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## FIRST THINGS FIRST

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

#### Windows®:

Operating System:	Windows® 95/98/Me/2000
Processor:	Pentium® 166 MHz or higher (233 MHz recommended)
Memory:	32 MB RAM
Hard Disk Space:	4 MB Free (if you wish to save your coaches)
CD-ROM Drive:	4X Speed or faster
Video:	1 MB Windows® 95/98/Me/2000-compatible SVGA video card*
Sound:	Windows® 95/98/Me/2000-compatible sound card*
DirectX®:	DirectX® version 5.0 or higher (DirectX® 8.0 included)

\* Indicates device should be compatible with DirectX® version 5.0 or higher.

#### Macintosh®:

Operating System:	System 7.5.5 or higher
Processor:	132 MHz PowerPC™ (233 MHz recommended)
Memory:	22 MB RAM available
Hard Disk Space:	4 MB Free (if you wish to save your coaches)
CD-ROM Drive:	4X Speed or faster

# WELCOME TO BACKYARD FOOTBALL™ 2002!

Think you know what it takes to be a winning football coach? Here's your chance to find out! Pick players from the Backyard Kids and 10 kid versions of real NFL players. Direct all the action, set the positions and call the plays. Earn offensive and defensive power-ups. Play head-to-head. It's easy to learn and fun to play! It's the chance of a lifetime to play with the pros right in your own backyard. *Backyard Football™* teams up with the NFL Quarterback Club to bring kid versions of Drew Bledsoe, Terrell Davis, Steve McNair, Jevon Kearse, Rich Gannon, Ricky Williams, Junior Seau, Donovan McNabb, Cade McNown and Brett Favre to the ranks of the Backyard Football League. It's some of the wildest football ever!

## MAIN MENU

The Backyard Clubhouse is where the excitement starts. Access the following areas from here, by clicking on the appropriate area:

### A. Single Game

This is the place to play a spontaneous afternoon pick-up game! Choose a game and create a team, then select weather conditions, a playing field, and game settings. **Note:** Playing a Single Game does not affect the Record Book, career statistics or league standings — even if you use your Season Team.

### B. Season Play

Create a coach, draft your players, and lead your team through the 14-game Backyard Football League season. Who knows — you just might make the playoffs and compete for



the right to be crowned Gridiron Grits Cereal Bowl champion! The structure and rules of the Backyard Football League (BFL) are detailed further in the **Official BFL Rules** on page 21.

### C. Meet the Players

Browse through trading cards of all Backyard and Pro Kids. Look at the kids' portraits, read their biographies and skill ratings, or click on their pictures to hear them tell stories.

### D. Hall of Fame

Here you'll find all the championship trophies, a list of all the coaches who have won them, and pictures of the winning teams. Plus, check out the Record Book — a list of the greatest achievements in Backyard Football, and the players behind them.

### E. Replay Intro

Couldn't get enough the first time around? You can replay the intro over and over.

### F. Quick Start

To get set up with a team you can play with right away, click on the right arrow in the lower right-hand corner. It will use the game settings from your last Single Game or Quick Game.

### G. Quit Game

To stop playing the game, click on the left arrow in the lower left-hand corner.

**Note:** Gameplay is saved **ONLY** when the game is quit through the Clubhouse. If you exit before completing a game, your progress will not be saved.

### H. Network Play (not available for Macintosh® users)

Windows® users can play *Backyard Football 2002* with other players over a LAN (local area network). See the Help file for details.

## SINGLE GAME SETUP

These are preferences or rules that are set before the game begins, and cannot be modified once you have passed this screen.

### GAME MODE

**Pick-Up** Play against the computer or another human opponent using a random or newly created team.

**Exhibition** Use your Season Team to play against an opponent you specify.

**Practice** Draft a team from scratch or use your Season Team to play a controlled scrimmage against Mr. Clanky's team of robots, the Tackling Dummies. Use the default playbook or load a custom playbook. If you're a newcomer to the gridiron, the Tutorial playbook will step you through the basics of the game.

### DIFFICULTY LEVEL

**Easy** The computer is slower to react and does not anticipate your playcalling. The computer will also show you which play it selected to make it easier for you. Ideal for beginners.

**Medium** Default difficulty setting. The computer's playcalling is mostly accurate, but sometimes makes mistakes. Computer-controlled players are slightly more aggressive than in Easy, but are also prone to occasional mistakes. For Two-Player games, passing requires more accuracy.

