

10 Must-do's for Sky Muster™ satellite Internet gaming

Use this quick reference infographic to get the most out of your Sky Muster™ Internet gaming experience.



1 Be careful of download limits

Know your data allowance and check the size of the file you need to download before you can even start to play the game.

Although your game might be playable offline, there are sometimes massive files to download first. You could very easily find you've used up all your monthly allowance in one go.

That's really not a fun discovery.



Avoid first-person shooter games

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Most first-person shooter games chew up a ton of data super quick and also are heavily impacted by latency.



3 Turn-based games are the best style of game if you want to play against others online

Turn-based games remove the pressure that comes from the inherent latency of a satellite Internet connection. You'll find games like Chess are perfect.



Choose single-player games

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Single-player games are not impacted by latency and can be played offline, saving both data and grief.



First-person shooter games will drive you mad



If you were playing Call of Duty: Black Ops 4, for example, you would use approximately 40MB of data per hour. The latency issue (lag, ping, delay, etc.) on top of that means that you have to wait a couple of seconds after you pull the trigger to see if your aim was any good. Meanwhile, you're dead. Lag like that is also likely to get you kicked off the game server.

5 Consider buying a physical copy of your game if you can

When you're on a satellite Internet connection, it's far better plan to buy your game of choice as a physical copy if you can. This way you're not wasting your precious data on potentially data excessive downloads.

The only hiccup in this plan is that you can't always get physical games for your PCs. You just need to check your game box, or the product description in your online store.

6 Use a launcher and download your game during your off-peak hours

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Launchers like Steam and GOG.com allow you to control settings around when updates happen. They will allow you to schedule your downloads to maximise your off-peak data.



7 Avoid other downloads or online activities while online gaming

Other people watching Netflix or using VOIP (Internet telephony) on your Internet connection while you're trying to game will make your experience essentially untenable.

If you're really committed to online gaming from your satellite Internet connection, find a time when nobody else is doing anything online in your home.

8 Regularly run antivirus software on your PC to make sure there are no nasties slowing down your performance

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Regularly running antivirus software is a stellar idea for your security anyway. However, in terms of your gaming performance, when you're on satellite Internet, you can't afford to have anything extra happening that could slow you down.



9 Don't use wireless gaming accessories

Wireless gaming accessories (like a wireless controller or mouse) put you at an immediate disadvantage. They come with a natural propensity for interference and delay. It's just another thing that can slow you down, so they're best avoided.



10 Optimise as many settings as you can

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This only applies to PC gaming and we've got a bunch of tips in our Definitive Guide to Gaming on Satellite Internet that you can try out if PC gaming is your preferred way to roll.

Other gaming consoles are already optimised for performance when you get them. Still, PCs have a range of settings to adjust because of their many uses beyond gaming.

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