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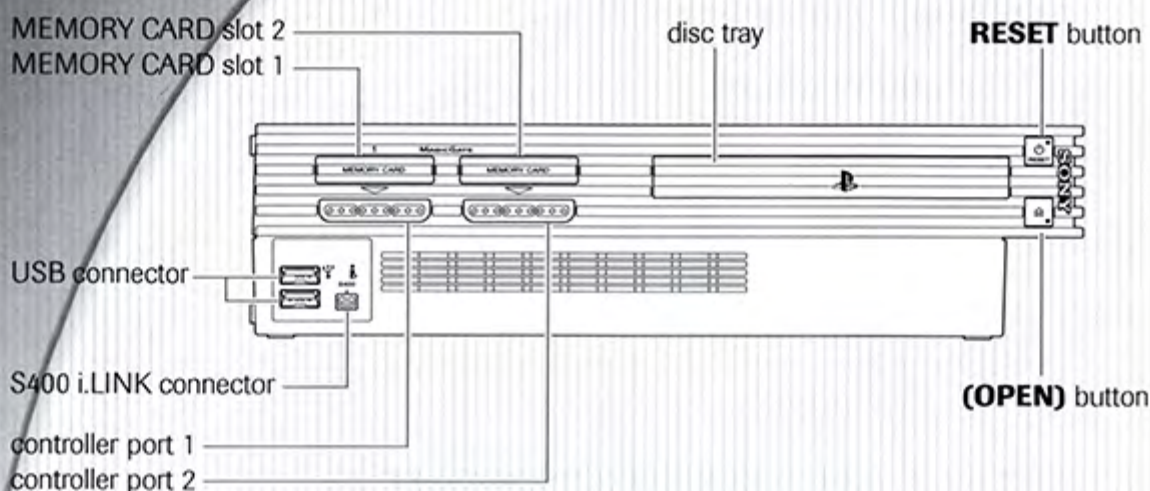
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# GETTING STARTED

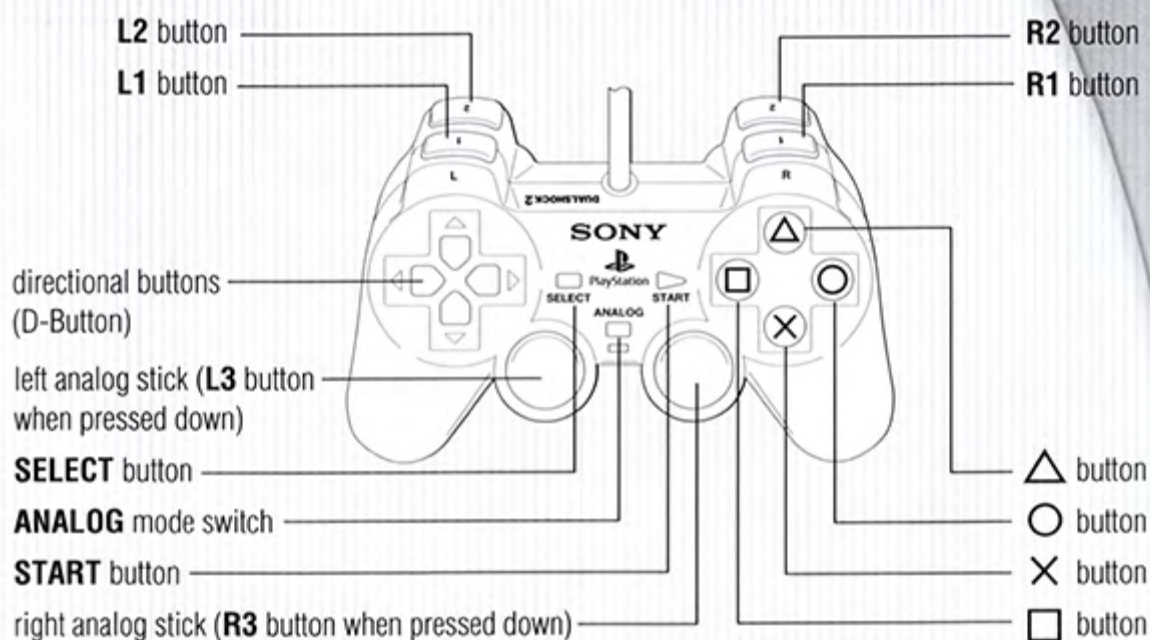
## PLAYSTATION®2 COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM



- 1.** Set up your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system according to the instructions in its Instruction Manual.
- 2.** Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located at the back of the console) is turned ON.
- 3.** Press the RESET button. When the power indicator lights up, press the OPEN button and the disc tray will open.
- 4.** Place the *Knockout Kings 2001* disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close.
- 5.** Attach game controllers and other peripherals, as appropriate.
- 6.** Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

# COMMAND REFERENCE

## DUALSHOCK™2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



# BASIC CONTROLS

Learn these basic moves and come out swinging.