**Hard** Computer opponents draft best possible players, select appropriate and more aggressive plays a greater percentage of the time, and react faster to your players. For Two-Player games, passing requires the greatest level of accuracy and timing, computer-controlled players on both sides react more quickly and aggressively, and they make fewer mistakes.



The following settings are pre-set depending on what difficulty level you choose, but can be toggled independently.

Setting	Description	Difficulty Defaults		
		Easy	Medium	Hard
Power-Ups	Teams earn special "power plays" by accomplishing certain tasks	OFF	ON	OFF
Play Clock	Clock that gives 30 seconds to choose play	OFF	OFF	ON
Fatigue	Players tire over course of game	OFF	OFF	ON
Turnovers	Offense fumbles ball or throws interceptions (when OFF, defense drops passes instead)	OFF	ON	ON

### CHOOSE A FIELD

Select one of five available playing fields. **Note:** The surface area of each field affects the players — they run more slowly on sand and dirt, and faster on turf.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS

Choose to play in the sun, rain or snow. **Note:** In the rain or snow, players run more slowly and the football is harder to catch.

## OPTIONS

Game, Sound and Controller options are configured here. These settings can be modified at any time, whether before the game or mid-game.



## SOUND & DISPLAY OPTIONS (All Default to "ON")

- Commentary** Turn Sunny Day and Chuck Downfield dialogue on/off
- Game Music** Turn menu and touchdown music on/off
- Background Sounds** Turn ambient sounds (like birds chirping and cars driving by) on/off
- Chatter** Turn players' on-field dialogue on/off
- Weather FX** Turn weather effects (like falling snow or rain) on/off
- TD Close-up** Turn automatic touchdown close-ups on/off

## CHOOSE CONTROLS

- Player 1** Choose mouse (default), keyboard, CPU or gamepad (if installed) for Player 1 control. For a spectator game, select CPU control for both Player 1 and Player 2.
- Player 2** Choose mouse, keyboard, CPU (default) or gamepad (if installed) for Player 2 control. Select a controller type different than the computer's or Player 1's for a Two-Player game.
- Details** Click to learn button assignments or to change configuration of gamepad or mouse from 1-Button Mode to 2-Button Mode.

- Assistant Coach** Can be set on or off by each individual player. See following section for details.

## ASSISTANT COACH MODE

Assistant Coach Mode allows less experienced users to give the computer control over aspects of the game they haven't yet mastered. These settings can be individually set in Controller Options, and is of particular help in head-to-head games between unevenly matched opponents.

**Note:** Changing the difficulty level will change the defaults.

Click on the "Assistant Coach" button to select from the following options (unless you chose the Hard difficulty setting, in which case all the toggles are locked in "OFF"):

Setting	Description	Difficulty Defaults		
		Easy	Medium	Hard
QB Rush Delay (Kick Rush / "Alligator")	Delay before quarterback can be tackled. Scale goes from 5 (5-Alligator delay) down to Off (no delay)	3	OFF	OFF
Easy Pass	Automatically lobs or zings passes	ON	ON	OFF
Easy Kick	Automatically aims kicks, at maximum power	ON	OFF	OFF
Auto Pick Play	Computer automatically highlights best play for situation (can be manually overridden)	OFF	OFF	OFF
On-Field Diagram	Displays play diagram on field	ON	OFF	OFF

Individual options can be turned off at any point in the game.



## KEYBOARD COMMANDS

Purpose	Windows®	Macintosh®
Load	Sign in under coach's name	Sign in under coach's name
Quit and save	Quit from Clubhouse	Quit from Clubhouse
Quit without saving	Spacebar + Quit or Alt + F4	Spacebar + Menu or Command + Q
Pause/Unpause	Spacebar	Spacebar
Play in a window	Shift + F5	F5 or Shift + F5
Re-size the screen	Shift + F5	N/A
Terminate a scene	Esc	Esc
Change Options	Spacebar	Spacebar + menu select

## SEASON PLAY SETUP

These are preferences or rules that are set before the season begins, and cannot be modified once you have passed this screen.

### COACH SIGN-IN

Create a new season coach by clicking on the New Coach button, or continue with an existing one by clicking on the coach's name, then on the arrow in the lower right corner of the screen.



