

In **control mode** your controller drives Windows: cursor, clicks and keys. It is **on automatically on the desktop** and **pauses itself while a game or Big Picture is in front**, so games always get your pad untouched. Buttons below use Xbox names; on PlayStation or Switch pads the same positions apply. Default layout shown: **Handheld** (Steam Deck style). Chose Classic in the wizard? See the box at the bottom.

CURSOR & CLICKS

RS	Move the cursor
LS	Scroll
RT	Left click (hold to drag)
LT	Right click
L3	On-screen keyboard
R3	Task View (open windows)

NAVIGATION

LB	Browser back
RB	Browser forward
D-Pad	Arrow keys (hold to repeat)

BUTTONS AS KEYS

A	Enter
B	Esc
X	Tab
Y	Space
Start	Enter (Menu button)

COUCHPIT ITSELF

Back tap	On-screen cheat sheet (your live bindings)
Back hold	Peek the shortcuts overlay (page 2)
Guide	Unbound (Steam handles the Xbox button)

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. **Back** + **Start** **toggles control mode**, anytime, anywhere: desktop, game, Big Picture. It is the master switch.
2. You rarely need it: **Smart mode** hands the pad to the game by itself and gives the cursor back on the desktop.
3. On games with **anti-cheat**, Couchpit pauses its gamepad extras automatically to protect your account.

CLASSIC LAYOUT DIFFERENCES

If you picked **Classic** in the wizard: **LS** moves the cursor, **RS** scrolls · **A** left click · **Y** right click · **LT** Space · **RT** Backspace · and the **Back** + **RT** shortcut opens Task Manager instead of clicking.

Shortcuts are chords: hold **Back** first, then press the second button. They work on the desktop, in Big Picture and in game. In game, the disruptive ones ask you to **keep the chord held for about 1.5 s** (a countdown appears); the stopwatch icons in the Shortcuts section let you tune that per shortcut.

COUCHPIT & WINDOWS

Back + Start	Toggle control mode
Back + Y	Toggle controller bridge (hold 1.5 s)
Back + B	Close window (Alt+F4)
Back + L3	Switch apps (Alt+Tab)
Back + LT	Show desktop (Win+D)
Back + X	On-screen keyboard
Back + RT	Left click (Classic: Task Manager)
Back + R3	Game screenshot

MEDIA & VOLUME

Back + A	Play / pause
Back + LB	Previous track
Back + RB	Next track
Back + D-Pad ↑ ↓	Volume up / down
Back + D-Pad ←	Mute
Back + D-Pad →	Fullscreen toggle

HANDHELD BONUS

Hold **Back** and move **RS** for a temporary cursor (**LS** scrolls), even inside a game. Handy for launcher popups.

OUT OF THE BOX: RUN IT AND JUST PLAY

- 1 Finish the short first-run wizard.** Pick your controller style; PlayStation / Switch / generic pads can opt into the bridge drivers there.
- 2 On the desktop, your pad is the mouse and keyboard.** No setup needed.
- 3 Launch any game, from anywhere.** Couchpit detects it and applies its safe defaults: mutes notifications, pauses Windows Update, keeps the PC and displays awake, boosts the game's priority, pauses background hogs, prevents audio dropouts. A small toast shows how many tweaks it applied.
- 4 While you play, the pad belongs to the game.** Chords still work if you need them.
- 5 Close the game and everything reverts on its own.** Power, updates, notifications, background apps: back exactly as they were.

Off until you turn them on: per-monitor TV setups (screens on/off, resolution, scale and HDR per game), audio device switching, auto-launch Big Picture on startup, the controller bridge for non-Xbox pads, and the max-performance power modes. All live in the app's tabs when you want them.