## GAME CONTROLS

<b>Move</b> boxer	D-Button or left analog stick
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<b>Jab</b>	■
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<b>Cross</b> /Overhand cross	●
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<b>Uppercut</b> /Bolo uppercut	▲
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<b>Hook</b>	✕
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## MENU CONTROLS

Highlight menu items	D-Button ↑↓
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Cycle choices/Move sliders	D-Button ←→
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Select/Go to next screen	✕
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Return to previous screen	▲
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 For a more detailed list of commands, > *Complete Controls* on p.6.

# INTRODUCTION

EA SPORTS puts you up against the greats of boxing and doesn't pull any punches. Take on legendary boxers or spar against the stars of today. Whether you're fighting your way up the rankings for a title bout, building the ultimate boxer with Create-A-Boxer, or duking as or against an all-time legend in Fantasy Fights Mode, *Knockout Kings 2001* puts you in the game.

With awesome PlayStation 2 console graphics and gameplay, a killer new soundtrack, the top female boxers, and much more, *Knockout Kings 2001* goes the distance.

## FEATURES:

**Ultra-Realistic Boxers**—Mo-capped moves and amazing graphics put you in the ring like never before.

**Female Boxers**—The top female boxers, including Mia St. John, Lucia Rijker, and Christie Martin, battle to prove who is the best.

**Deeper Interactive Training**—Work with your trainer to hone your skills.

**More Fighting Styles**—In addition to improved Boxer and Slugger styles, EA SPORTS has motion-captured Ali's unique "Freestyle" fighting method. Each style has its own punches, movement, defense, and combinations. Find the style that suits you.

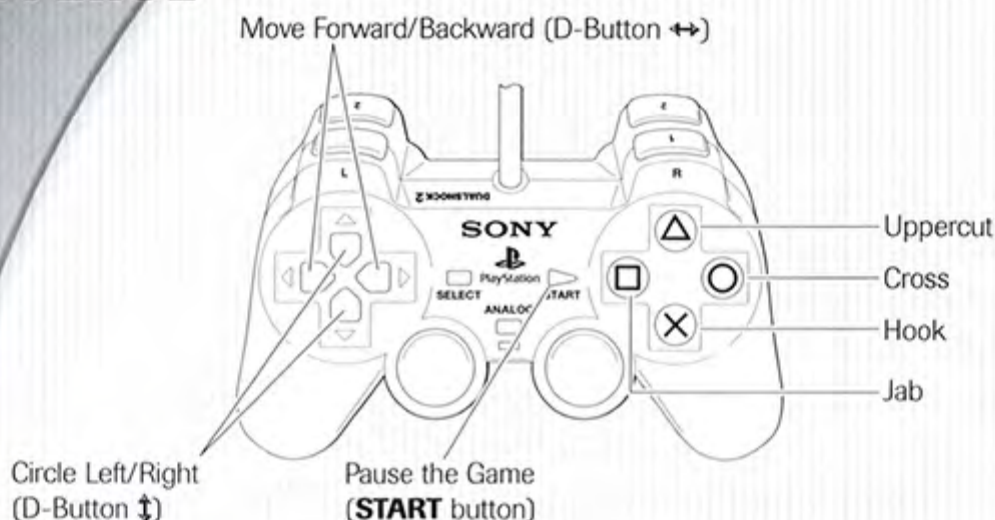
**Enhanced Gameplay**—Pick your shots with "haymaker" punches and go for the knockout.

**Added Boxing Realism**—Exciting commentary and analysis from boxing experts Max Kellerman, Al Bernstein, and Teddy Atlas. Referees Mills Lane and Richard Steele call the big fights, and Jimmy Lennon, Jr. is the ring announcer.

# COMPLETE CONTROLS

Once you've got the basics down, get these more advanced moves under your belt to master the sweet science.

