



GAMER GUIDE

FIFA 22 EDITION

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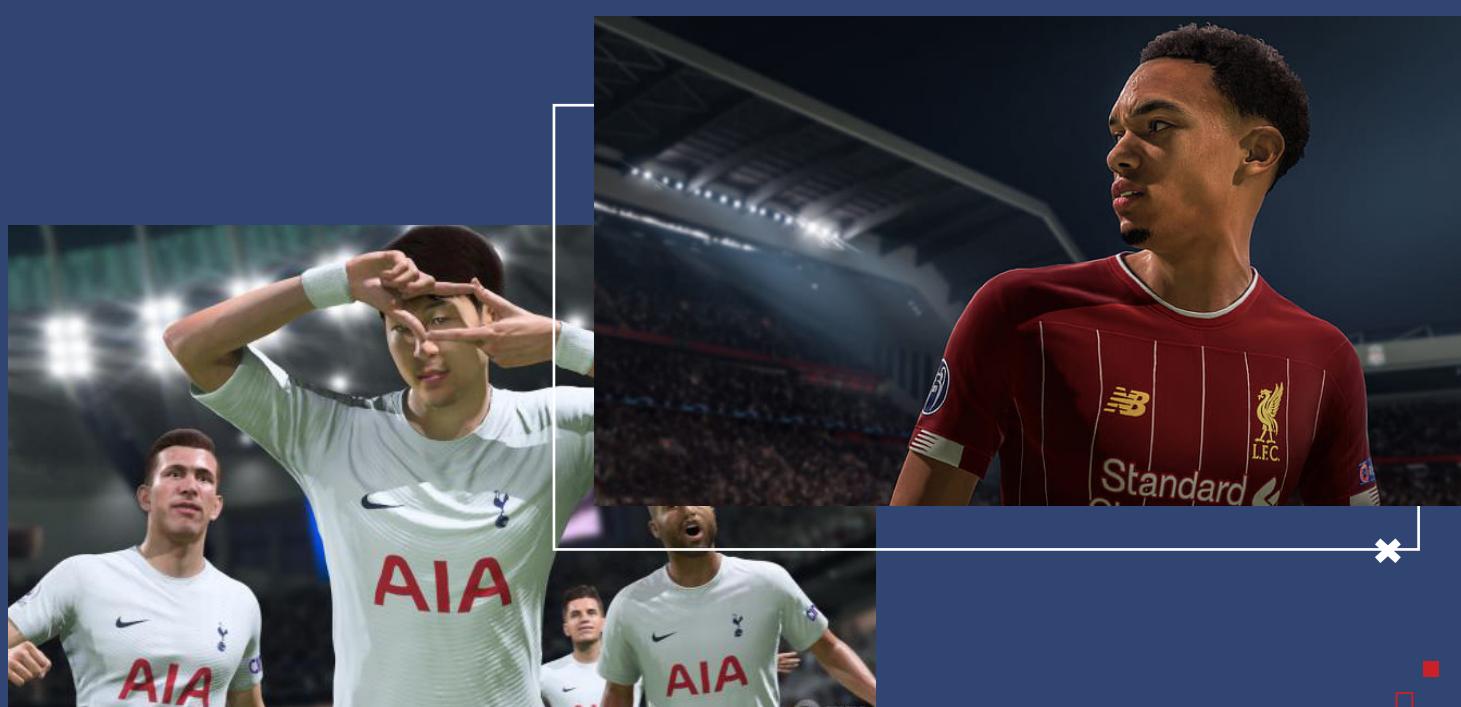
WHAT IS IT?

INTRODUCTION



Electronic Arts' FIFA series is one of the largest video game franchises of all time, with over twenty titles spanning across two decades. This giant of the sports simulation world is available across multiple platforms (PS, Xbox, PC etc.). This guide will be focusing on *FIFA 22*, the 29th instalment in the franchise.

EA and FIFA recently parted ways over a dispute around their licensing deal which has resulted in the next installation being released under a brand new name - EA Sports FC. EA has existing licensing deals that remain active outside of their former agreement with FIFA, ensuring that the game will stay true to its roots of showcasing real-world players, teams, coaches & other aspects of the football world outside of the World Cup property, which FIFA has full rights to.

