

Awesome fielding! It's all under your control with simpler yet more sophisticated operation. With loads of features, you'll be an All Star! It is the ultimate baseball simulation you've dreamed of.

GAME INFO

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Players: 1-2

Developer: Culture Brain

Released: 1991

Rarity: fairly rare

Special Features: Internal Battery

Cover Art on cartridge:

- Shows three different frame animations of a player pitching, swinging, and making contact with the ball

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- 2) Game Basics -
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The SNES controller fits fairly well to the entire baseball theme. Most of your primary functions are set to the four main buttons, and there's no really worry about pressing side triggers to affect your swing or anything. It basically comes down to your timing skills when hitting, and what directions you press when pitching.

KEY representation for each button:

- Y = Y button (pink)
- X = X button (pink)
- B = B button (dark purple)
- A = A button (dark purple)
- L = L button (gray, top left)
- R = R button (gray, top right)

Control Pad = directional pad (black)

START = start button (black)

SELECT = select button (black)

/Menu Controls/

START - advances through most menus

A - confirms selection

B - rejects selection

Control Pad - navigates through menus

/Batting/

START - calls time

X - picks powerup (if available)

A - swings bat

Y - tells runner (on base) to steal

Control Pad - moves batter in box, affects where bat hits ball

- To perform a full swing while batting, simply hold down A. You must time the swing so that it makes contact with the pitch when tossed by the pitcher.

Wherever the ball makes contact with the bat usually affects its direction. If you press and hold the control pad along with a swing, this can often affect the pull of the ball. For example, pressing up and to the left on an inside pitch will cause for you to pull the ball in that direction if you time it right. This increases your chances of homeruns.

- Try to hit the pitch with the fat chunk of the bat. You can often miss pitches that are too far inside, or too far outside. To bunt, simply tap A for a short period, and wait for the player on-screen to put his bat halfway out. To direct the bunt, aim the bat in a certain angled direction.

/Pitching/

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START - calls time

X - picks powerup (if available)

A - tosses pitch

Y - pitcher steps off rubber, pickoff move

Control Pad - moves pitcher on white rubber (horizontally)

- also affects velocity, stamina used per pitch, and direction

- The longer you hold down the A button, combined with the pressing down of a specific direction, affects the velocity and direction of your pitch. Charging the pitch longer causes for a more speedy pitch while pressing down towards the plate. However, pressing up the entire time will cause for a slower changeup to occur. Experiment by curving pitches back and forth slightly before the release of the pitch. The pickoff move zooms out to a whole portion of the field. After you press Y, simply press the direction of the base + A to toss the ball to that base.

/Fielding/

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Direction + A - tosses baseball to respective base

Direction + Y - has fielder run towards that base

Control Pad - controls direction of player

B - player dives

- You can move your fielder around by using the control pad. To catch pop flies, direct him under the path of the ball, and a "catching" animation will appear. To toss the ball to a specific base, press the direction of the base on the field (left = 3rd, up = 2nd, right = 1st), and tap A. Players are prone to making errors, so be weary.

/Running/

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B + Direction - causes for base runner to advance to that base

A + Opposite Direction - causes for runner to go back to the previous base

- Baserunning is fairly easy. To advance to the next base, press the corresponding one base on where your runner is. For example, if you want to go to second base, press Up + B and your runner will go from first to second. A small icon should pop up in the lower left corner to designate so. To run back to the previous base, press Right + A (to go back to first). It's a simple concept. Runners slide on their own.

/Player Ratings/

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Super Baseball Simulator 1.000 makes exclusive use of player ratings throughout the game. While it may not seem like much, these ratings affect how your players compete on the field. Ratings are usually universal for all players, but there are also some exclusive ones for specific positions as well.

{[^ Hitter Ratings ^]}

B = bats left or right
St = batting stance (different selections)
P = position
Av = batting average, chance of contact with a pitch (higher is better)
Hr = home run chance, chance of a homerun per hit
R = running speed (on the bases and the field)
F = fielding abilities, aka less errors/diving plays

{[^ Pitcher Ratings ^]}

ERA = earned run average, how many runs the pitcher gives up per 9 innings
SPD = velocity of the average pitch, higher means faster pitches
R = running speed (on the field)
L = location, accuracy when throwing pitches at the plate
F = fielding abilities, aka less errors/diving plays
St = stamina, how durable the pitcher is before getting tired

/Hints, Tips/

In the game of baseball, there isn't much you can do. Most of the actual gameplay in Super Baseball Simulator comes down to smart decision making and knowing when to swing at a pitch. Here are some key points in specific areas of the game.

{[^ Batting ^]}

- Batting can be a difficult process if you don't take it conservatively. The primary objective when you bat is that you want to get on base. Regardless of how you do it doesn't matter. To essentially get a hit, you need to time your swing of the bat with the pitch from the pitcher. To do so, hold down A right when the pitch is about 2 feet in front of the batter. It all depends on the velocity of the pitch, and where it's curving.