## OFFENSE



<b>Body punch</b>	<b>L2</b> + any punch button
<b>Block</b> high/low (crouch)	<b>L1/L2</b>
<b>Pause</b> fight	<b>START</b>
<b>Long step</b> forward/backward	<b>R2</b> + D-Button $\leftrightarrow$ (while far from opponent)
<b>Lunge punch</b> to the <b>head</b>	<b>R2</b> + any punch button (while far from opponent)
<b>Lunge punch</b> to the <b>body</b>	<b>R2</b> + <b>L2</b> + any punch button
<b>Haymaker</b> punch to the <b>head</b>	<b>R2</b> + any punch button (while near opponent)
<b>Haymaker</b> punch to the <b>body</b>	<b>R2</b> + <b>L2</b> + any punch button (while near opponent)



**NOTE:** All moves shown are for a boxer fighting out of the blue corner. For a boxer fighting out of the red corner, the  $\leftrightarrow$  D-Button controls are reversed.

## DYNAMIC PUNCH CONTROL™

Increase your damage potential by unleashing furious combos on the competition. Dynamic Punch Control™ allows you to blend punches together in custom combinations or to fire off a pre-set combo off the cuff.



## COMBINATION SETS FOR BOXING STYLES

Each boxing style (► *Fighting Styles* on p. 10) has its own set of combinations reflecting the strengths of the style. Listed below are the combinations for each style.

HEAD	FREESTYLE	BOXER	SLUGGER
■, ■	X	X	
■, ●	X	X	
■, ✕	X		
●, ✕	X	X	X
●, ▲	X	X	X
✕, ✕	X		
✕, ▲	X	X	X
▲, ✕	X	X	X
▲, ▲	X	X	

BODY	FREESTYLE	BOXER	SLUGGER
L2+ ■, L2 + ●		X	
L2+ ●, L2 + ✕	X	X	X
L2 + ✕, L2 + ●	X	X	X
L2 + ✕, L2 + ✕	X	X	
L2 + ✕, L2 + ▲	X	X	X
L2 + ▲, L2 + ✕	X	X	X
L2 + ▲, L2 + ▲	X	X	X


### HEAD, BODY

●, L2 + ✕	X	X	X
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### BODY, HEAD

L2 + ✕, ✕	X	X	X
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► To throw a custom combination, press a punch button (■, ●, ✕, or ▲) and then quickly press another punch button that is available for that fight style.

-  Punches can be linked to allow up to four punches in a combination. A Free-Styleist could throw a jab, jab, jab, cross combination by quickly pressing ■, ■, ■, ●.

## SIGNATURE MOVES

- ↳ To execute your boxer's signature move, press ● + ▲.
-  Your career boxer does not start with a signature move, but earns one as his career progresses.

## AUTO COMBOS

- ↳ To unleash an automatic combination, hold **R1**, then press any punch button repeatedly. The combination is based on the punch button pressed.
-  There are eight possible auto combos, four launched from a standing position and four from the crouched position.

## POWER PUNCHES (SLUGFEST MODE ONLY)

Power punches can be thrown only when the power meter is full (➤ *Slugfest* on p. 16).

- ↳ To throw a power-lunging-uppercut to the head, press ✕ + ■.
- ↳ To throw a power-lunging-cross to the body, press **L2** + ✕ + ■.

## DEFENSE

<b>Bob</b> left/right	<b>L1</b> + D-Button ↓
<b>Lean back</b>	<b>L1</b> + D-Button ←
<b>Weave</b> left/right	<b>L2</b> + D-Button ↓
<b>Push</b>	<b>R1</b> + <b>R2</b> + D-Button →
<b>Head feint</b>	✕ + ●
<b>Body feint</b>	<b>L2</b> + ✕ + ●

- ↳ To punch while blocking, press and hold **L1** or **L2** + any basic punch button.

## CLINCH MOVES

Clinch moves are designed to help you escape a clinch and/or punish your opponent while in the clinch—using any means necessary.

<b>Clinch</b>	<b>L1</b> + <b>R1</b>
Inside <b>rear hook</b> to head	■
Inside <b>rear uppercut</b> to body	●

<b>Escape a clinch</b>	Tap <b>X</b> rapidly
<b>Head-butt</b> (illegal)	<b>R1 + R2 + ▲</b>
<b>Rabbit punch</b> (illegal)	<b>R1 + R2 + ■</b>
<b>Kidney punch</b> (illegal)	<b>R1 + R2 + X</b> or <b>●</b>

## TAUNTS AND ILLEGAL MOVES

<b>Taunt</b>	<b>SELECT</b>
<b>Head-butt</b>	<b>R1 + R2 + ▲</b>
<b>Elbow</b>	<b>R1 + R2 + ■</b>
<b>Low blow/shoulder butt</b> (for female boxers only)	<b>R1 + R2 + X</b>
<b>Kidney punch</b>	<b>R1 + R2 + ●</b>

# SETTING UP THE GAME

Choose your game mode and fighting style, set your options, and head for the ring.

