TOP SPIN 2

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Setting up the Game/Installation

To install Top Spin 2, insert the disc into your disc drive. Double click the icon that appears in your disc drive in your "My Computer" folder, or wait for the installer to pop-up on your desktop. Click on "Install" and follow the on screen instructions.

Ways to Play Top Spin 2

Top Spin[®] 2 is the ultimate tennis experience on the PC. Whether your dream is to become a tennis superstar or you just want to play spectacular matches with friends, Top Spin 2 has the game mode for you.

Exhibition

Exhibition is the quickest way to get in on the action. Start a match after choosing to play singles or doubles and assigning the gamepad or keyboard. You'll be up and running on the court in no time.

Career

Experience tennis like the pros, on and off the court. Play in a multi-season career as you juggle a full schedule of training, tournament competition, and sponsor obligations in your quest to become #1 in the world and achieve Tennis Legend status.

Tournament

Set up your own customized tournament with up to 16 users. Hone your tournament abilities and put them to the test.

Party Games

Improve your skills by playing fun mini-games with up to 3 other users.

Online Multiplayer

Play against other gamers online in singles or doubles. Play in a quick match or create filters to set up a specific type of game.



Top Spin 2 Controls

Player Movement

Use the mouse to move the player around the court.

AIMING THE SHOT

Hold a shot key then move the mouse in the direction desired: 1/1 , 1/2 : Aim shot toward the baseline or net.

 $\langle \Box | l \Rightarrow$: Aim shot toward the sidelines.

 $\langle \Box \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \Box \rangle$: Aim shot diagonally

BACKSPACE Display the score table.

ENTER Display the Pause Menu/Confirm menu options.

Basic Shots/Serves

(Volley Shots - when playing at the net)

S Safe Shot/Serve (Safe Volley). Hold for more power.

D Topspin Shot/Serve (Smashed Volley). Hold for more power.

A Slice Shot/Serve (Sliced Volley). Hold for more power.

W Lob Shot (Lob Volley). Move the mouse up and down for depth.

Risk Shots/Serves

Hold SPACEBAR and press S, D, A, or W
SPACEBAR + S Power Right Shot/Risk Serve
SPACEBAR + D Diagonal Shot
SPACEBAR + A Drop Shot/Dump Serve
SPACEBAR + W Risk Lob Shot

Release the shot button when the risk shots gauge is in the flashing yellow area.

Advanced Shots

You can learn advanced shots during Career Play. These special shots will help you handle difficult situations and win hopeless rallies. Using advanced shots costs momentum; make sure you have enough on your momentum bar before attempting one! Hold [SHIFT] and press [S], [D], [A], or [W] to use advanced shots.

 SHIFT + S
 Counter Shot

 SHIFT + D
 Passing Shot

 SHIFT + A
 Side Slice Shot

 SHIFT + W
 Dump Shot

Player Attitude

Press Q for left attitude Press E for right attitude

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Game Screen



Risk Shots Gauge Movement Cursor

Risk Shots Gauge: Assists with timing risk shots and serves.

Serve Meter: Indicates how powerful your serve will be.

Momentum Bar: Indicates how much momentum you currently have built up.

Movement Cursor: Tracks player movement.

Exhibition

From the Main Menu, select Exhibition to guickly enter a match. Select to play singles or doubles, and then assign the gamepad or keyboard. A match is created with a randomly selected venue, players, and settings. Highlight Play Match, and then press **S** to proceed to the match. Or, customize your match using Change Venue, Change Players, and Change Settings.

Venues

[SHIFT] / [SPACEBAR] click to select one of five venue types: Grand Slam, Masters, Major Pro, Minor Pro, or Playgrounds. Then press the arrow keys, \leftarrow 1 \rightarrow , to select a court. Grand Slam courts are huge 15,000+ capacity stadiums, while Playgrounds are small courts in park-like settings.

