

owner update

a) The 2 balldriver tools seen in the *Game Care* video have been simplified to 1. Now both ends of the drive springs are connected using the 1/16" balldriver. The larger player/goalie setscrews hold better, and are easier to access and work.

b) Goalies take many hard knocks, and even their larger setscrews loosen. Suggest putting a *tiny touch* of superglue gel into the *dimple* of goalie peg (blot excess with tissue) then mount as usual. This gives the goalie a long-lasting, added insurance. The player setscrews hold well and rarely need the superglue treatment. Repair stripped threads in nylon bushings by removing the setscrew and then coating the threads with superglue on toothpick. Let dry 10 minutes. If any spring disconnects from nylon bushing, wind spring counter-clockwise fully back into bushing and secure where spring meets bushing with a drop of superglue. Superglue gel also repairs any loose grips or any under ice black bumpers.

c) *Rules of Thumb:* Tighten rod setscrews fully - tighten upper setscrews to snug. Hold the player or goalie peg *deep* in bushing while tightening, player parallel to ice.
(righty tighty - lefty loosey)

d) When mounting or adjusting players, reach from the near side of rink on wings and defensemen, and from the end of rink for goalies and centers. (remove box)

e) Deflector Shields come with new games, and are available from Parts Menu. Clear shields clip onto the end glass - keep many pucks in play.

f) Red and Blue ultra fine *Sharpies* work well to touch up the linework on your ice. Let dry 5 minutes to prevent smearing.

g) *Game Prep:* Before the guys arrive for a session - here is my routine:
1. Lift game onto the side without the handle to access underneath, and check the tightness of all 12 rod setscrews with balldriver. 2. Wipe the top of the base table with wet cloth, then reset the game back on its legs - wet suction cups hold great. 3. Check and adjust rink levels and fully tighten side knobs - legs firm to stop pins. 4. Novus is good for cleaning the surface, glass, frame and grips. 5. Finish the ice with a spray furniture polish for an ultra fast surface. Spray onto a soft cloth and spread evenly on surface. Wipe pucks and rods with cloth, then give a final buff to the ice with a fresh *Bounty* towel until dry and slick. 6. Get out the scoresheets and timers - sharpen a pencil - put on a pot of coffee - and we're ready for guests!

h) Wall Mounting: Here's a safe way to display your game when not in use. With help, position game horizontally and level on wall and mark the top left and right corners with masking tape. Measure the center between corners, then mark 11" from both sides of center mark and 1/2" down from the top horizontal line. At any hardware, get two, 1-1/2" to 2" (max) - right-angle steel brackets. Mount brackets angle up, beneath the top line and outside the 11" lines using hollow wall anchors with screws or bolts. Game weighs 35 lbs. Check that each bracket is secure. Wrap hanging brackets with cloth tape to cushion. Game hangs handle side up from top inside of frame and becomes a real hockey sculpture!

good games to all!

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