## MAIN MENU

From the Main menu, you can get straight into the ring, select an advanced game mode, adjust options, set the rules, or see what's happening with EA SPORTS.



## OPTIONS MENU



**NOTE:** Default options are listed in **bold** in this manual.

### RULES

Select Difficulty (EASY/**NORMAL**/HARD), Number of Rounds (1-15; **12** is the default), Time (REAL TIME/**DOUBLE TIME**), Saved by the Bell (YES/**NO**), 3 Knockdown TKO (**YES**/NO), Flash Knockdowns (**YES**/NO), and Variable Knockdowns (**YES**/NO).



A boxer can be saved by the bell only at the end of the final round.

### AUDIO/VIDEO

Set Output (**STEREO**/MONO), SFX & Music volumes, Slugfest Music, Fight Commentary, Pre-fight Introductions, and Round Intermissions.

### CONTROLLER

Toggle vibration and autoblocking **ON**/OFF.

### MEMORY CARD

Delete, save, and load options or restore defaults.

## FIGHTING STYLES

*Knockout Kings 2001* has three fighting styles: go the traditional route and choose boxer style, don't pull any punches with slugger style, or duke it out with Ali's freestyle. Experiment with different styles to see which one suits your playing the best.

### BOXER

The classic boxing style. This boxer keeps his arms up at all times and throws punches from that position. He throws most of the standard boxing punches and has a good selection of combinations to choose from.

### SLUGGER

Sluggers are all about big punches. The slugger's punches do more damage than a boxer's, but they take longer to throw. The slugger style has less of a selection of combinations to choose from.

### FREESTYLE

Fight like Ali. The footwork is on the toes, almost dance-like. His hands are relaxed and at his side, but come up quickly to parry or attack. The freestyle is most similar to the boxer style but has different combinations available.


# STARTING AN EXHIBITION FIGHT

It's time to step into the ring and face the music. This is your chance to cut your teeth before launching into a career. Fight as your favorite boxer and prove you can handle the pummeling.

## QUICK START


To get into the ring *now*, without messing with the details, choose **PLAY NOW** from the Main menu.

### To start an Exhibition fight:

1. From the Main menu, select **MODES**. The Game Modes menu appears.
  2. Choose **EXHIBITION**. The Select Weight Class screen appears.
  3. Press the D-Button  $\updownarrow$  to select either lightweight, middleweight, heavyweight, or female. The Select Boxer screen appears.
  4. To choose a boxer, press the D-Button  $\leftrightarrow$  until your boxer is shown. Press **X** to select that boxer. Press the D-Button  $\leftrightarrow$  to choose an opponent, then press **X** to advance to the Select Venue screen.
  -  To play a 2-Player bout, the second user must press **START** on the controller plugged into Controller port 2.
  5. To select an arena, press the D-Button  $\leftrightarrow$  and press **X** when your arena is shown to advance to the Controller Select screen.
  6. To choose a controller, press the D-Button  $\leftrightarrow$  and position the controller icon under your boxer. Then press **X** to confirm and advance to the ring.
- $\hookrightarrow$  To toggle autocombos **ON/OFF**, press **■**.
- $\hookrightarrow$  To skip the introductions and get straight to the fight, press **START**.

## PENALTIES/STOPPAGES

The big differences between the Slugfest ( $\triangleright$  p. 16) and the Exhibition modes are penalties and stamina. In Exhibition mode, watch the low blows, kidney punches, etc. If the ref catches you, he'll warn you at first and then penalize you with each following infraction. Rack up too many penalties and he'll disqualify you.

-  The ref can also stop the fight if a boxer is cut and bleeding too much.
- $\hookrightarrow$  To set the length of an Exhibition bout, select **OPTIONS** from the Main menu, go to **RULES**, then set the Number of rounds.

# INSIDE THE ROPES

Swinging wildly won't win you any titles. Develop a solid strategy based on your strengths and weaknesses but be ready to adapt it to accommodate your opponent's strengths and weaknesses. Don't be afraid to pull a trick out of your hat once in a while. During the fight, keep a clear head, listen to your corner man and keep an eye on your health and stamina meters.

## GAME SCREEN

### Stamina Meter:

the Stamina Meter shows how much gas you have left in your tank. Get in the yellow and your boxer is slower and does less damage.




### Health Meter:


The more energy you have, the less likely you are to drop

Round Counter


Clock

 **Power Meter** (Slugfest only): The Power Meter records your landed punches.


## FIGHT TO THE FINISH

 **End Of Round:** At the end of each round, a round intermission plays, showing round highlights, boxer corners with scorecard updates, and ring card girls.