Player Selection

Choose from 24 professional players or load your customized Career player. Use the arrow keys, (\leftarrow) / (\rightarrow) , to highlight a player, click the SHIFT / SPACEBAR to view detailed player stats, and then press **S** to select the player. After that, press **A** to cycle through the available outfits, and then press **S** to select an outfit and confirm your player selection. Use D to go back to the previous selection.

Match Settings

Choose the length and difficulty of your match.

Games per Set: Select 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 games to be played in each set.

Sets per Match: Select 1, 3, or 5 sets for your match.

Difficulty: Select the level of difficulty: Hard, Normal, or Easy.

Basic Serves/Shots

Serving

A serve meter is displayed during your serve to indicate how powerful your serve will be.

To serve the ball

- 1. Press **S** to start a safe serve.
- 2. Press **S** again to set the power level on the serve meter and perform the serve. The closer the indicator stops to the top of the meter, the more powerful your serve will be.
- 3. Use the Mouse during your backswing to aim your serve.

Once you are familiar with the serving process, vary your serve by using different serve types to catch your opponent off guard.

Basic Serve Types			
S	Safe Serve- A fast serve with little or no spin on the ball.		
D	Topspin Serve- A serve with forward spin on the ball that produces a high bounce.		
A	Slice Serve- A serve with sidespin on the ball that stays low going over the net and produces a low bounce.		

Returning Serves/Shots

The key to returning serves and shots is to try to anticipate where your opponent might hit the ball so you can get into position early. The more time you have to prepare your shot, the better it will be. If you hit the ball when you are off balance, there's a greater chance your shot will go out of bounds or into the net.

To return a serve/shot

- 1. Press **S** to hit a safe shot. Press and hold the key to give your shot more power, better control over the angle, and increased accuracy. This behavior works for all shot types.
- 2. Use the Mouse after starting your backswing to aim your shot.

Basic Shot Types

S	Safe Shot- A shot with little or no spin on the ball. This shot doesn't have a lot of power or angle, but will not go out of bounds or into the net.
D	Topspin Shot- A shot with forward spin on the ball that produces a high bounce.

Slice Shot- A shot with backspin that keeps the ball low. This is an excellent defensive shot.

Lob Shot- A high arcing shot used to pull your opponent off the net or to buy time to get yourself back into position.

Volley Shots

Volley shots are performed the same way as basic shots, but when your player is at the net, the shot buttons serve slightly different purposes.

Volley Shot Types				
S	Safe Volley- A medium shot that doesn't have much power or angle, but returns the ball safely.			
D	Smashed Volley- A powerful but risky shot with some angle that can easily go out or into the net.			
A	Sliced Volley- This shot makes up in angle, precision, and depth what it lacks in power.			
W	Lob Volley- A high arcing shot useful when your opponent is also at the net.			

Risk Shots

Risk shots are more powerful and effective than basic shots, but they are also more difficult to perform. Perfect timing is required to pull off a successful risk shot. A risk shots gauge similar to the serve meter is displayed to help time your risk shots.

To perform a risk shot/serve

- 1. Click and hold the <u>SPACEBAR</u> while pressing <u>S</u>, <u>D</u>, <u>A</u>, or <u>W</u> depending on the type of risk shot/serve you want to attempt.
- 2. Release the shot key when the risk shots gauge is in the flashing yellow area. If the key is released too early, the shot will be weak or the serve will go into the net; too late, the shot/serve will go out.

Risk Shot/Serve Types			
SPACEBAR + S	Power Risk Shot- A powerful shot with no spin on the ball that can go out if you are off balance.		
	Risk Serve- A devastating serve that can ace your opponent.		
SPACEBAR + D	Diagonal Shot– A crosscourt shot used to hit the sidelines and put your opponent on the wrong foot.		
SPACEBAR + A	Drop Shot- A soft, short shot with backspin that drops just over the net.		
	Dump Serve- An underhand serve that will drop close to the net.		
SPACEBAR + W	Risk Lob Shot- A fast lob shot that can catch your opponent at the net off guard.		