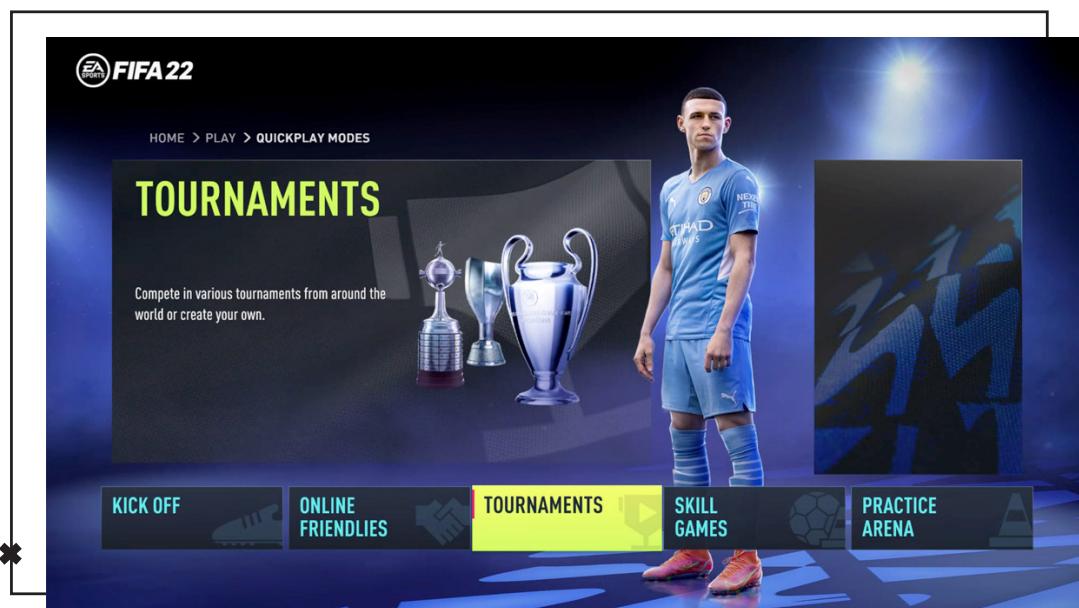




BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

Modes

There are a multitude of modes in *FIFA 22*, many dedicated to online play. With so many to cover, we've chosen the most notable ones.



Exhibition Mode - This is how FIFA started many years ago! A quick play mode that is perfect for players who don't really have a lot of time to play, its bare-bone approach to matches is simple. Set up profiles to track your Win/ Loss ratio, and choose any teams across any leagues, including the Soccer Aid and Classic XI teams.

VOLTA - Is a smaller-scale version of the old spin-off series *FIFA Street*. Volta adds Futsol to the game, allowing players to choose between 3v3, 4v4, or 5v5. This fun, fast-paced mode helps players get better at dribbling and skilling in the main game.

Career Mode - In *FIFA 22* Career Mode is split into two main parts. Player and Manager Careers are very different in terms of mechanics and approach.

"YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE"





Player Career

Work your way up the ladder from young, inexperienced player to a football legend. You'll be able to choose a real-life player or create your own fully customized character. You'll need to select a number of career settings before you can get to the action.

You'll need to build your skills, sign to teams, win awards and much more. Once your career peaks, you may choose to retire and continue your career as a manager.

Manager Career

This mode is a lot more tactical. You're responsible for the managerial aspects of your squad and as well as helping your club achieve strategic and business objectives across a variety of categories.

FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) - This game mode is not for the faint of heart. Players can build "All-Star" squads to play with against other people online. You will be able to acquire players from various teams to build your own squad. Lead this team in one-on-one games or special tournaments online or even versus AI.

Online Modes - There are a number of online modes to choose from that will allow you to test your skills against other players around the world.



GAME MODES

- Exhibition
- Volta
- Career Modes
- FUT
- Online

Mechanics

The mechanics are exactly what you would expect from a football simulator. You engage with all the aspects of the game as a player. That includes, among other things, actual tactical play:

Passing (Short, Long, Through-Ball); Shooting (Power, Accuracy, Lob); Crosses; Attacking; Defending; Character Points (Passing, Shooting, Defending, Aggression, Strength, Acceleration, Speed etc.)

Tips & Tricks!

3-4-1-2 is an incredibly versatile formation.



Formations are a very important aspect of the game. It seems simple right? Find a decent goalie, pick the 10 fastest outfield players your budget can fit, and that's it? Well, that may actually start you off pretty well! But there is always more to it. Choosing your team composition and placement requires thought and practice.

Skill moves are another mechanic you **MUST** master. It's also one of the most complicated as you will need to learn combinations and master tiered difficulty levels.

1-Star skill moves are basic tricks that anyone can pull off – even goalkeepers.

2-Star skill moves are easy for the majority of outfield players.

3-Star skill moves are slightly more specialized, think midfielders and forwards.

4-Star skill moves are not easy to pull off - faking, four-touch turns, etc.

5-Star skill moves are the best of the best - if the player has 5-star moves they can also humiliate opponents with juggling tricks.





