

# BIATHLON 2008



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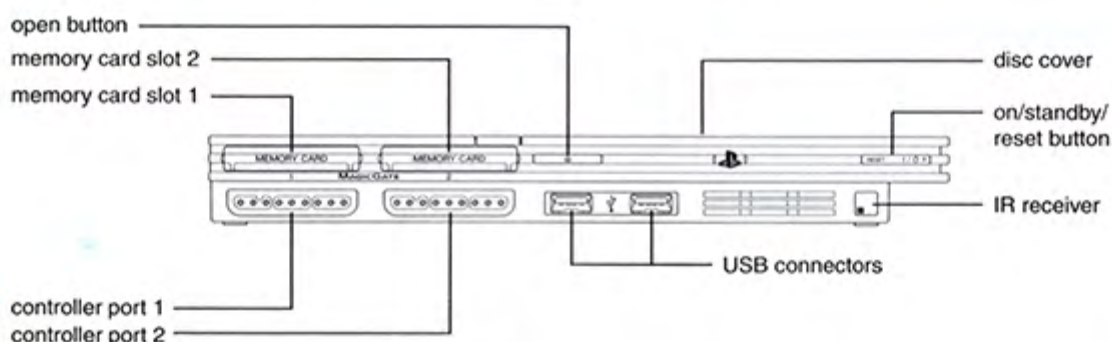
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## GETTING STARTED



### GETTING STARTED



Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions supplied with your system. Check that the system is turned on (the on/standby indicator is green). Insert the Biathlon 2008 disc in the system with the label side facing up. Attach game controllers and other peripherals as appropriate. Follow the on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

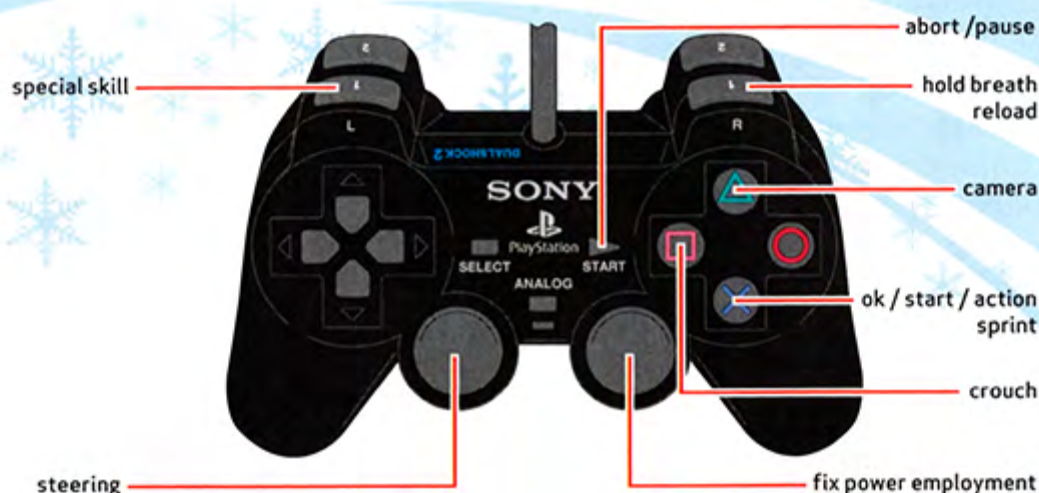
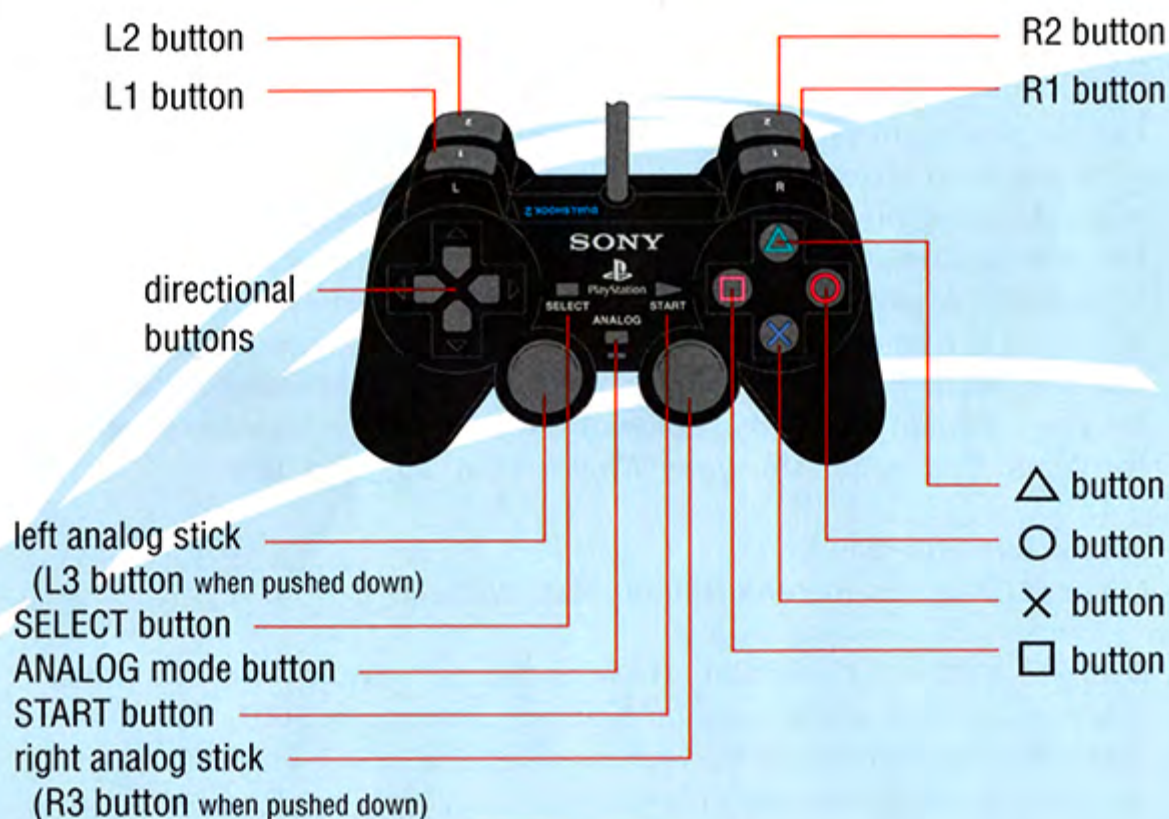
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## STARTING UP / GAME CONTROLS

### DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS





## INTRODUCTION



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**for Biathlon 2008**

Dear friends of biathlon!

**For us professional biathlon athletes, experiencing our discipline virtually is an absolute novelty. Above all, we have lots of fun in the team choosing ourselves as playable athletes. It is simply fascinating to feel the amount of reality in Biathlon 2008 – the makers of the game have really made an achievement. Just like in a true contest, the real rules and rationing your strength are part of what makes up the competition. A cornucopia of sports challenges is now waiting for us – and for you – even incorporating some of the original courses where we fight for World Cup points this year. We wish you all good luck!**

**Stay active and stay fit,  
Michael Greis, Magdalena Neuner, Kati Wilhelm**

Biathlon 2008 is a 3D simulation of the popular winter sport of biathlon. It is the successor of the popular Biathlon game from 2007. The thrilling competitions are held on thirteen international skiing areas. The venues are represented in optically impressive and atmospheric pictures. The races are enthralling and are set in an infectious live atmosphere, similar to live TV broadcasts.

The extraordinary amount of action, calling for dexterity and clever tactics, guarantees an unrivalled game experience. The high level of realism and the tactical elements make for long lasting motivation and fun.

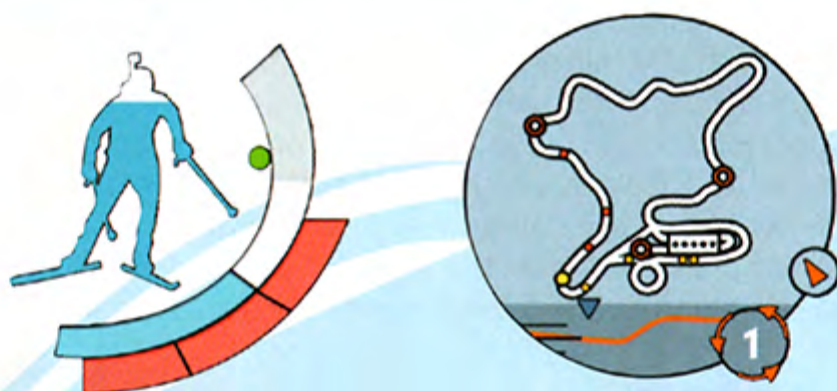
The game models itself on the official rules of the different racing modes, namely Sprint, Pursuit, and Mass Start. You can race in four different leagues on the original venues for the World Cup. But despite all realism, the fun of the game is always the main focus. Beside the Singleplayer Mode, Biathlon 2008 offers a Multiplayer Mode as well as a Split Screen Mode in which two players can play directly against each other



