

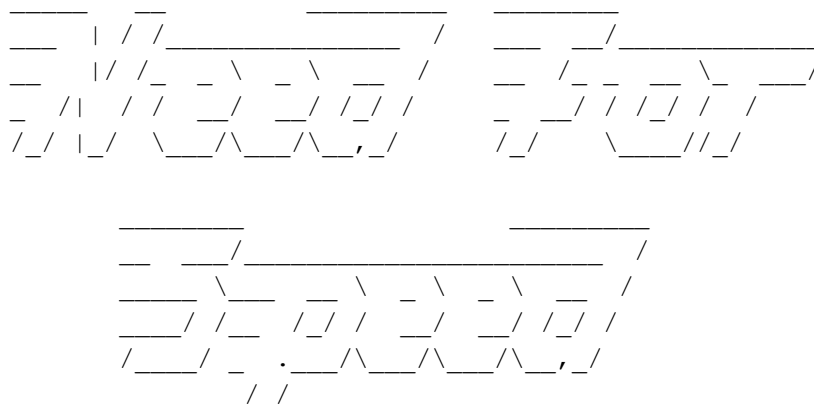
Need for Speed: High Stakes Race/Prize Guide

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This walkthrough was originally written for Need for Speed 4: High Stakes on the PSX, but the walkthrough is still applicable to the PC version of the game.

A Race/Prize Guide for...



H I G H S T A K E S

Need for Speed: High Stakes Race/Prize Guide
Platforms: PlayStation and DOS/Windows
Version: Final
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1. INTRODUCTION

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Hi. I wrote this Guide to help fellow Need for Speed freaks like myself understand what cars are in the game, and which ones are the best. This Guide will also show you what prize money you will win for each Event, which tracks those Events are raced on, the difficulty of each, and a strategy for each Event.

Need for Speed: High Stakes is a wonderful arcade racer with all the trimmings. It's one of the many Need for Speed games from Electronic Arts, and so far it's the best one, with Need for Speed 3: Hot Pursuit following close behind. :)

Game Info:

Game: Need for Speed: High Stakes
Platforms: PlayStation and DOS/Windows
Players: 1-2
Price: \$16.99-\$39.99
Difficulty: HARD
Best Car: McLaren, or Porsche 911
Best Color for a car: Yellow!
Better than NFS 3?: Just a bit
Coolest feature: The helicopter!
Best Tip: Save your money!

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3. UPDATES/REVISION HISTORY

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Version 0.5 (01/15/00)

* First Version, still not complete. I need to finish some of the Special Event Races to see how much money you win for each, and to get everything else I need for those Events.

Version 1.0 (02/13/00)

* Final, complete version. It took FOREVER to beat this game! Why is High Stakes so hard? Oh well. Got everything that I want in this Guide, so there shouldn't be anymore updates.

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4. Cars

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Terminology:

///..... Rankings for each aspect of a vehicle. 10 of these "///" means that that aspect of the car is the best, while 1 of these "///" means that that aspect of the car stinks. It's on a scale of 1-10.

Acceleration..... Determines how fast a car can gain speed, or "accelerate".

Top Speed..... The Top Speed of a car tells how fast the car is capable of going in MPH.

Brakes..... The Brakes are what causes the car to stop, and the better the brakes, the easier and faster your car

will stop or slow down.

Handling..... This aspect of a car tells you how well the car can handle while racing. The better a car handles, the easier it is to win races.

Overall..... This ranking shows you how good the car is in all aspects, and how well it performs against other cars.

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MERCEDES: SLK-230

- - - - -
Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
Brakes: /////
Handling: /////
Overall: /////
- - - - -

Price: \$20,000
Level 1: \$3,000
Level 2: \$5,250
Level 3: \$6,750

A great car for beginners, since it's pretty easy to handle, and has a slower accelerator.

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BMW: Z3 ROADSTER

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Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
Brakes: /////
Handling: /////
Overall: /////
- - - - -

Price: \$20,000
Level 1: \$3,000
Level 2: \$5,250
Level 3: \$6,750

Another great car for beginners, because of it's relatively lower top speed, and luxury car status.

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CHEVROLET: CAMERO Z28

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Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
Brakes: /////
Handling: /////
Overall: /////
- - - - -

Price: \$22,000
Level 1: \$3,300
Level 2: \$5,775
Level 3: \$7,425

I never did like Cameros, so I don't much like this one either. Although it has a little bit of acceleration, it lacks in Braking, therefore bringing the Overall

Score down.

