

CLAY2000

Software Inn (Design)

www.clay2000.com.au

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Minimum requirements:

Windows 98 or later.
Minimum 256 colours
Minimum resolution 800 x 600
Minimum 64 megabytes of RAM (W98)
MAC not supported

Preferred setup:

1024x 768 screen
24(bit) colour or better

So that you are aware, I have tested Clay2000 on a W98 machine with 16 colours at 640x480 resolution and it works OK
BUT: Some of the text boxes are difficult to read on 16 colours and I need to scroll (or resize) a couple of screens.

Tips

If you are considering what equipment to purchase here are a few tips:

The computer and OS do not need to be "State of the Art"!

(The first time Clay2000 was used to run the Australian Nationals it was done on a Pentium 1- Windows95 machine!!!)

In this day and age, a Celeron based PC is much more affordable and quite adequate for the job.

A Laptop (as opposed to a desktop) PC will have many advantages but can be more expensive.

Two or more USB ports, while not essential, will make life a lot easier for you. See Thumb drives & Printers below

If you have tight purse strings (who doesn't these days) consider a budget computer and allocate more funds to a GOOD printer!

Without exception, all users have reported that once shooters realise that you are using Clay2000 in the competition office, they will be tapping on the office window while you are printing the results.

Faster printing means less tapping on the window!!

Try to stretch the budget to get a good LASER printer if you can.

While it is NICE to print your logo in colour, the benefits of a fast B&W Laser will give your competitors and Office Staff less headache.

A FAST colour Inkjet will give you best of both worlds.

Many new printers need a USB port. If you are going to use an older computer with a NEW printer, make sure it will connect to your printer.

Another consideration with Inkjet printers is the INK itself.

Some inks will smudge if the paper gets wet. If you are printing the Squad (score) sheets on a rainy day, be aware that those sheets will be going out into the rain...

If you are stuck with a slower printer, try setting the print options to DRAFT mode. This will use less ink and roughly double the print speed!

A USB "Thumb drive" is a distinct advantage. It only needs to have a couple of Mb free space to hold a backup of your data file.

It will also allow you to set up your competition file on one machine and transfer it to your competition office computer before you start.

With a USB thumb drive, you can also download the latest ACTA data at home and transfer it to your competition office easily.

It can even store a copy of your installation file for emergencies and to share with others...

Most of the files you will need to copy will fit on a Floppy disk, but FDs are far from reliable when compared to a USB drive...

Many new computers are not fitted with a Floppy Drive these days as their use in on the decline.

How do I get/install Clay2000?

Download the latest version (currently C2k9003.exe) from <http://www.clay2000.com.au>

If you are not already registered, please sign-up. You'll be registered in a few minutes. (Concerned? Read our privacy policy online.)

Click "Downloads" in the Registered User pages. Click "Download Clay2000"

When prompted to Run or Save the file, click "SAVE".

Save the file on your hard disk in a location where you can find it.

The file is approx 17 MB in size so download time can be anything from two seconds to 40 minutes, depending on you connection speed.

When the download is complete, close all programs.

Click [Start] and then click [Run]

Click [Browse] and navigate to the file that you downloaded.

Select that file and click [OPEN]

Click [OK] in the Run Dialogue box.

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation of Clay2000.

At the end of the installation check the "View Documentation" box and click "Finish"

If you are prompted to Re-Start your computer, please do so.

This will complete the installation of Clay2000:

You can now delete the file you downloaded (or move it to a safe place).

From now on you will use the new icon on your desktop to start the program.


Now - a few setup instructions

You will need to setup Clay2000 for your club:

Clay2000 is designed to give each ACTA registered club access to some information about its members. When you first use Clay2000, you will need to "set it up" for your club.

First, send an email to clay2000@sid.net.au with your club name and a reply email address. Your *club* password will arrive by return email, free of charge.
NB. You can still use Clay2000 without the club password but you will not have access to your member information.

Start Clay2000 by one of two methods.

1. Double click the Clay2000 icon on your desktop  or
2. Click [Start], select Programs, and click Clay2000 in the program list.