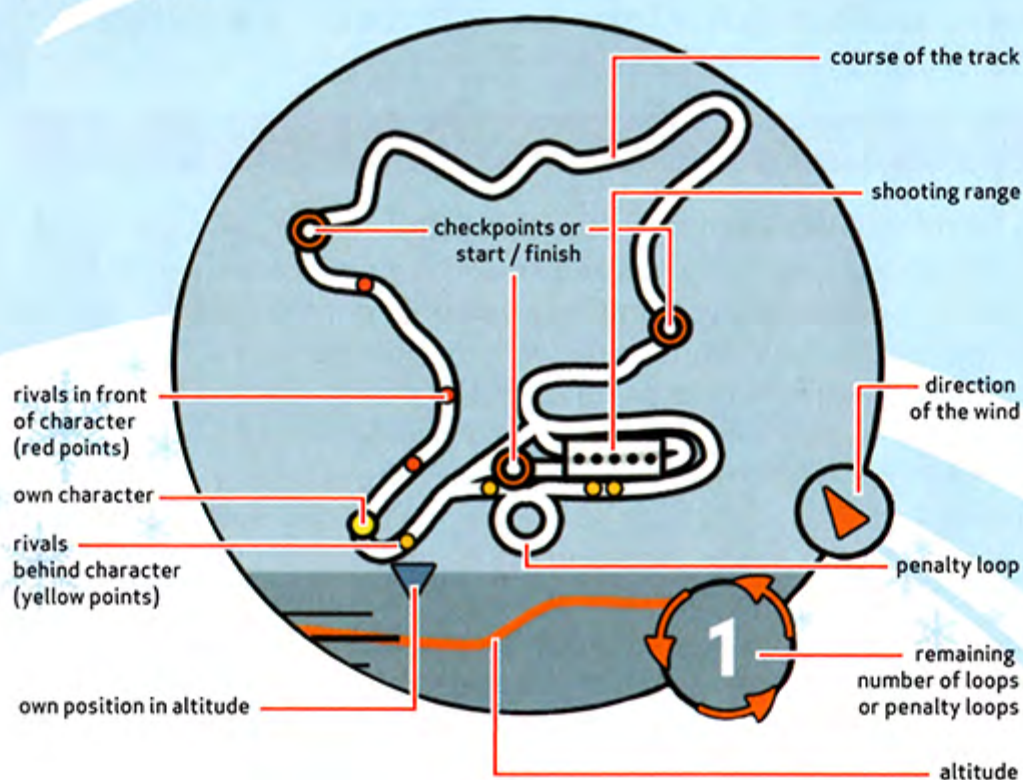
## YOUR COCKPIT



### YOUR COCKPIT



Your Cockpit displays your actual Stamina Consumption as well as the Power you are using. If available, your Special Skill is indicated, too. Look at the respective passages in this manual for further details.





## YOUR COCKPIT / THE RACE



### Minimap

The Minimap serves as general orientation during the race. It indicates the course of the track, the position of the checkpoints, the direction of the wind, and the altitude, including your actual position. Additionally, the Minimap displays important information about the actual situation of the race. The big Green Point shows your actual position on the course. Rivals who are in front of you or who started earlier than you are marked as Red Points. Yellow Points indicate rivals who are behind you or who started later than you. The Minimap also indicates the number of loops still to go. If you have to do Penalty Loops, their number is displayed in red.

### Checkpoint Display

On each track, Checkpoints indicate the Intermediate Times. When you are approaching a Checkpoint, the Checkpoint Display appears on the upper left-hand side of the screen. If other skiers have already passed a Checkpoint before you, the Checkpoint will display your standing in comparison to the best competitor. If you are first to reach a Checkpoint you will be shown your own intermediate Time.

