

# HighScoreSaves Kit Tips and Menu Guide

*Helpful setup tips for HighScoreSaves Free Play and High Score Save Kits | Updated July 2026*

Thank you for purchasing a HighScoreSaves Free Play and High Score Save Kit. This guide explains the most common menu features, score backup options, reset functions, online score uploading, and multigame menu access so you can get the most from your kit.

**Important:** This page applies to HighScoreSaves branded Free Play and High Score Save Kits. Menu options may vary slightly by game, kit version, PCB hardware, and whether your kit is Standard or Wi-Fi Enabled.

## Quick Summary

- Most kit settings are adjusted from the built-in setup menu.
- To access the setup menu, power off the game, hold Player 1, then power the game on.
- Factory default DIP settings can be restored from the menu or by holding Player 1 and Player 2 during power-on.
- Many kits allow you to backup and restore saved scores.
- Wi-Fi Enabled kits can upload scores online when properly configured.
- PK and SK keys are unique to your online high score account.
- Multigame kits use a game selection menu to choose which game to play.

**YouTube Setup Help:** For additional help, visit the HighScoreSaves YouTube channel. We post setup examples, kit walkthroughs, and menu demonstrations for supported games.

[Visit the HighScoreSaves YouTube Channel](#)

## Standard Kits and Wi-Fi Enabled Kits

HighScoreSaves kits are available in different versions depending on the game and product. All kits save scores locally on your machine, while Wi-Fi Enabled kits can save scores locally and upload scores online when configured.

### Standard Kits

Standard kits provide Free Play, high score save features, menu options, DIP setting adjustments, attract sounds and other game-specific features. Scores are saved locally on your arcade machine.

### Wi-Fi Enabled Kits

Wi-Fi Enabled kits include online score uploading features when properly configured. These kits can send scores to the Global Leaders board and your personal online high score page.

Some older online kits used a wired Ethernet module with Cat5 or Cat6 cable. Current kit options may vary by product, so always follow the product page and installation guide for your specific kit.



**Important:** Online or Wi-Fi hardware must be included with the kit version you purchased. It is not available as a simple add-on later.

## How to Access the Setup Menu

The setup menu allows you to adjust kit options, game settings, DIP settings, score save features, reset behavior, and other supported features.

### Basic Menu Access

1. Turn the game power off.
2. Press and hold the Player 1 button.
3. While holding Player 1, turn the game power on.
4. Release Player 1 when the on-screen instructions tell you to release it.
5. You should now be in the main setup menu.

This menu access method helps keep the setup options away from guests, family members, or casual players. Once configured, the kit can operate normally without the setup menu being visible during regular play.

**Tip:** If you cannot access the menu, make sure the Player 1 button is working correctly and that you are holding it before applying power to the game. You will release when the message on monitor appears to release.

## Boot Menu

Some HighScoreSaves kits include a boot menu option. When enabled, the kit will boot into the setup menu.

### Boot Menu Enabled

When the boot menu is enabled, the game will boot directly to the menu settings every time the arcade machine is powered on. This is helpful if you want easy access to the kit settings.