## DRAFT MODE

**First 7 Picks** The classic Backyard draft process. You get to pick your seven players unopposed, leaving the computer to draft the rest of the league from the remaining players.

**Full Draft** A more traditional draft process. You take turns with the other 23 teams, selecting players one at a time in seven "rounds" until all teams have their seven players. You get the first pick in each round, while the computer finishes each round in an accelerated fashion.



## DIFFICULTY LEVEL AND OPTIONS

Difficulty settings and Options are identical to those described in **Single Game Setup** (see page 8).

### CHOOSE A HOME FIELD

Select one of six available playing fields for home games.

### WEATHER CONDITIONS

Choose to play in constant sun, or in random weather conditions.

### CHOOSE TEAM NAME AND COLORS, AND DRAFT PLAYERS

These screens work the same as described in the Single Game instructions on page 12.

## TEAM INFO PAGE

The "home" page for your Season Team, with the following additional pages:

### Players

Team photo, player portrait, and profile.

### Statistics

View passing, receiving, rushing, defense and special teams statistics for every player on every team. Click on the column headings to hear definitions of each stat.

### Trophy Case

Trophies, individual awards, newspapers and the team Record Book are kept here. Print your mementos to show everyone your greatest football achievements!

### Schedule

View every team's schedule and track the results of every game. At playoff time, view all the matchups and results in the Playoffs section.

### Standings

View Division and Conference standings.

### League Leaders

Browse the top 10 players and teams in a wide range of statistical categories: Defensive touchdowns, Passing, Passing Yards, Receiving, Rushing, Fumbles, Kicking, Punts, Kick Returns, Punt Returns, Tackles, Sacks, Interceptions and Fumbles Recovered. Click on the column headings to view the stats.

### Options

Same as the Options tab in Single Game instructions (see page 9).

## TEAM STRATEGY

Click on the arrow in the lower right corner of the screen to advance to the **Roster** screen. Set your various team rosters (Offense, Defense, Kicking and Kick Return), make substitutions and view plays in the current playbook. Over time, you may notice your players' performance declining, due to **Fatigue**. Who's lagging and who's still



rarin' to go? A green bar next to a player's name indicates full strength, a yellow bar indicates fatigue, and a red bar indicates a player is all tuckered out. To trade a player out, click on the name of the kid you want to substitute, then click on the name of the kid you want to put into the game in the other's place.

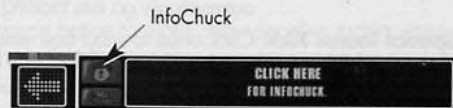
From the Roster page, click **Change Playbook** to swap plays from a play library into your active playbook. From Change Playbook, click on **Custom** to make custom plays based on pre-set formations. Then, click on a custom play diagram of your choice, and then click the **Edit** button. Choose the basic formation you want to start with, then click on the position icons to change that player's assignment, or "pattern." Scroll through the **Pattern Sets** — such as run, block or catch on offense — then select the pattern you want the player to use. Name and save your playbook so that it's available to you in other play modes and in different seasons.



Library	Positions
Offensive	QB: Quarterback, RB: Running Back, C: Center, WR: Wide Receiver
Defensive	DL: Defensive Line, LB: Linebacker, S: Safety, CB: Corner Back
Kicking	K: Kicker, H: Holder, C: Center, BL: Blocker
Kick Return	KR: Kick Returner, BL: Blocker

## InfoChuck™

Click on this icon on any game setup screen to hear helpful explanations from Chuck Downfield.



## GAMEPLAY CONTROLS

### MOUSE: 1-BUTTON

- Choose Play** Click on the page tabs to turn to different pages in the playbook. Click the "Flip Play" button to change all the plays to mirror-images of themselves. Click on diagram or title of desired play to choose it.
- Start Play** Offense Only. Click the "Hike!" cursor anywhere to start the play.
- Pass** Click beyond the line of scrimmage to pass ball to that spot. To pass to receivers who have run off the edge of the screen, click on his/her off-screen icon. To scramble, use "Run" controls described below.
- Advanced Passing** EASY PASS set to "off" in **Assistant Coach Mode** (see page 11). Tap the mouse button to throw high-arching pass ("lob"). Click and hold button to throw low line-drive pass ("zing").
- Run** Quarterback will automatically hand off or pitch ball to running back. Running back will run specified route toward end zone automatically. To manually control ball carrier, click behind the line of scrimmage to run to that spot. While holding down the button, drag cursor past the line of scrimmage; player will follow cursor as long as mouse button is held down. Once a player is beyond the line of scrimmage, clicking on the ground will direct the player to that spot.
- Defense** Before the snap, select the player you want to control. Use "Run" controls described above to direct player around field. Defender will automatically go into tackling motion when the ball carrier is in range.
- Special Teams Kick** Click once to snap ball when the animated Kick direction arrow is aimed between the goal posts. Click once more at the desired level of power to kick the ball.