Advanced Shots

Advanced shots are obtained by completing special training sessions during your career. There are four advanced shots you can learn that can help you win otherwise desperate rallies.

To perform an advanced shot, click the [SHIFT] while pressing [S], [D], [A] or [W]. Advanced shots cost momentum and can only be used if you have enough momentum in your momentum bar.

Advanced Shot Types

SHIFT + S	Counter Shot- A flat shot that uses the incoming ball's power and turns it against your opponent.
SHIFT + D	Passing Shot – A topspin shot that can pass a volley player both along the line or crosscourt.
SHIFT + A	Side Slice Shot- A viciously spinning shot that will keep your opponent confused.
SHIFT + W	Dump Shot- A crafty drop shot with an extreme angle and humiliation factor.

Momentum

Momentum is an indicator of which player (or doubles team) is dominating a match. Each player starts with zero momentum and can earn up to 100 by playing well and winning points. Playing poorly will cause you to lose momentum as your opponent gains a higher advantage. Using advanced shots will also cost you momentum. Momentum bars are displayed during every match, allowing you to track how well you are playing compared to your opponent.

Simulation

During a match in Career Play, press \bigcirc at the beginning of any game to enter the Simulation Screen. You can then simulate the next game by pressing \bigcirc or even the entire current set by pressing \bigcirc . To determine the winner, simulation takes into account which player has the highest stats and how much momentum both players have. To exit the Simulation Screen and return to the match, press \bigcirc .

Pause Menu

Press **ENTER** at any time during gameplay to display the Pause Menu.

Camera: Change the camera angle for different views of the court.

Music, FX, Umpire, and Ambiance Volume: Adjust the game volumes.

Reset Options: Revert to the default settings.

Forfeit Match: Quit the current match, accepting a loss.

Resume Game: Save your settings and continue playing.

Career

Career is a single-player game that captures the professional tennis player experience over the course of five seasons. Just as in real life, nothing comes easy. You will have to start at the bottom – ranked 200 – and work your way up. In addition to competing in tournaments to become the highest-ranked player in the world, you will have to manage a demanding schedule of training sessions, special events, and sponsor obligations. You will even develop a special rivalry with one of the players. Welcome to the Pros!

To start a career, select Career – new from the Main Menu. Then, select a gender for your player. You can also load a saved career by selecting Career – load.

Player Creator

Kick off your career by creating your own unique player. Your Career player can also be used when you choose to play online games.

When you enter the Player Creator, a player will be randomly generated for you. You can then modify nearly every aspect of your player to suit your preference.

To create your player

(Navigate the Player Creator by right clicking after completing each step.)

- 1. Choose your player's DNA (this selection will determine the initial look of your player), age, and country.
- 2. Give your custom player a name by selecting Player ID at the top and typing a name.
- 3. Choose a skin tone. Or, press **A** to generate a new random player.
- 4. Change your player's appearance by adjusting the face, hair, and body (Morphology).
- 5. Choose your tennis style and voice options.

6. Select three natural talents to establish your initial playing ability.

7. Confirm and save your player.

After saving your player, you will be able to make cosmetic changes to your player's appearance in the Sport Shop.

Note: Sliders are navigated with the (\leftarrow) / (\rightarrow) arrow keys.

Use BACKSPACE to Quit Edit Player

Career Interface

Tennis Central

Tennis Central is where you manage your career. Everything you need to become the number one ranked player in the world can be found here. As your career progresses and your ranking improves, more options will be made available to you. When you enter Tennis Central, the current time slot from the calendar is displayed. The calendar contains your entire season's schedule divided into time slots. For each time slot, you can choose

to enter a training session, compete in a tournament, or attend a special event (if available).

Press \boxed{E} at any time to display the full season calendar to help you plan which tournaments you want to play.

Press **E** to go back to Tennis Central.

Highlight any option on the calendar to view a description of the event. To play in an event, highlight an option from the current time slot, and then press \fbox{S} to select it.