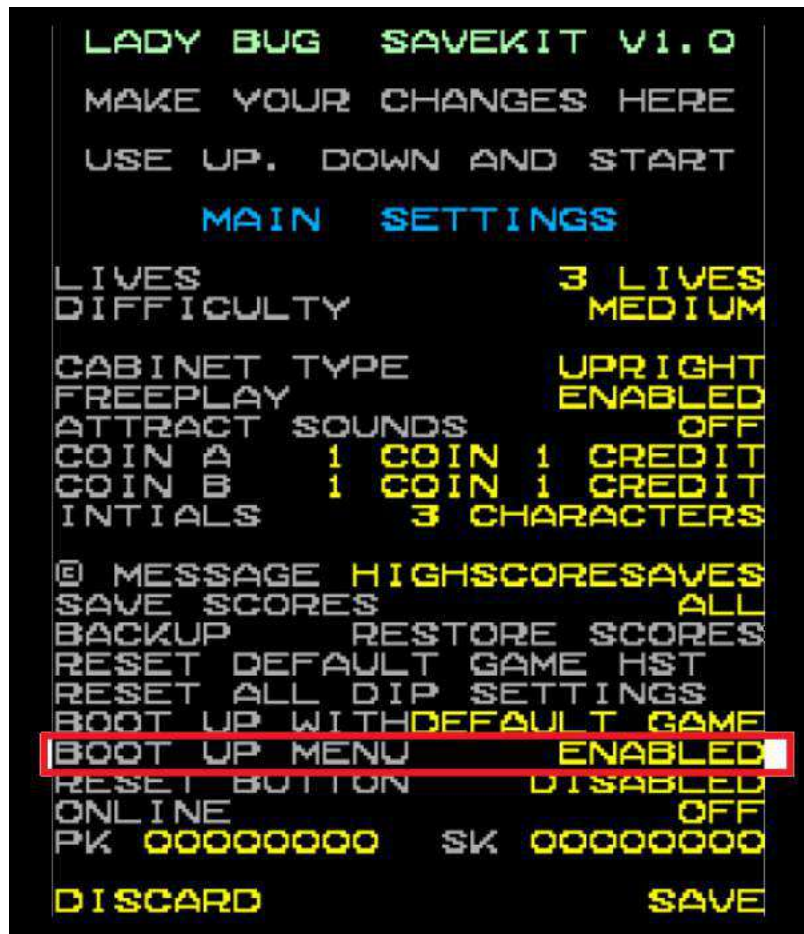
### Boot Menu Disabled

When the boot menu is disabled, the kit can operate in a more hidden or “stealth” style. The game will start normally, and you will need to hold Player 1 while powering on the machine to access the setup menu.

Many customers prefer this setting because the game looks and starts more like a stock arcade machine while still keeping all the kit features available.

### Example: Boot Up Menu Setting

Example from a Ladybug HSS kit showing the Boot Up Menu option highlighted. When this setting is enabled, the boots to the settings menu. When disabled, you can still access the setup menu by holding Player 1 while powering on the game.



*Ladybug HSS kit example - Boot Up Menu enabled.*

## Factory Reset and DIP Defaults

If menu settings become incorrect, confusing, corrupted or difficult to access, all kits include a way to restore DIP settings back to the HighScoreSaves factory defaults.

**Caution:** Resetting DIP settings will restore the kit settings back to factory defaults. Any custom menu settings you changed may be lost. This also means losing your high scores.

### Reset from the Setup Menu

If you can access the setup menu, use the menu option to restore DIP settings or reset the kit settings to default. Follow the on-screen prompts.

### Reset During Power-On

1. Turn the game power off.
2. Press and hold Player 1 and Player 2 at the same time.
3. While holding both buttons, turn the game power on.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions.

This option is helpful if you cannot access the setup menu or if settings become corrupted.

## Backup and Restore Scores

One of the best features of many HighScoreSaves kits is the ability to backup and restore your scoreboard. This lets you protect your favorite high scores before a party, event, tournament, or game room gathering.

### Backing Up Scores

Use the Backup Scores option in the setup menu to save the current scoreboard. Follow the on-screen prompts. The process usually takes only a few seconds.

### Restoring Scores

After others have played, you can return to the setup menu and use the Restore Scores option. This restores the scoreboard back to the point when the backup was created.

#### Example Use

Before a party, backup your scores. Let everyone play and have fun. After the event, restore your saved scoreboard and your original scores return.

The restore feature only works if you created a backup first.

**Important:** Any scores earned after the backup may be removed when you restore the previous scoreboard. This is for local scores only.

## Reset Option

Some kits include a reset option in the menu. When enabled, this feature allows you to perform a soft reset without turning the entire arcade machine off and back on.