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PONTIAC: FIREBIRD T/A
- - - - -

Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
Brakes: ///
Handling: /////
Overall: /////
- - - - -

Price: \$22,000
Level 1: \$3,300
Level 2: \$5,775
Level 3: \$7,425

The Firebird is an ok car to use. It lacks in almost all of the categories. I never did like it.

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ASTON MARTIN: DB7
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Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
Brakes: ///
Handling: /////
Overall: /////
- - - - -

Price: \$40,000
Level 1: \$6,000
Level 2: \$10,500
Level 3: \$13,500

The DB7 is a pretty awesome car. It has great Top Speed and Acceleration, with good handling. Recommended.

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JAGUAR: XKR
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Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
Brakes: ///
Handling: /////
Overall: /////
- - - - -

Price: \$40,000
Level 1: \$6,000
Level 2: \$10,500
Level 3: \$13,500

The Jaguar is also a great car, although it's tough to maneuver at times.

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BMW: M5
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Acceleration: /////
Top Speed: /////
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Brakes: /////
Handling: ////////
Overall: ////////

Price: \$40,000
Level 1: \$6,750
Level 2: \$11,813
Level 3: \$15,188

I like this car a lot. It's the best sedan in the game, and has great acceleration and Top Speed. Once you soup it up, it'll be awesome.

CHEVROLET: CORVETTE

Acceleration: //////////
Top Speed: ////////
Brakes: ////////
Handling: ////////
Overall: ////////

Price: \$60,000
Level 1: \$9,000
Level 2: \$15,750
Level 3: \$20,250

Although the Corvette is a great car all-around, it's quite expensive. You'll only want to purchase the Corvette if you have a lot of cash. Otherwise, just save up for a Ferrari or Porsche.

FERRARI: 550 MARANELLO

Acceleration: //////////
Top Speed: ////////
Brakes: ////////
Handling: /////
Overall: ////////

Price: \$75,000
Level 1: \$11,250
Level 2: \$19,688
Level 3: \$25,313

Personally, I love all types of Ferrari's. They are awesome machines to behold. The Maranello is a great car all-around, and is well worth the 75 Grand is costs.

PORSHE: 911 TURBO

Acceleration: //////////
Top Speed: ////////
Brakes: ////////
Handling: ////////
Overall: ////////

Price: \$175,000
Level 1: \$17,500
Level 2: \$30,625
Level 3: \$39,375

I'll admit it. I LOVE Porsches. I just adore them. So it's not a mystery when I tell you that I love the 911, and how well it handles, how fast it goes, and how good it is overall. It's worth the steep price tag. :)

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FERRARI: F50
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Acceleration: ///////////////
Top Speed: ///////////////
Brakes: ///////////////
Handling: ///////////////
Overall: ///////////////

Price: \$225,000
Level 1: \$22,500
Level 2: \$39,375
Level 3: \$50,625

Like I said earlier, I like Ferraris a lot. I'm not really sure if the F50 is worth the \$225,000, but if you have the money, buy it.

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LAMBORGHINI: DIABLO SV
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Acceleration: ///////////////
Top Speed: ///////////////
Brakes: ///////////////
Handling: ///////////////
Overall: ///////////////

Price: \$200,000
Level 1: \$20,000
Level 2: \$35,000
Level 3: \$45,000

The Lamborghini Diablo is an awesome car, and a very powerful one too. Although the only drawback to the power is that the handling suffers a bit. Still a good choice.

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MERCEDES: CLK-GTR
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Acceleration: ///////////////
Top Speed: ///////////////
Brakes: ///////////////
Handling: ///////////////
Overall: ///////////////

Price: \$500,000
Level 1: N/A
Level 2: N/A
Level 3: N/A

This is one of the best cars in the game. The GTR is the number TWO car in the game, right behind the McLaren. If you have the money, definatly buy this baby.

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MCLAREN: F1-GTR
- - - - -

Acceleration: ///////////
Top Speed: ///////////
Brakes: ///////////
Handling: ///////////
Overall: ///////////

Price: \$500,000
Level 1: N/A
Level 2: N/A
Level 3: N/A

The McLaren is the best car in the game. It has perfect EVERYTHING, and then some. It also looks cool, too. :) Buy it immediatly, once you have the money.