Training Sessions: Perform training exercises with your coach. These exercises cost coin and reward you with stars to improve your abilities.

Basic and Risk Shot Trainings: As your career progresses, your coach will teach you how to better use specific shots at no additional cost.

Advanced Shot Trainings: After you are fully trained, you may be invited by a Pro to learn a special advanced shot. These trainings are free.

Tournaments: Compete in tournaments to win coin and improve your ranking and status. Several types of tournaments appear on the calendar. Smaller tournaments have no requirements and can be played at any time during your career, while larger ones are more exclusive and require you to reach a certain rank before you can enter them.

Special Events: Attend special events to earn additional coin or other rewards. Special events will occasionally appear on the calendar at certain points in your career based on your ranking or sponsor level.

You can access the other areas within Creator by using <u>SHIFT</u>/<u>SPACEBAR</u> Mouse Buttons while in Tennis Central. You can easily return to Tennis Central by pressing D on any other screen.

Coach Page

On the Coach Page, you can compare coaches and their maximum level of training for each training exercise. Successfully complete training exercises to earn Bronze stars that can be used to improve your abilities. To develop a particular playing style, learn the required abilities by training with the coach that specializes in that style. There are five playing styles to choose from: Volley Player, Baseline Attacker, Baseline Controller, Focus, and Power Player.

To perform a training exercise, go to Tennis Central and select Training from the current time slot.

Your coach will be one of your greatest assets in advancing your career, offering training and advice to help you win tournaments, and assisting with your sponsor offers. Change your coach free of charge after your first completed season. To hire a new coach, highlight the coach you want, and then press **S**. You must wait one season before you can rehire your previous coach.

Sponsor Page

Having a sponsor can earn you special equipment, clothing, and coin you can use to pay for training. All sponsor offers are displayed on the Sponsor Page along with the challenges you need to successfully complete in order to receive reward money.

When you first sign on with a sponsor, you enter at the Recruit level. As you move up in the rankings, gain exposure, and complete sponsor objectives, your sponsor level will increase and sponsor offers will become more lucrative. The sponsor levels you can achieve are: Recruit, Poster Boy/Girl, Standard Bearer, Image Leader, and Brand Icon. With each level, you will have access to special events that will appear on the calendar in Tennis Central.

Your first sponsor will contact you via e-mail after you have played in a few matches early in your career. As you become more famous, new sponsors will want to recruit you.

To sign on with a sponsor, highlight the sponsor you want, and then press **S**. You can change your sponsor at any time without affecting your sponsor level. After changing sponsors, you must wait one season before you can sign on with a different sponsor.

Message Center

The Message Center is where you receive and view e-mails from your coach, your sponsor, other players, and fans. You will also receive messages from prospective coaches and sponsors, invitations to special events, and notifications when you receive new sponsor gifts.

When you receive new e-mail, an alert appears on Tennis Central. Press A to quickly enter the Message Center. You may also receive voice mail messages. Press S to listen to your voice mail.

My Player

My Player contains your Trophy Room, Sport Bag, and Abilities.

My Trophy Room: All of the trophies you have won throughout your career are on display here.

Sport Bag: Holds the clothing, equipment, and accessories you have purchased or received from your sponsor. From here, you can change your outfit and equipment.

My Abilities: An inventory of the stars you have earned through training exercises and selected as natural talents.

My Stats

My Stats contains statistics on all of your tournaments and rankings.

Sport Shop

The Sport Shop is where you can make cosmetic changes to your player's appearance and buy additional clothing and equipment. Your new gear is stored in your Sport Bag located in My Player.

Coin

You need coin to pay for training exercises as well as to buy gear and to alter your player's appearance in the Sport Shop. You earn coin by playing in tournaments and special events, and by completing sponsor challenges.

