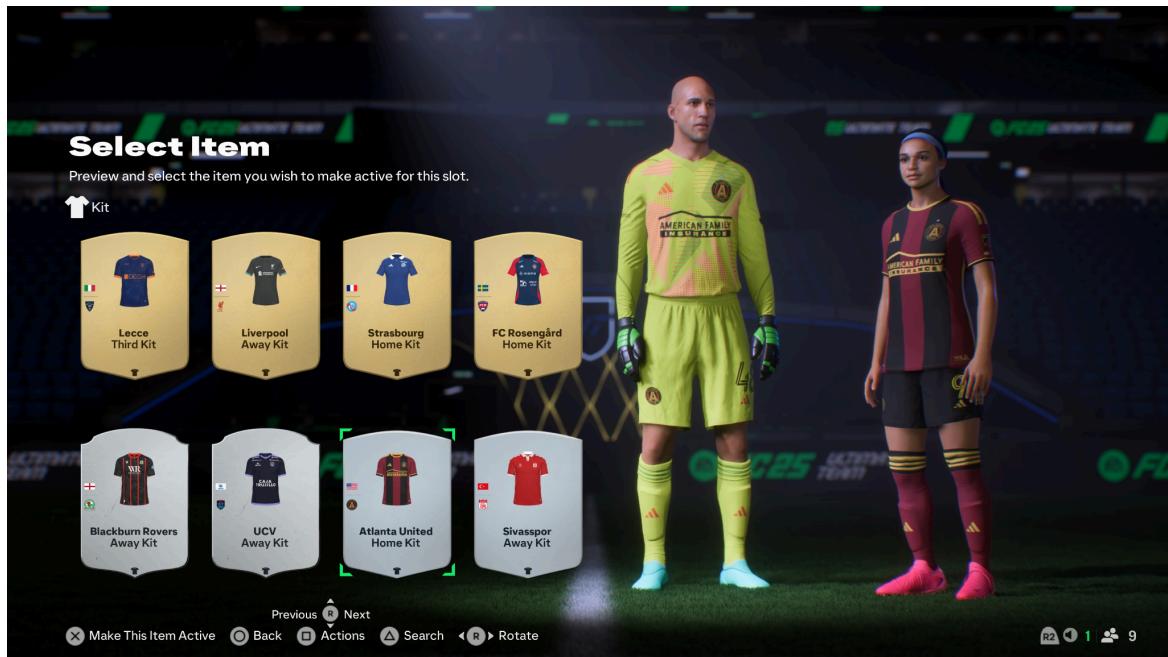
In Ultimate Team and Pro Clubs, EAFC 25 lets you personalize the look and feel of your squad's identity.

Options Include:

- **Kits & Logos:** Choose from real-world or unlocked FUT/Pro Clubs kits and badges.
- **Stadium Editor:** Modify pitch patterns, seat colors, goal net style, and banners.
- **Club Name & Abbreviation:** Fully editable before and during seasons.
- **Crowd Chants & Anthems:** Assign custom sounds for goals and intros.

Make your club stand out with unique visuals and sound identity.

**Why this matters:** Customizing your club's appearance creates a stronger sense of identity, especially in Ultimate Team or Pro Clubs, where visuals and branding can set your team apart.



**Figure 8:** Kit selection screen in EA Sports FC 25, where players can preview and equip custom or real-world jerseys to personalize their squad

# GAMEPLAY BASICS & STRATEGIES

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EA Sports FC 25 offers fluid, realistic gameplay, but mastering it takes more than button mashing. This section breaks down core mechanics, advanced tactics, and how to make the most of set pieces to gain an edge in every match.

## Basic Controls (Passing, Shooting, Defending)

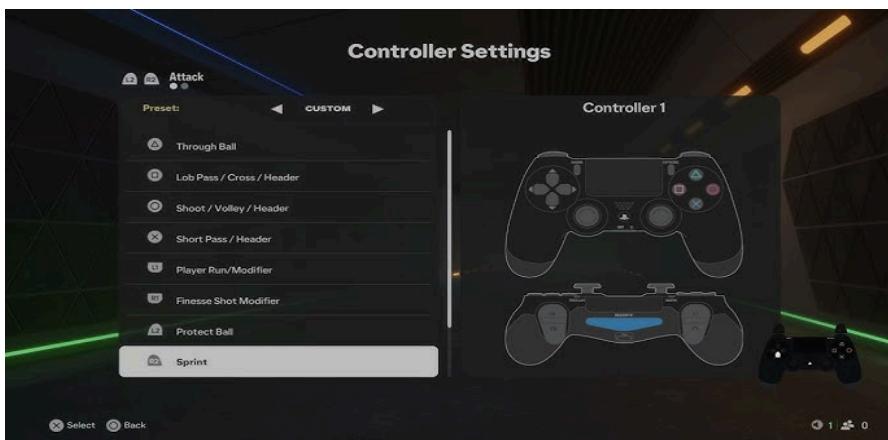
Getting comfortable with the basics is essential whether you're playing offline or online.