The first screen you will see is the Clay2000 "Setup and Registration" screen. Select your club from the drop down list. Enter your club "Password" (sent to you on request – No charge) Click [Use this club] Clay2000 will now be set up for use by your club! The next time you start Clay2000 you will see your club name at the top of this screen so you do not need to do it again.

If you do not know the password for your club, you can still use Clay2000. You will be prompted each time you click "Continue Trial" but that is OK too!

NB: The club registration is simply a commitment to privacy rules. By "setting up" for your club you will gain access to some of the details of your club members. This is information you have anyway, such as Grade and Handicaps. You will not be able to gain access to details of members of other clubs.

Start learning

At this point there is not much you can break that a simple program removal or re-installation won't fix! So now is the time to play... Feel free to explore the various screens that are available to you by clicking on the buttons on the Main Menu. To discover more, Press the F1 key while in the Main Menu. This will take you to Clay2000 Help. In the Help screen, the buttons on the Main Menu 'picture' work just like the buttons on the Main Menu itself except that they take you to the HELP screen for that button! Also, at the top of the Help window you will see << and >> arrows. Use these arrows to take a "tour of Clay2000". This tour can also be accessed by selecting the HELP MENU and choosing "Brief Tour of Clay2000" Finally, hit the F1 key in any page for help on that page.

An added bonus here!

After you have explored the Help System and the many features of Clay2000 you will be ready for some more intuitive instruction. Send an email to clay2000@sid.net.au with your details and arrange for a FREE lesson by phone with the author of the program! Yes, that's me! I'll walk you through the finer points of Clay2000 over the phone. Simply arrange the time and I'll be happy to call you! I suggest you wait until about the second week of your 30 day trial for this, then you will still have another couple of weeks to practice what you have learned.

Then, and only then, will you need to purchase a licence to operate beyond 30 days.

Registration:

Each time you start Clay2000 you will see the "Clay2000 Setup and registration" screen You will be able to use Clay2000 for 30 Days after it is installed on your computer. Simply click "Continue trial" After 30 Days, Clay2000 will not run unless you have obtained the licence. Extended trial periods are available, please call. You can simply use the "Uninstall" feature or use "Windows Uninstall Programs" to remove Clay2000 from your computer.

You may "Register" Clay2000 and receive a full licence at any time to continue using Clay2000. It is however, suggested that you take full advantage of the 30 Day free trial before you register!

If you have taken advantage of the free phone tutorial (above) then you will have had ample opportunity to discuss payment methods. Payment methods include Cheque, Bank Transfer / Internet Transfer and Money Order You are more than welcome to discuss your preferred method by email, phone, or surface mail. Contact details below.

When payment is confirmed, you should then open Clay2000 and click the "Register" button. You will see some instructions on how to register the program. Click [Proceed]. On the next screen you will see your ComputerID as a series of numbers like 1234 - 5678 - 9876 Copy your "ComputerID" and email it to unlockc2k@sid.net.au. Please include reference to your payment method. Expect your unlock code by email within 48 hours.

This can also be done by Phone! Just call the number below.
By Phone:
You will receive the unlock code there and then!
You will be up and running while we speak!

The Unlock code will allow you to use Clay2000 on that computer only, however
Your club will have free access to one extra unlock code for Clay2000 on another computer
This will allow you to train your staff on another computer or simply use it in your home/office.
You can also use this to set up a new competition ahead of time and transfer this to the club later.

Pricing

The Clay2000 individual licence is AUD\$550.00. (No GST)
If you are planning to Network multiple computers, multi-user licences are available. Please call.

The Future

A full licence will give you access FREE upgrades to minor versions and heavily discounted
Upgrades to major versions of Clay2000. If it means anything, there are NO Major upgrades planned in the foreseeable future.

The Next version (Version 902x) is currently undergoing beta tests and is full of new goodies.
It will still be classed as a minor version upgrade and thus will be available to registered users free of charge.
Keep an eye on the website www.clay2000.com.au
Registered users will be advised by email of any updates, so keep your email address up to date at clay2000@sid.net.au.
Registered can update their email address online. (Click "my account" in the registered user pages.)

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Cheers
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