Mechanics



Leagues

Choosing a League to play in Career Mode can be quite daunting with the impressive list EA included in *FIFA 22*: the iconic UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, brand new UEFA Europa Conference League, CONMEBOL Libertadores, CONMEBOL Sudamericana, Premier League, Bundesliga, and LaLiga Santander and many more!

Teams & Players

There are over 17,000 players across 700+ teams - there are an impressive array from all over the world. Domestic teams (including those from leagues not included in the game) as well international teams. The more prominent teams will be able to boast rosters with more real life player names & models, whereas lesser teams may not have as accurate a representation.

The same goes with players. *FIFA 22*, like the titles before it, has put significant effort into creating lifelike player models as well as realistic player celebrations, runs, movements and most importantly, stats - everything from acceleration and speed to strength and aggression.

TIPS AND TRICKS FOR A FUTURE BALLON D'OR



Tips & Tricks!

Some of the best skill moves to learn as you are starting out:
Fake Shot, Knock On, Stepover

If *FIFA 22* is your first taste of this great franchise then you'll probably appreciate some tips to get started!

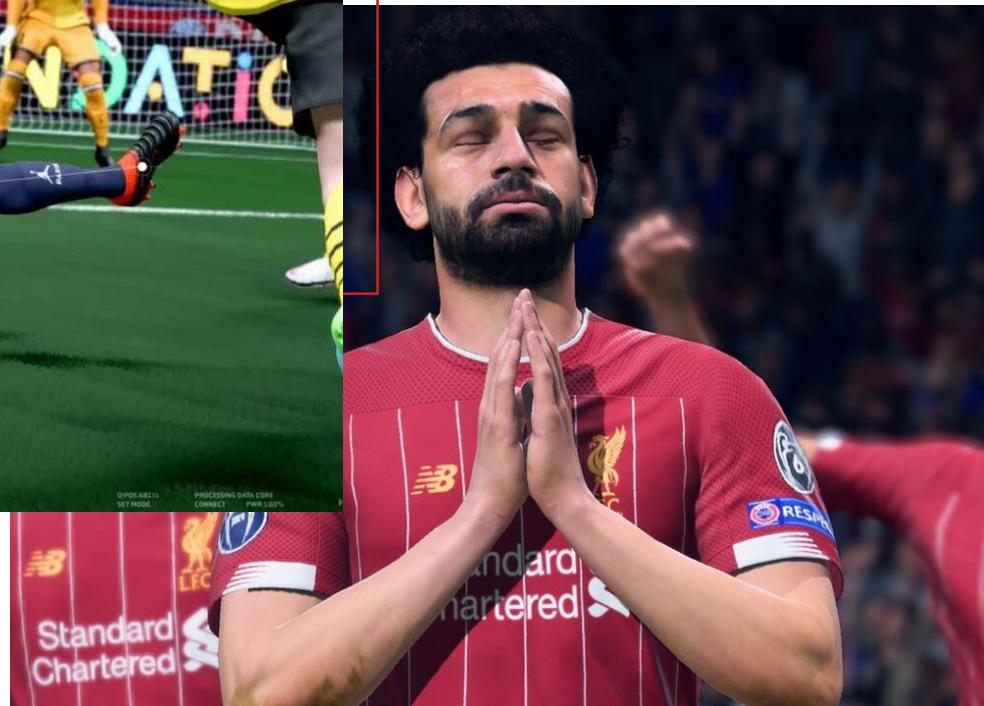
The Practice Arena is a great place to familiarize yourself with the basics. It lets players understand every facet of the game. Test out mechanics like penalties and free kicks, play open sequences or set pieces and master new skills.





BEGINNER'S TIP

The Practice Arena lets players understand each and every facet of the game, from open-play sequences to set pieces.