Stars

Earn stars to improve your abilities and develop your playing style over the course of your career. By attempting training exercises, you will earn Bronze stars that can be put towards improving abilities specific to the exercise. If you successfully complete a training exercise, you will earn several stars. But even if you fail, the exercise is worth trying because you will earn one star for your effort. You can earn a maximum of 60 stars. As you put your training to the test by entering tournaments and special events, you will be able to transform your Bronze stars into Silver stars and eventually into Gold stars, giving your player an extra boost in those abilities.

There are three sets of characteristics that define your player's abilities. How you allocate your stars among these sets will determine your playing style.

- Attributes represent the development of your physical qualities and are influenced by Stamina, Speed, Reflexes, and Focus.
- **Techniques** represent how well you have mastered the basic shots and are influenced by Service, Forehand, Backhand, and Volley.
- **Skills** represent your proficiency on the court and are influenced by Power, Precision, and Spins.

World Ranking, Status, and Career Progression

You begin your career as a rookie, ranked 200th in the world. As you compete and play well in tournaments, your world ranking and status will improve. As your ranking increases, there are five status levels you will reach during your career: Young Gun, Rising Star, Star, Superstar, and Tennis Legend. Once you have acquired a new status, it cannot be downgraded due to a drop in the rankings. Your current world ranking and status level are displayed in Tennis Central.

The Rival

When you begin your career, one player from your home country becomes your lifelong rival. Your rival will closely follow your career, egging you on and commenting on your career progression via e-mail.

Custom Tournaments

You can create your own tournament to play alone or with up to 15 other users. In addition to the Exhibition settings selections, you will need to select the number of human players and the number of rounds your tournament will have.

To create a Custom Tournament

- 1. From the Main Menu, highlight Tournament and select New. Press S to continue.
- 2. Customize your tournament settings. When you are finished, press S to continue.
- 3. Choose a name for your Custom Tournament, and then press **ENTER**
- 4. Select a venue. When you are finished, press S.

- 6. Select the players you want to compete in your tournament. Highlight a player, and then press S to select the player. You may press A to have a random player selected for you. Press **ENTER** to have all the players randomly selected. When you are finished, press S to continue. Use Q to Move Player and E to Change Player.
- 7. From the bracket, select Play Match, Save and Quit Tournament, or Quit Without Saving.
- 8. If you play a match, you will be taken to the Side Selection Screen. Press **ENTER** to activate your gamepad or keyboard, select your player, and then press **ESC** to begin the match.

To load a Custom Tournament

- 1. From the Main Menu, highlight Tournament and select Load. Press **S** to continue.
- 2. On the Saved Games List Screen, highlight a saved file, and then press \fbox to load the file.

Party Games

Note: A minimum of two gamepads must be attached to the PC to play party games.

Party games are fun variations of tennis that you can play with up to three other users.

To play a party game, select Party Games from the Main Menu, and then choose from three mini-games to play:

Time Bomb: Make the opponent's countdown clock reach 0:00 before your own clock does by winning points.

Wall Breaker: Destroy as much of the wall of boxes as possible to earn points, and defend the wall to keep your opponent from earning more points than you. Be careful not to knock over your own wall.

Splash Court: Cover a percentage of the opponent's side of the court with permanent splashes of paint by winning points.

Online Multiplayer

Connecting

Before you can play Top Spin 2 online, you need to connect your PC to a highspeed or broadband Internet connection.

Signing In

To sign in to Multiplayer

1. Select Multiplayer from the Main Menu.

2. When the login comes up, type in a user name and select Login with S.

Player Match

A Player Match on GameSpy is a quick way to play a match with other players that does not affect your Official worldwide ranking. You can play these matches with any professional player or your own Career player. At the player match screen, you have the option to play a Singles or Doubles match. You must have two active controllers selected to play Doubles. Select the controller device you want to use and proceed by hitting **S**.



Quick Match

Highlight Quick Match from the player match selection screen. Quick Match starts an online game with the default settings. An arena is randomly chosen for this setup.

Custom Match

In Custom Match you can search for a session using filters, such as number of sets and venue selection.

Create

Create a Multiplayer session by selecting your preferred number of sets and venue.

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