## THE RACE

In Biathlon 2008, each race consists of three loops and two rounds of shooting. The first shooting round is done in the prone position, the second in the standing position. There are four different racing modes, held under official competition rules:

**Individual:** Athletes start one after the other with an interval of five seconds between them. Misses at the Shooting are punished with a Time Penalty of 10s.

**Sprint:** The start is identical with the start of the Individual competition. Misses at the Shooting are punished with Penalty Loops, which have to be passed directly after the respective Shooting.

**Pursuit:** Pursuit Races take place after a Sprint or Individual competition. In this race, the biathletes start according to the time they were behind in the preceding competition. Each miss at the Shooting is punished with a Penalty Loop. This racing mode only exists in modes Quick Start and Career.



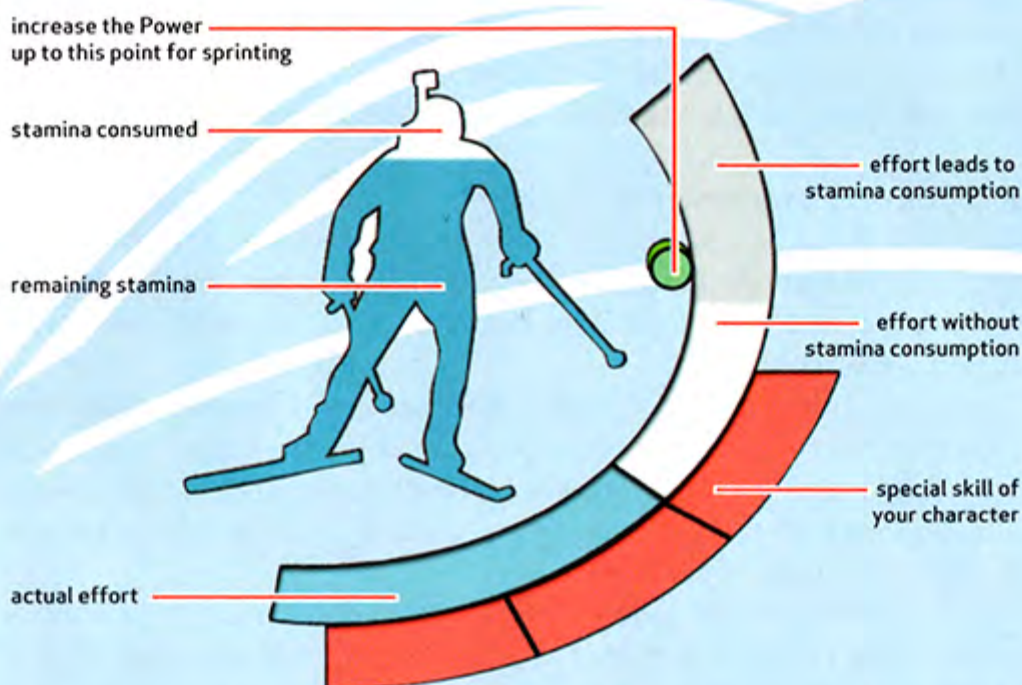


## THE RACE / POWER EMPLOYMENT



**Mass Start:** All biathletes start at the same time. Misses at the Shooting are punished as in Sprint with Penalty Loops.

### POWER EMPLOYMENT



When your player is moving or holding his breath during the shooting, he uses up power. Your actual Power Employment is indicated in the Power Bar by the blue or blue and orange display. The influence of your Power Employment on power and stamina is indicated by the red area that comes down from above (Stamina Consumption Rate).

#### How do I accelerate?

You accelerate by increasing your Power Employment. To do this, press the  $\times$  button. As soon as you release the  $\times$  button, the Power Employment decreases again. Alternatively, you can fix the Power Employment with the right analog stick at a certain value, which you can raise or reduce at any time.

## POWER EMPLOYMENT / STAMINA CONSUMPTION



You can increase your power only up to the lower end of the bar that shows your Stamina Consumption Rate.

### **What is the optimal Power Employment?**

The dynamic limit between the white and the grey area indicates the level for a Power Employment without Stamina Consumption. This limit changes according to the rise and incline of the course and the value of the Stamina Consumption Rate.