#### Soft Reset

When the reset option is enabled, holding Player 1 while the game is running will “soft boot” reset the game and return it to the startup sequence.

If the reset option is disabled, the button shortcut will not perform a soft reset.

Exact reset behavior may vary by game and kit version. Always follow the menu prompts for your specific kit.

## Wi-Fi and Online Score Uploading

Wi-Fi Enabled kits can upload scores to your personal online high score page when the online feature is enabled and the kit is correctly configured.

In the kit setup menu, the online setting will appear as OFF, ON, or ON-T, depending on the game and kit version. For all Wi-Fi Enabled HighScoreSaves kits, the online upload feature should be set to ON-T after your keys and network information are entered. ON-T stands for “Tournament Mode” and always allows initial entry for the last place score to enter their initials. Leave this off if you have a standard save kit.

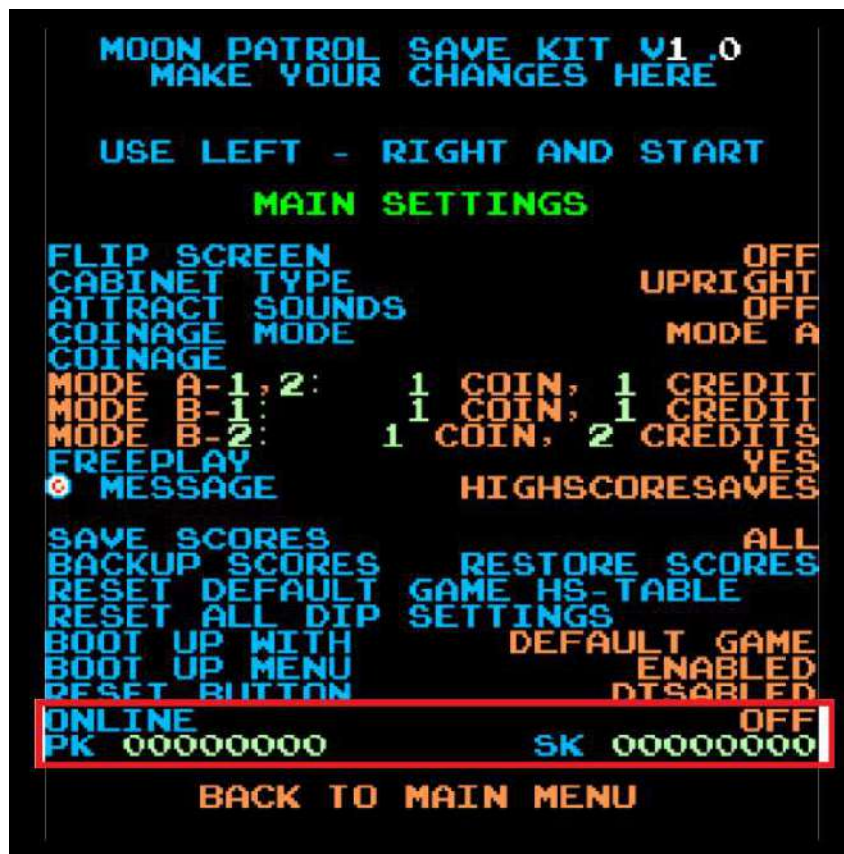
## Basic Online Setup

1. Enter the setup menu.
2. Find the online or Wi-Fi section.
3. Enter your PK and SK keys exactly as provided.
4. Enter or confirm any required network settings.
5. Set the online feature to the correct enabled setting, commonly ON-T.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the menu and save your settings.

If you do not want the kit connected online all the time, you can turn the online feature off in the menu. Scores will still save locally when local score saving is supported by the kit. Scores will never upload when turned off. Scores will only upload if you are connected to your Wi-Fi and you enter your initials to be saved. If initials are not saved when game is complete, they will not upload.