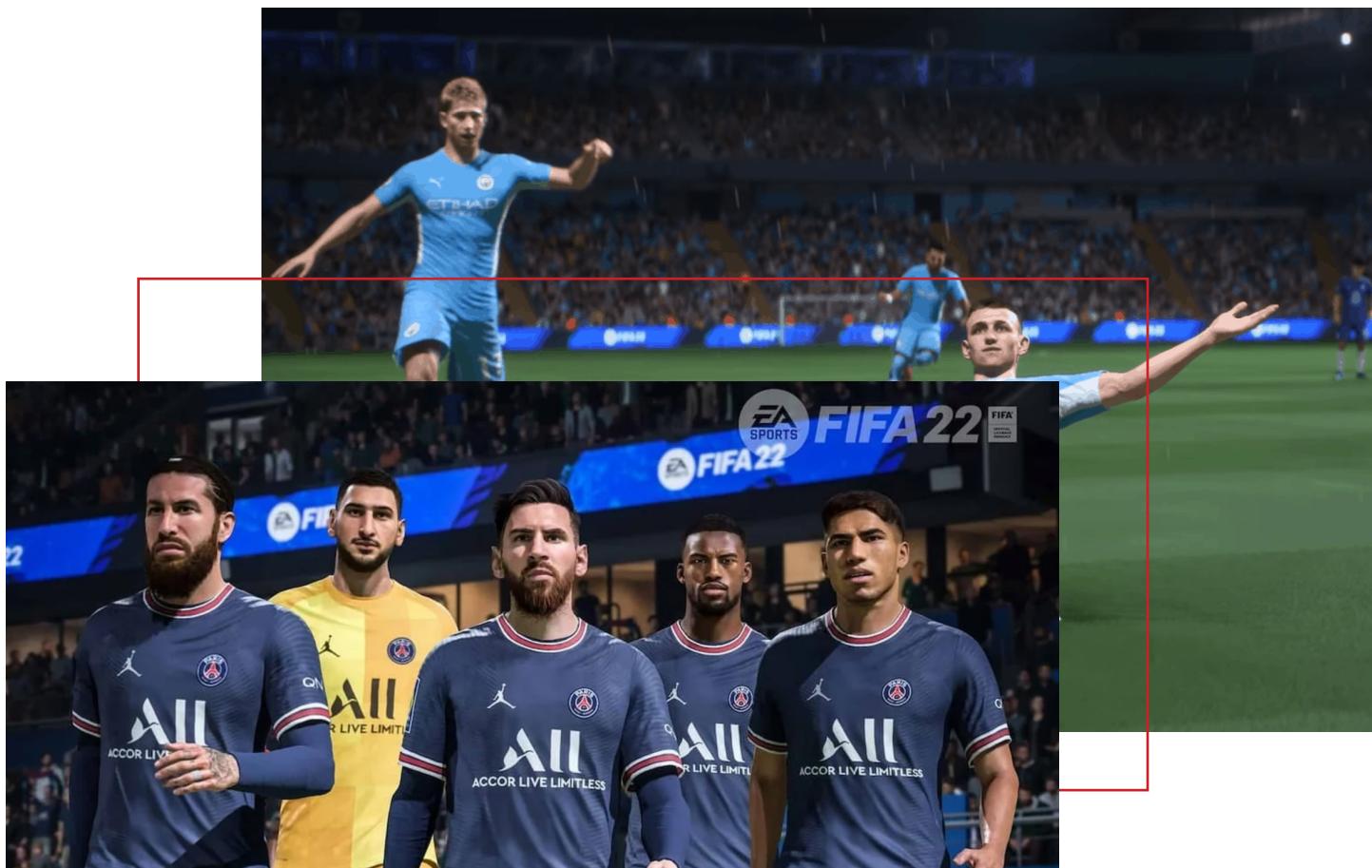


Goalkeepers were given a big buff in *FIFA 22*, so knowing where and how to shoot is essential. Outside of the box Finesse Shots are a great option. A player with a high Curve will enable you to get those out-of-the-box shots.

When you're just starting out, use your AI defence in the back instead of your centrebacks. You're better off attacking the player with the ball with a CDM. As you get more comfortable in defence you can start switching to your CBs more often.

Winning more matches means conceding fewer goals. Work on your defence! If you don't concede any goals then the absolute worst result you can get is a draw.

A few skill moves can come in handy! Manoeuvres like the fake shot can help you gain space. It can be a pretty good strategy when you're rushing the goalkeeper too. This increases your probability of scoring!



Career mode as a manager has one tricky mechanic - negotiations! They are a key part of managing any team in *FIFA 22*. Getting the best possible deals for your club won't be easy, but you can take some of the pressure off while you're learning the ropes. While setting up your career, go set Negotiation Strictness to "loose". The deals won't fall into your lap, but it won't be excruciating.

Don't rush! Maintaining possession is very valuable, something new players won't know. Once you're on the field, there's no need to rush for the goal. That will land you in hot water, surrounded by the opposing team and once you lose the ball? Good luck getting it back! So take your time and think ahead.

Think ahead. Yeah, that's right! You've read that twice now. It's that important. If you want to go from a casual player to a good one, you're going to need to start thinking a few steps ahead. Don't just pass the ball to an open player—think about what they're going to do with the ball once they receive it. Instead of just running into an open space, think about how to manoeuvre through it to a successful goal.

Watch pro players compete, and watch streamers play. You'll see new angles, different applications of the mechanics, and get a better grasp of current METAs (most effective tactics available).

Probably the simplest, yet hardest advice? You don't have to be the number one player in the world to enjoy playing *FIFA 22*. There are going to be players who are better than you and going up against them isn't the worst thing that could happen. You win some, you learn some!