### **Is it possible to overexert my skier?**

At a high Power Employment (orange) the red area that descends from above increases (Stamina Consumption Rate). The bigger the red area, the slower your skier becomes and the faster his or her stamina decreases.

Too many sprints and continual racing with full Power Employment saps the racer's energy and quickly consumes their stamina. If you see "Low Power" displayed, your power has decreased too much and you should reduce your Power Employment to decrease the Stamina Consumption Rate.

There is a Special Skill called Fitness, which you can use to decrease your Power Employment and thus your Stamina Consumption (see chapter Special Skills).

## STAMINA CONSUMPTION

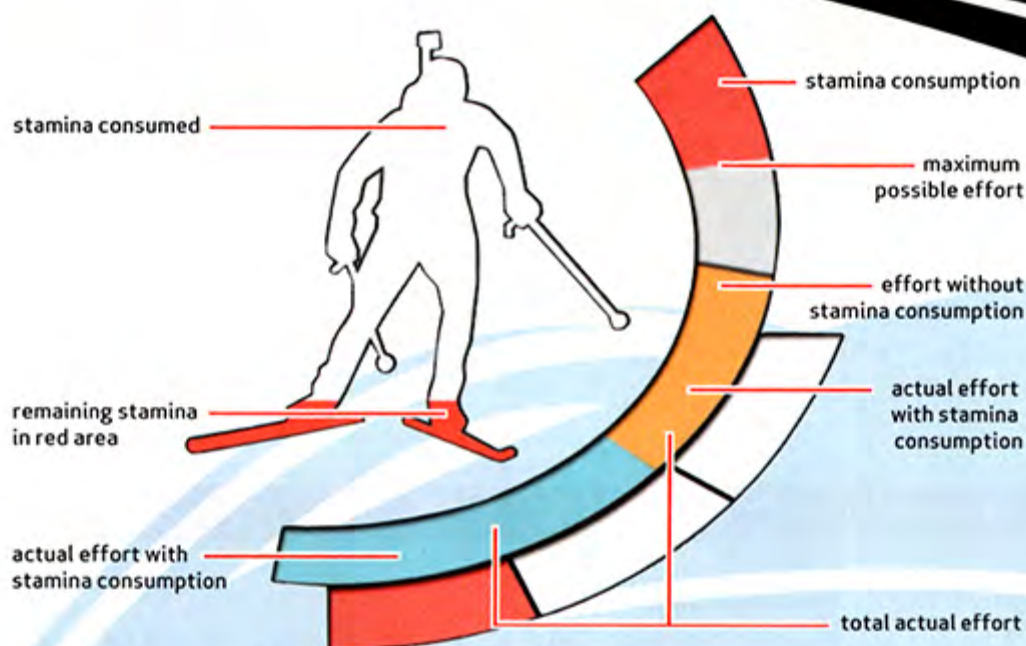
### **Why do I need Stamina?**

Stamina designates the amount of energy your skier has at his or her disposal during the race. Each track requires a certain strategy with your Power Employment so that you have enough Stamina until the very end of the race. Stamina that is used up cannot regenerate during the race.





## STAMINA CONSUMPTION



### When does my Stamina decrease?

Your Stamina decreases when the red bar that indicates the Stamina Consumption Rate becomes visible. This bar becomes visible when you use your Power in the grey or yellow and orange area. As soon as you use less Power again, the Stamina Consumption Rate decreases accordingly.

### How fast does my Stamina decrease?

How fast your Stamina decreases depends on the power you use, e.g. going up a slope or sprinting. The bigger the bar that indicates the Stamina Consumption Rate, the faster your Stamina decreases.

### How does low Stamina influence my skier?

When you have used up your Stamina to a certain degree, you will see "STAMINA LOW" displayed and the Stamina display turns red. If the Stamina is in the red area, your skier loses power faster than in the blue area.

When your Stamina has decreased to zero, you will see displayed "STAMINA CRITICAL". In this condition, even when using minimal effort, your skier loses power so fast that it is virtually impossible to race at a high speed.