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5. Race/Prize List

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TOURNAMENT 1: Worldwide Roadster Classic

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- Tracks: 1) Landstrasse
 2) Route Adnof
 3) Kindiak Park

Difficulty: Easy

1st Place: \$10,000
2nd Place: \$8,500
3rd Place: \$7,000

Strategy: If you get a Gold on this Event, you'll unlock "Twilight Open Series".

- - - - - TOURNAMENT 2: Regional Club Circuit - - - - -

- Tracks: 1) Route Adnof
 2) Landstrass
 3) Kindiak Park
 4) Durham Road

Difficulty: Medium

1st Place: \$20,000
2nd Place: \$17,500
3rd Place: \$15,000

Strategy: A Silver opens the "Durham" track, and a Gold opens the "International Road Race."

TOURNAMENT 3: Super Sedan Challenge

- Tracks: 1) Route Adnof
 2) Landstrasse
 3) Kindiak Park
 4) Durham Road

Difficulty: Medium

1st Place: \$30,000
2nd Place: \$27,500
3rd Place: \$26,000

Strategy: A Gold unlocks the "Knockout Challenge", and Celtic Ruins Track.

TOURNAMENT 4: Grand Touring Competition

- Tracks: 1) Landstrasse
 2) Celtic Ruins
 3) Kindiak Park
 4) Route Adnof
 5) Dolphin Cove

Difficulty: Hard

1st Place: \$110,000
2nd Place: \$105,000
3rd Place: \$100,000

Strategy: A Gold unlocks the "Corvette Pro Cup", and Dolphin Cove track.

TOURNAMENT 5: International Supercar

- Tracks: 1) Celtic Ruins
 2) Kindiak Park
 3) Landstrasse
 4) Route Adnof
 5) Durham Road
 6) Dolphin Cove

Difficulty: Hard

1st Place: \$175,000
2nd Place: \$150,000
3rd Place: \$125,000

Strategy: A Gold opens up the "Porsche Pro Cup", and the Snowy Ridge track.

TOURNAMENT 6: GT Racing Competition

Tracks: 1) Raceway 2
 2) Raceway
 3) Raceway 3

Difficulty: Hard

1st Place: \$250,000
2nd Place: \$225,000
3rd Place: \$200,000

Strategy: A Gold unlocks the "Endurance Racing Competition", and all three Raceways.

SPECIAL EVENT 1: Weekend Road Racing Classic

Tracks: 1) Route Adnof
 2) Landstrasse

Difficulty: Medium

Entrance Fee: \$5,000
1st Place: \$10,000
2nd Place: \$7,500
3rd Place: \$5,000

Strategy: None.

SPECIAL EVENT 2: Twilight Open Series

Tracks: 1) Kindiak Park
 2) Route Adnof
 3) Landstrasse

Difficulty: Hard

1st Place: \$12,000
2nd Place: \$10,000
3rd Place: \$7,500

Strategy: None.

SPECIAL EVENT 3: International Open Road Tour

Tracks: 1) Landstrasse
 2) Kindiak Park
 3) Route Adnof
 4) Durham Road

Difficulty: Hard

Entrance Fee: \$5,000

1st Place: \$15,000

2nd Place: \$10,000

3rd Place: \$7,500

Strategy: None.

SPECIAL EVENT 4: Knockout Challenge

- Tracks: 1) Route Adnof
 2) Landstrasse
 3) Kindiak Park
 4) Durham Road

Difficulty: Hard

Entrance Fee: \$10,000

1st Place: \$45,000

2nd Place: \$0

3rd Place: \$0

Strategy: None.

SPECIAL EVENT 5: Corvette Pro Cup

- Tracks: 1) Landstrasse
 2) Durham Road
 3) Kindiak Park
 4) Dolphin Cove

Difficulty: Hard

Entrance Fee: \$20,000

1st Place: \$20,000

2nd Place: \$15,000

3rd Place: \$10,000

Strategy: A Gold unlocks the Pro Cup Corvette car.

SPECIAL EVENT 6: Open Knockout Challenge

- Tracks: 1) Celtic Ruins
 2) Durham Road
 3) Kindiak Park

Difficulty: VERY Hard

Entrance Fee: \$20,000

1st Place: \$75,000

2nd Place: \$0

3rd Place: \$0

Strategy: None.

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6. FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

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1) Q: How many cars are there in NFS: High Stakes?

A: There are about 14 cars, NOT including hidden ones?

2) Q: Ok then, how many hidden ones are there?