- Move yourself in the direction parallel to where the pitcher moves. If you notice the pitcher moving to the right side of the rubber, cheat yourself in the box, and move a tad to the right. Chances suggest that the pitch is going to be on the outside corner, and you have to be ready to pound it.

- Use your ultra powerups sparingly. Save them for times when the bases are juiced, and you need a guaranteed hit to score some runs. Always press in the same direction of where the pitch is, respective to when you swing. For example, if an inside pitch is coming towards you (and you're a right handed batter), press Up + Left + A to perform an upward leftern swing. While it may not look like it on the screen. You'll actually pull the ball in that direction. If you time the swing right, you can often pull off easy homeruns without the help of powerups.

- Bunting isn't too difficult. Simply tap the A button till your batter holds the bat out about halfway. Don't give it away too early. To angle your bunt,

^ Each let's you select the amount of human players. The number of innings can be set as well:

9, 5, 3, or 1 innings >> From here, you must select any available teams

- After you've picked your two teams, you have the option of selection additional "changes."

> Errors (Yes/No) --> Players will make mistakes and fielding errors

> Computer (Standard, Advance, Expert) --> decides upon difficulty of CPU

Finally, you're able to select from 6 different stadiums to play in:

Dome Stadium --- 120 meters by 100 meters
Harbor Stadium --- 112 meters by 90 meters
Town Stadium --- 122 meters by 85 meters
Grass Stadium --- 122 meters by 100 meters
CB Stadium --- 110 meters by 90 meters
Brown Stadium --- 120 meters by 85 meters

From here on, you may select whether or not you want to control your team (HUM), let the CPU take control (CPU), or manage the team (MGR). You also select your starting pitcher (four starters, two relievers to choose from), along with your starting lineup. This is how all games are start inside Super Baseball Simulator.

/Season/

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In a realistic sense, season mode is basically like your MLB season. Teams compete in full-game schedules to reach the playoffs, and eventually become world champions. Of course, the path is no easy challenge. You must wield your way through the schedule to have the best record. You'll also need players of superstar caliber, who can hit homeruns on command, and close out games when needed. This is the primary mode of Super Baseball Simulator. After selecting this mode, you have the option of selecting from:

- 5, 15, 30, or 165 game series for your season.
- 9, 5, 3, or 1 innings per game

From here on, you must pick a league that you will compete in. There are four different leagues to choose from (Atlantic, Northern, Ultra, or Original). In the original league, you compile your own teams by adding the default game ones, or your own created ones. A menu will pop up. You have to pick which teams will be CPU, HUM, or MGR commanded. If you only want to control one team, set only one to Human control, and the others to CPU control.

In season mode, statistics can be viewed via the top 30 hitters, pitchers, along with team standings.

/Edit/

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This is the unique feature of the entire game. Edit Mode allows you to customize every aspect of the game. You can assign Ultra Powerups to specific players, create your own team with custom uniforms. Heck, you can even emulate the real major leagues by naming all of the players as their real counterparts.

Edit Mode is split into three types:

category of hitting.

: Great starting bullpen, all in the 3.00 to low ERA range. Plenty of stamina, speed, and specialty available.

: Nice team if you're looking to break the old Bambino curse.

|((= Toronto =))|

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: Low average hitters, not much contact, strikes out a lot. Few homerun hitters though to make up for the loss.

: Starting bullpen is weak, high ERA (4.00s). Excellent closer, good locational pitchers.

: Not much to work with here. One of the worst teams in the game that most people overlook because of their Canadian origin.

|((= Detroit =))|

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: Has one of the best homerun hitters in the game (Tom, 55 HRs). However, low contact hitting team.

: One of the worst bullpens/starting rotations in the game. High ERA, although a decent closer.

: This can be a fun team to work with as they have a few specialties, but nothing worthy of a glass of champagne.

|((= Oakland =))|

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: One of the best leadoff hitters in the game. Has a few homerun hitters in the middle of the lineup. However, they lack depth in the lineup.

: Best closer in the game with an amazing ERA. Starting bullpen is solid with 2 starters, but shaky in the rest.

: Probably a true playoff caliber team. As you can see, they certainly have talent to compete, it's just a matter of key timing.

|((= Chicago =))|

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: Hitters are nothing worthy of great. Low contact, hardly any homerun bombers. Lacks any true superstars.

: Excellent closer, starters are actually well-rounded and seem to be very stable.

: Reminds me of the Cubs. Unfortunately, this was before they had any Sammy Sosas, but another challenging team to take on in the game.

|((= Texas =))|

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: Horrible contact hitting team. Great fielders though.

: Closers are nothing exceptional. Starting bullpen is great though, plenty of speed and accuracy combined.

: Not what one would expect from the desert-filled state. Not much talent up front, and too lacking in the hitting department to be a legit contender.