## STAMINA CONSUMPTION / SPRINT POINT / CROUCH



### **What is the optimal organization of my Stamina?**

There are different ways to reach your goal. You can organize your Stamina so that it is all used up right at the finish. You can also avoid the critical red area (fast loss of Power) until the finish. If you are not a good shot, you should use up your Stamina only after the second shooting. Low Stamina makes it more difficult to keep the rifle steady. In Practice Mode you can try different strategies for the different disciplines.

### **SPRINT POINT**

#### **What happens at a Sprint?**

At a Sprint, you can increase your speed for a short period of time. But keep in mind that sprinting uses up a lot of energy and thus Stamina.

There is a Special Skill called Sprint, which you can use to prolong your sprints (see Chapter Special Skills).

#### **When can I sprint?**

You can sprint on all sections of the course that have no incline or little incline. The green Sprint Point will appear as well as a keyboard help.

#### **How do I sprint?**

You sprint by bringing up the Power Level to the height of the Green Point. The Power bar then becomes green and you will see "Sprint" displayed.

### **CROUCH**

#### **What is the advantage of crouching?**

If you crouch downhill you can increase your speed and save Power and Stamina at the same time.





## CROUCH / THE SHOOTING

### Where can I crouch?

The crouch position is recommended on all sections of the course with downhill slopes. If you have selected to show the Keyboard Layout in the Options Menu, the points where you should start to crouch will be indicated on the screen.

### How can I crouch?

Press and keep pressed the  button as long as you wish to crouch.

## THE SHOOTING

### Aiming

The more exhausted your skier is, the more difficult it is to take aim. If your rifle shakes too much, you can hold your breath while shooting by keeping pressed the R1 button. The longer you hold your breath, the more you use up your Power and Stamina. So keep a look at the Power bar when holding your breath.



Make sure that the notch and bead (front and rear sights) are aligned centred on the target you are aiming at. Once you have hit a target, it will fold back and cannot be hit again.

### Reloading

You have to reload after every shot. You can do this like holding breath with the R1 button.

### Penalty Loops and Penalty Time

In the racing mode Individual, misses are punished with a Penalty Time of 10 seconds that are added to your racing time. In Sprint, Pursuit, and Mass Start, you have to run one Penalty Loop for every miss directly after the shooting round.

## CREATE CHARACTER



### CREATE CHARACTER

You can play with your own Character in every mode that has a Character Selection:

#### Quick Start Practice Mode and Career

Choose Character in the Main Menu in order to get to the Character Menu. You can create up to seven male and seven female biathletes and delete Characters that you have created before.

If you wish to create a new Character, click on "New Character". When starting a new career, you will find the notice "New Character" at the left bottom of the screen. You can choose Name, Nation, Sex, Head, and Suit according to your own preferences. Simply choose the combination that you like best.



**Degree of Difficulty:** The Degree of Difficulty influences the way in which you can distribute Attribute Points to your skier. If you are playing Biathlon 2008 for the first time, choose Easy to begin with.

#### Attributes and Degree of Difficulty

After creating a Character, you have a certain number of Points at your disposal, (depending on the Degree of Difficulty you have chosen) which you can distribute among the different Attributes. You can train and improve these Attributes further during your Career.





## CREATE CHARACTER / CAREER

**Speed:** The Speed value indicates how fast your biathlete can run under optimal conditions.

**Technique:** Technique influences your starting speed, your gliding (crouching) and sprinting speeds, and your speed on slopes. It also influences how much power you lose when holding your breath at the shooting range.

**Stamina:** The higher your Stamina value is, the less your skier's stamina decreases during the race so that you can use more power with less Stamina Consumption.

**Power:** The higher your Power is, the more Power you can use during the race. Your athlete can run for a longer time at high speed, using up less Stamina.

### How can I delete a Character?

You can delete a Character you have created in the Character Menu by choosing Delete Character. If you delete a Character, you will also terminate the Career you are actually playing with him or her.

## CAREER

In Career Mode you can participate in different Leagues with the Character you have chosen. If you wish to create a Character of your own, please refer to the chapter Create Character. Every time you start a new Career, any other Career you may have started before will be deleted. Look at the League menu under Character Features to see in which Leagues your Character may start.

### The Leagues

You can take part in the following Leagues:

**Junior League:** The Junior Cup consists of 6 races and the Junior Championships (2 races).



**Amateur League:** The Euro Cup (8 races) and the Euro Championships (2 races) are meant for biathletes with Amateur Status.