A: There are three hidden cars to race with, and one helicopter. :)

3) Q: How many tracks are there in NFS: High Stakes?

A: There are around 10 tracks in the game.

4) Q: What is the best car in the game?

A: Either the McLaren or the Mercedes CLK-GTR. Those are the best.

5) Q: Why is this game so HARD?

A: I dunno. Maybe EA wanted to make it more...um...challenging.

6) Q: Why can't I use <insert car name here> in
<insert race name here>?

A: Because there are rules that apply for almost every race where only certain cars can enter. Sorry.

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7. Secrets

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-Activate Horn

To toggle the horn, hold R1 and press Up while driving.

-Activate Lights

To toggle lights, press the corresponding buttons while driving.

-Hazard lights -- hold L1 and press Down

-Head lights -- hold L1 and press Up

-Left turn signal -- hold L1 and press Left
-Right turn signal -- hold L1 and press Right
-Siren * -- hold L1 and press Up
* Pursuit vehicles only.

Submitted by Cavel Antoine and CSlater8

-Bonus Music Tracks

First, go to the audio options from the main menu. Then go to the cd player and select it. Go all the way to the bottom, and there are two music tracks that are turned off. Just turn them on, and you can listen to them while your driving.

Submitted by Dave97521

-Cheat Codes - Load Screen

After selecting "Start Race", hold indicated buttons until race starts to activate its corresponding cheat.

-Blurred vision -- Up + L2 + R1

-Dashboard view -- Up + Triangle + X

-Heavy car * -- Left + Square + Circle

-Slow CPU cars ** -- Left + Square + Circle

* Test Drive and Hot Pursuit mode only.

** Tournament and Special Events mode only.

-Cheat Codes - User Name

To activate a cheat, enter its corresponding code (without spaces) as a player name. (Note: When cheats are enabled, the Save Game function is disabled!)

-All police cars -- NFS_PD

-English-speaking police on all tracks -- BIG OVEN

-Phantom concept car -- FLASH

-Police helicopter * -- WHIRLY

-Tian hotrod -- HOT ROD

* Test Drive mode only.

-Drive Phantom Concept Car

To unlock the Phantom racer, you must win all six events in Tournament mode.

Submitted by Michael Langford

-Drive Pursuit Vehicles

To unlock a patrol car, you must arrest 10 speeders in Hot Pursuit mode.

* Pursuit Vehicles

* BMW M5

* Chevrolet Caprice

* Chevrolet Corvet

* Helicopter #

* Lamborghini Diablo SV

* Porsche 911

Test Drive mode only.

Submitted by Charles Miller

-Drive Special Edition Corvette

To unlock the race-bread Corvette, you must place first in the Corvette Pro Cup.

Submitted by Michael Langford

-Drive Special Edition Porsche 911

To unlock the race-bread Porsche, you must place first in the Porsche Pro Cup.

Submitted by LIL B

-Drive Titan Hotrod

To unlock the Titan, you must win all 8 Special Events.

Submitted by Michael Langford

-Drunken Mode

At the Loading screen, press and hold Up + L2 + R1

Submitted by DJ M

-Easier Tickets

Enter Pursuit Mode and choose a cop car. When the game starts, hold L1 and press UP to turn off your sirens. The person running will slow down. When you've caught up to him, press L1 + UP to turn your sirens back on, then pull him over.

Submitted by Brandon

-Fly Police Helicopter

To unlock the helicopter, you must arrest 10 speeders using every police vehicle in Hot Pursuit mode.

Submitted by Michael Langford

-Turbo Boost

To activate turbo boost, enable Dashboard cheat and press d-pad Up while driving.

Submitted by Tom Porter

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8. CREDITS

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CJayC- For accepting all of my FAQs, and for creating the best web site on the net!

Gamesages.com- For the codes

Me- For writing this FAQ! :p

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- Ape Escape
- Brave Fencer Musashi
- Crash Team Racing
- Gran Turismo 2
- Medal Of Honor
- NBA Live 2000
- Need for Speed: High Stakes
- Tony Hawk's Pro Skater
- R4: Ridge Racer Type 4
- Rollcage

NINTENDO 64:

- NBA Live 2000
- Mario Party 2

DREAMCAST:

- Carrier
- Crazy Taxi
- Hydro Thunder
- MDK 2
- Sega GT: Homologation Special
- Sega Rally 2
- Sega Swirl
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