/Northern League/

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My personal favorite league. Has a nice combination of teams that are very competitive. Great balance of talent as well.

|((= Pittsburgh =))|

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- : Decent hitters, with about 2 power hitters tossed in the mix. Lack speed though on the bases.
- : Superb starters, except their bullpen is only mediocre. Could use a shutdown reliever.
- : Nothing exceptional here, but Pittsburgh is reminiscent of a comeback team. Never ready to give up.

|((= New York =))|

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- : Great contact hitting team with a well balanced approach to hitting. There's even depth on the bench.
- : Competitive bullpen with low ERA starters, and lots of stamina. Closer is decent as well.
- : Maybe not your New York Yankees, but this team certainly has talent that can lead to a world championship.

|((= Montreal =))|

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- : Low contact hitting team, lack of power as well. Nothing exceptional in fielding, or even speed in this case.
- : Excellent bullpen with two solid relievers. Starters are all very similar, and have below average ERAs.
- : Unfortunately, Montreal doesn't have much to offer with. They're an underpowered team without much outlet to back up their claims.

|((= Cincinnati =))|

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- : Average contact team that makes up for it with fast runners. Two power hitters as well.
- : Amazing low ERA bullpen. Starters could use improvement, but they do have one shutdown starter.
- : My personal favorite team. Uses a combination of speed and low ERA support to win games.

|((= Los Angeles =))|

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- : High contact hitting team. Possesses a superb homerun hitter.
- : Bad starting bullpen, high ERAs. Pitching is nothing worthy of a medal.
- : Nothing like the modern day Dodgers. LA is basically a notched-up hitting team that just suffers in the pitching department.

|((= Houston =))|

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- : Mediocre contact team with 3 great power hitters. Very slow team though.
- : Starting bullpen has its ups and downs. Some starters are good, others are bad. Closers are a mixed bag.
- : Nice uniforms, but not quite as good as the actual roster. Relievers could use some boosts.

/Ultra League/

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If you've ever wanted to play in a league of All-Stars, this is it. The Ultra league is basically teams composed of All Stars with Ultra Powerups. This can provide for both fun and agonizing experiences.

|((= All Stars =))|

/////=====\\ \\ \\ UNIs: Black T-Shirt/Gray
: Amazing contact team, along with 3-4 power hitters.
: Starting bullpen has a shutdown starter with perfect accuracy. Two excellent closers as well.
: Great All Star team with plenty of talent, but not quite as good as I expected.

|((= Homers =))|

/////=====\\ \\ \\ UNIs: Blue T-Shirt/Red
: Excellent lineup full of power hitters. Unfortunately, none of them have extreme numbers, but certainly worthy of homerun hitters. Contact is very good as well.
: Their one closer has amazing speed. Starting bullpen is very good, each with fast pitching speeds as well.
: Not quite as explosive as I expected, but a great team nonetheless. Bullpen was much more composed than I was expecting.

|((= Sweepers =))|

/////=====\\ \\ \\ UNIs: Purple T-Shirt/White
: Beyond realistic, perfect leadoff hitter. Has Olympic-like speed with a very high AVG (.492). There are even a few power hitters tossed in as well. The AVGs seem to plummet though.
: Pitchers have varying amounts, including extremely high stamina (80s). A few have high velocities as well.
: One of my favorite souped up teams. They're fairly odd, but it seems like they have extreme ratings that no other teams have.

|((= Powers =))|

/////=====\\ \\ \\ UNIs: Yellow T-Shirt/Purple
: Amazing contact hitters, along with some of the highest homerun hitters as well. Few speedy runners tossed in the mix.
: Shutdown starters with fast velocities and extremely low ERAs. One reliever sucks though with 44 speed.
: Really a powerful team if you look at their overall basis. Great pitching, superb hitting, not much more to ask for.

|((= Heroes =))|

/////=====\\ \\ \\ UNIs: Dark Red T-Shirt/Pink
: Averages seem to boost from really high to really low. Speedy runners along with several power hitters. Pinch hitters absolutely suck.
: Top three starters have fast pitches, high stamina, and accuracy. However, closers are nothing to brag about.
: Not as heroic as I expected, although I could probably imagine one of the players screaming "Freedom!"

|((= Winners =))|

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: Excellent contact hitters, along with hybrid combinations of power hitting. Well balanced speed and ALL have excellent fielding abilities.

)) Gamewinners.com ((for providing the sole game genie cheat code. It may not be much, heck it may not be anything, but it's nice to know that you've dedicated a page on your website for this old baseball classic.

)) The Evolution's Ultra Swing and Pitch Guide ((for providing a few key definitions of what some powerups were. I never was able to use all of the powerups in the game, so your brief descriptions helped me interpret their effects.

)) Culture Brain ((for creating a decently good baseball game that has tons of replay value. Seriously, this was a step forward in the progress of the sports genre. If only modern day developers did something along these lines...

"Some people make sacrifices to make other people happy." - Chris Zawada

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