**Pro League:** All Pros can take part in the World Cup (23 races) and the World Championships (4 races).

**Pro League Extreme:** In the Pro League Extreme you will do the same races as in Pro League, but your rivals are even harder to beat.

### League Promotion and Championships

If you start a Career with a Character created by yourself, you begin with the Junior League. If you start with one of the pre-existing Characters, you begin with the corresponding skier's League. To be promoted into the next league up, you have to finish the season in first place.

If you wish to take part in the Championships, you can become the champion in the discipline you are starting in.

### Experience Points and Training Values

You gain Experience Points after every race. You need a certain number of Experience Points to be promoted into the next level up. There is a maximum of 20 Experience Levels.

After each race of your Career, you can distribute Training Values. These points designate to which degree and in which proportion you train your several skills (Attributes) in order to develop and improve them.

When you have reached a new level, you can increase again the maximum value of your Attributes.

## QUICK START

In Quick Start Mode you can play three preset Cups. You can also create a new, random racing series by choosing "Random Generator" in the menu Quick Start Cup Random.





## PRACTICE MODE / MULTIPLAYER MODE

### PRACTICE MODE

In Practice Mode, you can get used to the different tracks. You have 13 official venues at your disposal. Go to the Practice Mode Menu and select the league in which you would like to start. You can choose between three different degrees of difficulty. Then select the Character with which you would like to play the race. There is a choice of several male and female skiers.

You then get into the menu for choosing the track. Go to Venue and choose a track. Four of the venues have two different tracks, which are indicated by (A) or (B) after the name of the town. On the left-hand side you can see the course of the track. Under Discipline you can choose between one out of three racing modes:

**Mass Start**  
**Sprint**  
**Individual**

For the differences between these racing modes please refer to the chapter The Race. If you confirm your selections with OK, the race will be loaded and you will see a film sequence that presents some sections of the track from a bird's-eye view. If you wish to abort this presentation, press the  $\times$  button. You will then get directly to the start.

Press the  $\times$  button when you are ready to start and the starting countdown will follow.

### MULTIPLAYER MODE

Biathlon 2008 offers the possibility of playing with several players at a time in Quick Start and Career Mode. Up to four players can participate in the Leagues and Cups at the same time.



## MULTIPLAYER MODE / SPECIAL SKILLS



### Hot Seat (2 - 4 Players)

In Hot Seat Mode all players compete in the same race one after the other. All matches are played in the league of the weakest athlete. All players use the same Controller.



### 2 Players Split Screen

In the 2-Players-Split-Screen Mode, two players can play in a Split Screen Mode. The screen is split horizontally, with Player 1 playing in the upper half, and Player 2 in the lower half. Both players start in Split Screen in the league of the weakest athlete. Player 1 uses Controller 1, Player 2 uses Controller 2.

## SPECIAL SKILLS

### What is the use of the different Special Skills?

**Fitness (red):** This Special Skill makes you the Fitness specialist. It will decrease your Stamina Consumption Rate so that you save Stamina during the race.

**Sprint (green):** Choose this Special Skill if you wish to make your skier a Sprint Specialist. This skill will prolong the sprints that you initiate during the race.

**Hill (orange):** As a Hill Specialist you use up less Power on rises and thus less Stamina.

### How do I get a Special Skill?

You can earn Special Skills in Career Mode. Some of the preset Characters already own a Special Skill. When you are promoted to Level 5, you get the first out of three possible improvement levels of a Special Skill. You can choose between three different Special Skills. The one you have selected will be displayed in the Cockpit from now on.





## SPECIAL SKILLS / WELTCUP

When you are promoted to Level 10, you get to the second improvement level of the skill you have chosen. At Level 15 you get to the third and last improvement level of your Special Skill.

### When can I use my Special Skill?

The filled-up areas in the display indicate how many improvement levels of your Special Skill you already own, which means how often you can use this Special Skill. Every Special Skill has its own criteria for usage.

When the use of the Special Skill is recommended, the colour in the display becomes brighter, and if you have chosen the Keyboard Layout in the Options Menu, the button that initiates the Special Skill is displayed to the right of the bottom of the screen the L1 button.

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