

Factsheet:**Assets and Trailer Downloads:**
[Press Kit](#)**Developer:**
Core Reaction Studios**Demo:** Available now on Steam**Players:** 1-10**Release Date:**
February 16, 2026**Steam:**
[Home Before Winter on Steam](#)**Early Release Price:**
\$4.99**Press/Business inquiries:**
business@corereactionstudios.com**Platform:**
PC (Windows)

Home Before Winter (HBW) Press Kit

Mobilize your forces, out-think your rivals, and conquer the map to win

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

Home Before Winter (HBW) is a hybrid 2D turn-based strategy game with a fast-paced WW1 inspired shoot em up mini game. Players deploy units, conquer territory, reposition troops, then jump into frenetic real time gun battles that determine bonuses for the next round. Play solo or with up to 10 players.

LONG DESCRIPTION:

Home Before Winter combines strategic depth with real time action. Each round is divided into three strategic phases: deployment, attack, repositioning, followed by a chaotic, cinematic shoot em up sequence where players must hold the line with a Gatling gun against waves of enemies. Your success in the mini game directly affects your units, bonuses, and battlefield control.

With support for 1-10 players, HBW lets players strategize alone or coordinate with friends. Its mix of tactical planning, objective-based bonuses, and adrenaline pumping action creates a loop that's easy to learn but rewarding to master.

KEY FEATURES:

- HYBRID GAMEPLAY

Turn based strategy mixed with a real time Gatling gun shoot em up.

- MULTIPLAYER (1-10 Players)

Play solo or with friends. Great for YouTubers running co-op or versus content.

- HOST MIGRATION

Smooth transition if the host leaves

- TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT

Position units, manage territory, and plan attacks across the map.

- REAL TIME MINI GAME

Jump into an action sequence between turns to earn bonuses and influence the next round.

- OBJECTIVE CARDS

Each round provides unique objectives that alter strategy and open new paths to victory.

- LOW SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Accessible for a wide audience; runs smoothly on modest PCs.

- FREE DEMO

Try HBW on Steam

INFLUENCER SHEET — HOME BEFORE WINTER

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT FOR YOUTUBE/STREAMING:

- Chaotic 10 player rounds are great for group content
- Clear visual style works well in thumbnails
- Turn-based + action hybrid keeps pacing dynamic
- Easy for viewers to follow
- Lots of opportunities for funny or clutch moments

RECOMMENDED VIDEO TYPES:

- First impressions / demo playthrough
- 4-10 player chaos sessions
- Strategy breakdowns
- Gatling gun mini game skill showcases

MULTIPLAYER KEYS:

- 5-10 Steam keys available per creator
- Full release keys available upon launch

EARLY TRACTION

During the first 19 days, our Google TrueView in-stream video ad has averaged a 48% view rate.

STEAM KEYS:

To request Steam keys for review or multiplayer sessions:

Email: business@corereactionstudios.com from your official email

Subject Line: "HBW Creator Key Request — [Your Channel Name]"

Include:

- Link to your YouTube/Twitch channel
- Estimated video date
- How many keys you'd like (up to 10)
- Whether you plan to play solo or with a group

CREATOR GUIDELINES

- You are free to stream, monetize, and publish any gameplay footage.
- Please tag the game in your video description with a link to the Steam page.
- Optional hashtags: #HBWGame #HomeBeforeWinter #CoreReactionStudios
- You may use any images, logos, or footage in the press kit for thumbnails.
- Credit Core Reaction Studios in the video description when possible.

STUDIO BIO

Core Reaction Studios is an independent game development studio. Based in Vancouver, Washington, the team focuses on blending addictive mechanics with smart strategic gameplay to deliver memorable multiplayer and single player experiences.

Home Before Winter is the studio's flagship title, developed with the goal of bringing innovative, fun gameplay to strategy fans.