### MOUSE: 2-BUTTON

- Choose Play** Click on the page tabs to turn to different pages in the playbook. Click the "Flip Play" button to change all the plays to mirror-images of themselves. Click on diagram or title of desired play to choose it.
- Start Play** Offense Only. Click the "Hike!" cursor anywhere to start the play.
- Pass** Click the right mouse button on receiver or spot on field to pass the ball. To pass to receivers who have run off the edge of the screen, click on his/her off-screen icon. To scramble, use "Run" controls described below.
- Advanced Passing** EASY PASS set to "off" in **Assistant Coach Mode** (see page 11). Tap mouse button to throw high-arching pass ("lob"). Click and hold button to throw low line-drive pass ("zing").
- Run** Quarterback will automatically hand off or pitch ball to running back. Running back will run specified route toward end zone automatically. To manually control ball carrier, click left mouse button anywhere on field to run to that spot. While holding down the button, drag cursor past the line of scrimmage; player will follow cursor as long as mouse button is held down. Once a player is beyond the line of scrimmage, clicking on the ground will direct the player to that spot.
- Dive** Click the right mouse button to make the ball carrier dive for extra yardage.
- Defense** Before the snap, use the left mouse button to select the player you want to control. Use "Run" controls described above to direct player around field.
- Tackle** Click the right mouse button to make defender dive tackle when the ball carrier is in range.
- Jump** Clicking the right mouse button while the ball is in the air will make the selected defender jump.



**Special Teams Kick** Click the left mouse button once to snap the ball when the animated Kick direction arrow is aimed between goal posts. Click once more at the desired level of power to kick the ball.

## GAMEPAD: 1-BUTTON ("DIRECTIONAL PASSING")

**Choose Play** Push left or right on directional pad (d-pad) to turn to different pages in playbook. Push up or down on d-pad to highlight desired play, or to move highlight to "Flip Play" or "Time Out." Press button 1 to choose highlighted play or button.

**Start Play** Press button 1 to start the play.

**Pass** Use d-pad to move "Pass" icon onto desired receiver. Press button 1 to pass to that player.

**Advanced Passing** EASY PASS set to "off" in **Assistant Coach Mode** (see page 11). Tap button 1 to throw high-arching pass ("lob"). Press and hold button 1 to throw low line-drive pass ("zing").

**Run** Quarterback will automatically hand off or pitch ball to running back. Running back will run specified route toward end zone automatically. To manually control ball carrier, point d-pad in direction you want the ball carrier to run.

**Defense** Before the snap, press button 1 to toggle the "Player 2" icon over the players on defense to select the player you want to control. After the snap, use the d-pad to move player around the field. Press button 1 to switch to the defender closest to the ball. Defender automatically goes into tackling motion when the ball carrier is in range.

**Special Teams Kick** Press button 1 once to snap ball when the animated Kick direction icon is aligned with goal posts, then press it once more at the desired level of power to kick the ball.

## GAMEPAD: 2-BUTTON ("TOGGLE PASSING")

Two-button gamepad controls are the same as 1-button, with the following exceptions:

**Pass** Press button 1 to toggle "Pass" icon over available receivers. Press button 2 to throw to selected receiver.

**Advanced Passing** Tap button 2 to throw high-arching pass ("lob"). Press and hold button 2 to throw low line drive pass ("zing").

**Defense** Press button 2 to manually make selected defender dive.

## KEYBOARD

The keyboard behaves exactly the same as the gamepad in 1- and 2-button mode, with the arrow keys functioning as the d-pad, the "Ctrl" key functioning as button 1, and the "Shift" key functioning as button 2.

## OFFICIAL BFL RULES

### OBJECTIVE

Score the most points by advancing the ball into the opposing team's territory and crossing their "goal line."

### POSSESSION

The kicking team kicks off from their own 40-yard line.