Key Controls Overview:

- **Passing (X / A):** Quick and short. Use L1 / LB to trigger player runs.
- **Through Balls (Triangle / Y):** Perfect for breaking defenses with timing.
- **Shooting (Circle / B):** Power and precision depend on your timing and positioning.
- **Lob Pass / Cross (Square / X):** Ideal for wide plays and long balls into the box.
- **Tackling (Circle / B):** Stand tackle; hold R1 / RB for teammate press.
- **Jockey (L2 / LT):** Stay in front of attackers and contain dribblers.

Use *Timed Finishing* (tap shoot twice) for better shot accuracy.

**Why this matters:** Understanding and mastering basic controls like passing and shooting ensures you're not just reacting—but actually strategizing and controlling the flow of the game.



**Figure 9:** Custom controller layout in EA Sports FC 25, allowing players to assign preferred buttons for key actions like passing, shooting, and sprinting.

## Advanced Skills & Formations

Once you're confident with the basics, step it up with more tactical tools.

### Skill Moves:

- **Heel to Heel Flick (Right Stick forward then back):** Quick burst to beat defenders.
- **Ball Roll (Hold Right Stick left/right):** Great for close control.
- **Drag Back (Hold R1 + L1 + Left Stick):** Useful for turning away from pressure.

### Tactical Formations:

- **4-3-3:** Balanced and great for wing play.
- **4-2-3-1:** Defensive and compact for tight matches.
- **5-2-1-2:** Solid in the back but allows counter-attacks.

**Why this matters:** Skill moves and tactical formations give you a competitive edge by allowing creative offense and tighter defense, especially in online matches where quick decisions make the difference.



**Figure 10:** Tactical formation setup screen in EA Sports FC 25, displaying the 4-2-1-3 layout within Team Management.

## Set Pieces (Free Kicks, Corners, Penalties)

Mastering set pieces can turn games in your favor—especially in tight matches.

Practice set pieces in Skill Games to get a feel for power and timing.

**Why this matters:** Set pieces are prime scoring opportunities. Mastering them helps turn close games in your favor—especially in online or ranked modes.

Set Pieces	Visual
<p><b>Free Kicks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Choose curve vs. power shots.</li><li>Use right stick to aim and spin.</li><li>Time your shot for precision.</li></ul>	 <p><b>Figure 11a:</b> Free kick setup showing curved shot aiming and spin control</p>
<p><b>Corners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Aim the cross using the left stick.</li><li>Use different cross types: near-post (L1 + Square), driven (R1 + Square), or lobbed.</li></ul>	 <p><b>Figure 11b:</b> Corner kick interface with directional aiming and cross options.</p>
<p><b>Penalties:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use the accuracy circle to aim (smaller = more accurate).</li><li>Hold shoot button based on desired power.</li></ul>	 <p><b>Figure 11c:</b> Penalty kick aiming system featuring the accuracy circle and power control.</p>

# TROUBLESHOOTING & RESOURCES

## Common Issues & Fixes

Issue	Solution
Game Won't Launch	Restart your device, ensure graphics drivers are updated, and verify game files (on Steam or EA App).
Controller Not Responding	Check connection, remap controls in settings, or reset to default configuration.
Slow Performance / Lag	Lower graphical settings, disable background apps, or switch to a wired connection.
Unable to Connect Online	Ensure your EA account is linked, restart your router, or check EA server status.
Missing FUT Items	Wait 24 hours, then check the Companion App or web app. If still missing, contact EA Support.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Q: Can I switch between controller and keyboard on PC?**

A: Yes, the game auto-detects your input device.

**Q: How do I transfer my Ultimate Team to a new console?**

A: FUT data is saved to your EA Account, not your console, but cross-progression only works within the same console family (e.g., PS4 ↔ PS5).

**Q: Do you control all players or just one?**

A: In most modes, you control the whole team. In Player Career or Pro Clubs, you control a single player.

**Q: Is there an auto-play or simulation option?**

A: Yes, some career modes allow simming matches with visual highlights.

**Q: What's the best formation for beginners?**

A: 4-4-2 is balanced for offense and defense while being easy to learn.

**Q: How can I earn EAFC cards?**

A: Cards are earned via matches, objectives, rewards, or the in-game store (packs).

They vary by rarity, rating, and chemistry links.

**Q: Can you trade cards?**

A: FUT has a Transfer Market where players buy/sell cards, not direct trades with friends.

## Staying Updated

- Check EA's website or Reddit (/r/EASportsFC) for patch notes.
- Follow Twitter/X (@EASPORTSFC) for quick tips, updates, and giveaways.

**Community Tip:** Many players share formations, tactics, and trading advice on YouTube and FUTBIN.

## Glossary

- **FUT** – FIFA Ultimate Team
- **SBC** – Squad Building Challenge
- **XP** – Experience Points
- **Cross-play** – Matchmaking with players on other platforms
- **Chemistry** – Affects how well players perform together on the pitch

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