## Example: Online, PK, and SK Settings

Example from a Moon Patrol HSS kit showing the online settings area highlighted. If your kit is Wi-Fi Enabled, enter your PK and SK keys exactly as provided, then set the online feature to the correct enabled setting for your kit. These keys must be entered and the setting turned to ON-T for your scores to be uploaded.



Moon Patrol HSS kit example - Online, PK, and SK settings.

## Network Notes

- Wi-Fi Enabled kits require a compatible wireless network.
- Your Wi-Fi network must support 2.4 GHz connections when required by the kit.
- Signal strength, router settings, passwords, firewalls, and local network conditions can affect uploading.
- Older wired online kits may require Cat5 or Cat6 Ethernet cabling and compatible network settings.

## PK and SK Keys

Wi-Fi Enabled and online kits use a PK and SK key pair to connect your kit to your online high score account.

The PK and SK keys are unique to your online high score account.  
Enter both keys exactly as provided, including all letters and numbers.

## Using Multiple Online Kits

If you have more than one Wi-Fi Enabled or online kit on the same account, you will normally use the same PK and SK keys for each supported game tied to your online high score page.

Keep your PK and SK keys in a safe place. You may need them again when setting up another Wi-Fi Enabled kit, restoring settings, or moving a kit to another cabinet.

**Important:** If your keys are entered incorrectly, score uploads may fail or may not appear on your personal online high score page. However, scores will be stored locally.

## Multigame Menu Access

If you have a HighScoreSaves multigame kit, the game menu lets you choose which game you want to play.

### Accessing the Game Menu

1. Make sure the game is powered on and running.
2. Press and hold Player 1 for approximately 4 seconds.
3. The game may pause or freeze briefly.
4. Release Player 1.
5. The multigame selection menu should appear.

**Important:** The game menu must be enabled, and at least one game must be enabled, for the multigame menu to work properly.

This feature applies to supported multigame kits such as Pac-Man family multigame kits, Taito multigame kits, 3DK kits, and other supported HighScoreSaves multigame products.

## Troubleshooting Tips

### I Cannot Get Into the Setup Menu

- Confirm you are holding Player 1 before turning the game on.
- Confirm the Player 1 button and wiring are working correctly.



- Try holding Player 1 a little longer during startup.
- Release Player 1 when the message on your monitor says to.
- If needed, use the Player 1 and Player 2 power-on reset option to restore default settings.

### **Scores Are Not Uploading Online**

- Confirm the kit is a Wi-Fi Enabled or online-capable version.
- Confirm online uploading is enabled in the menu.
- Confirm the PK and SK keys are entered exactly as provided.
- Confirm your network settings are correct.
- Confirm your Wi-Fi network supports the required connection type.
- Confirm the cabinet has a strong enough signal or network connection.

### **The Multigame Menu Does Not Appear**

- Confirm your kit is a multigame kit.
- Confirm the game menu is enabled in the setup menu.
- Confirm at least one game is enabled.
- Hold Player 1 for approximately 4 seconds while the game is running, then release when your monitor says to.

### **Settings Seem Wrong or Corrupted**

Restore the DIP settings to factory defaults using the setup menu or the Player 1 and Player 2 power-on reset method. This will reset your kit to factory settings. All your settings changes and scores will be gone.

## Helpful Resources

Use these resources for installation guides, Wi-Fi setup information, online leaderboards, and additional HighScoreSaves support.

<a href="#">Installation Guides PDF Index</a>
<a href="#">Wi-Fi Enabled Kit and Standard Kit Information</a>
<a href="#">Global HighScoreSaves Online Leaderboards</a>
<a href="#">HighScoreSaves YouTube Channel</a>
<a href="#">HighScoreSaves Facebook Page</a>

## Need Help?

If you have a question about your HighScoreSaves kit, menu settings, Wi-Fi setup, online high score page, or installation, please contact us. We are happy to help.

Email: [sales@highscoresaves.com](mailto:sales@highscoresaves.com)

Phone: 602-888-6715

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