A ball that is fielded in the opposing end zone can be downed for a touchback. Possession of the ball is given to the offensive team at the 20-yard line.

The offensive team has four chances or "downs" to advance the ball 20 yards. If the offensive team succeeds, it is given four more downs. If the ball is placed inside the

defensive team's 20-yard line, then the offensive team is given four downs to score a touchdown.

If the offensive team fails to advance 20 yards after four downs, then possession is given to the opposing team at the spot of the ball. However, the offensive team may elect to kick a field goal or punt to the defensive team on fourth down. A missed field goal is a live ball as long as it remains in the playing field after the kick.

### **NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

Each team consists of seven kids. Play is five on five on the field. The two remaining spots on the roster are designated for Sub 1 and Sub 2. During a game, players will get fatigued — to swap them out for one of your subs, click on "Time Out" in the Playbook/Scoreboard screen.

### **FIELD OF PLAY**

The basic unit of measurement in *Backyard Football* is the Backyard Yard. One Backyard Yard = .5 meters. To keep it simple, Backyard Yards are commonly referred to as "yards."

The field of play will be 100 yards from goal line to goal line (50 meters in real-world units) and 16 yards from sideline to sideline (8 meters), with a 10-yard end zone at each end.

Field divisions are marked on the field every 10 yards, with hash marks every yard.

### **ATTIRE**

Skirts, shorts or overalls are allowed. A Backyard Certified Football Helmet is required.

Team colors consist of a primary color for the jersey and helmet, and a secondary or accent color for the stripes, facemask and logo circle on the helmet. Teams in one league can have identical color schemes, so when they play each other, the home team gets to retain their original colors, while the visiting team must wear alternate colors — usually replacing their primary team color with white.

### **TIME**

The game is divided into four 1-minute quarters.

The game clock stops after every play.

A traditional digital countdown clock keeps time.

Before a single game or before starting a new coach, you can choose to play with a play clock. The play clock allows each coach only 30 seconds to choose a play from the playbook, or else the computer will select the first play on the displayed playbook page. With this setting the center will snap the ball automatically, five seconds after the players get in position.

Computer time passes the same as real time: 1=1.

If the score is tied at the end of regulation, the game will go into Sudden Death Overtime. Possession is given to the home team. Time is not kept and the game continues until a team scores, winning the game.

### **PASSING**

An offensive player can only pass the ball from behind the line of scrimmage.

### **RUNNING/RECEIVING**

All players are eligible to receive a pass. The center is eligible only beyond the line of scrimmage.

The ball is spotted at the furthest point it was advanced when the ball carrier's knee/back/butt touches the ground.

A player must have at least one foot in bounds when making a reception. Otherwise the ball is ruled incomplete.

### **TURNOVERS**

A ball that a ball carrier drops is considered "live" and is ruled a fumble.

A backward pass that touches the ground is considered "live" and is ruled a fumble.

Fumbles may be advanced by the recovering team.

Interceptions change possession of the ball and may be advanced.

Kickoffs and punts that are first touched by any member of the receiving team are considered "live," and can be recovered and advanced by the kicking team. However, any kickoff or punt that is first touched by the kicking team but not "downed" can be recovered by the receiving team, who retain possession even if they fumble the ball on the return.

## **PENALTIES**

Penalties will not be allowed or assessed.

## **SCORING**

**Touchdown** Players can score a touchdown or extra point either by running across the opponent's goal line with the ball or catching the ball inside the opponent's end zone. Ball carriers can also run into or touch an end zone marker for a touchdown or extra point. Touchdown = 6 points

**PAT** Point After Touchdown. After scoring a touchdown, the team is given the opportunity to add one or two "extra points" or "points after touchdown" from their opponent's 5-yard line. PAT can be scored either by kicking an Extra Point Field Goal for 1 point, or by running/passing for a conversion, equaling 2 points.

**Field Goal** The offensive team can attempt to kick the ball through the goal posts from any point on the field. A successful field goal is worth 3 points. A missed field goal, if it lands in the field of play, can be returned by the defensive team like a punt.

**Safety** Safeties are ruled when offensive ball carriers are either tackled in their own end zone (the one at their end of the field) or if they fumble the ball out of bounds from their own end zone. The defense is then awarded a safety, and the offense must kick the ball to the defense. Safety = 2 points.

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