➔ To go directly to the next round, press **START**.

 **Knockdown/Out:** When a fighter gets knocked down, the referee begins the 10 count.

➔ To pick yourself up off the canvas, tap **X** repeatedly. Fill the knock-down meter before the 10 count and you're back in, for better or worse.

 **End Of Fight:** After the judges tally the final scores, the winner is announced. The Final Stats screen then appears, displaying the final punch totals for the bout. Following the Final Stats screen, you return to the Main menu.

## PAUSE MENU

The Pause menu allows you to change the fight camera angle, view a replay of the last few blows, or stop the fight.

➔ Press **START** to access the Pause menu.

RESUME FIGHT	Get back in the ring and continue fighting.
CAMERA	Select a camera angle from which to view the fight.
INSTANT REPLAY	See exactly where that punch came from.
REVIEW STATS	Check out the current fight stats.
CPU/PLAYER SELECT	Toggle Player/CPU control for each fighter (except in Career Mode).
SLUGFEST MUSIC	(Slugfest only) Choose a tune to fight to.
THROW IN THE TOWEL	Stop the fight and return to the Main menu.

➔ Press **START** to return to the fight.

## CAREER


Once you've polished your skills and have a solid arsenal of moves at your disposal, it's time to quit your day job and take on the pros. Build a boxer from the ground up and work your way up the ranks to take a shot at the title.

### To start a career:

1. Choose Career from the Game Modes menu. The Career pop-up menu appears.
2. Choose a NEW career. The Name Boxer screen appears.  
➔ Choose LOAD to access a previously saved career or CONTINUE to return to a career from the current play session.
3. To select a letter, press the D-Button to highlight a letter and then press **X** to confirm it. Continue this process until your boxer's name is spelled out, then highlight END to advance to the CHOOSE GYM screen.
4. To choose a gym, press the D-Button **↔** until you see the gym you want. When the gym you want is on the screen press **X** to advance to the Select Trainer and Cut Man screen.
5. To choose your trainer and cut man, press the D-Button **↔** and press **X** when the personnel of your choice appears.

➔ To toggle between trainer and cut man, press the D-Button ↓.

**6.** You are now at the Set-up screen where you can change the Nickname, Class, Height/Reach, Weight/Damage and attributes of your boxer. To allocate the 150 attribute points between the six skills, press the D-Button ↓ to select a particular attribute and press the D-Button ↔ to change points allocated.

 There are six boxer skill categories: Power, Speed, Stamina, Chin, Heart, and Cuts. (➤ *Boxer Skills* on p. 15)

**7.** Press ✕ to advance to the Style screen where you can adjust the attitude and look of your boxer. Then press ✕ to continue to the Career Main menu.

➔ To randomly distribute your boxer's attribute points, highlight RANDOMIZE and press ✕.

## CAREER MAIN MENU

The Career Main menu is control central. Access stats, do some training, or change the look of your created fighter.



Review your boxer's stats

Change the look of your boxer

Improve your moves

Go to the ring

Save your boxer's progress.

## TRAINING

Get some pointers from your trainer and polish your skills.

### To train:

**1.** From the Career Main menu, choose TRAIN.

 You may only train once between fights.

**2.** Read the instructions on the pop up menus and press ✕ to practice.

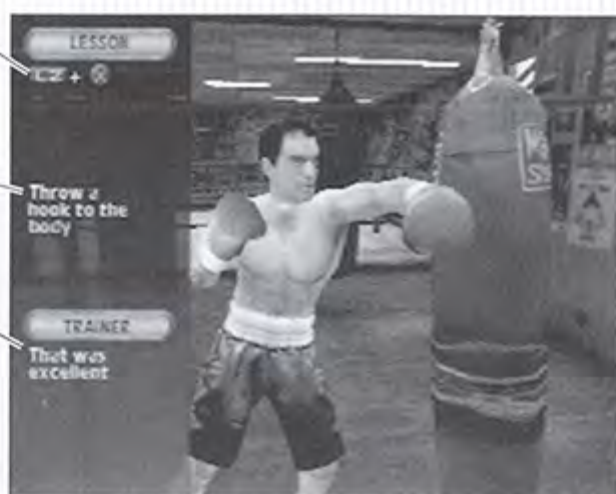
**3.** The Training screen appears. Read the top left box of the screen to see what the lesson is for or to see what button combination your trainer is asking for. The bottom left box shows your trainers comments.




The current button combination for this lesson


Follow your trainer's instructions

See what your trainer has to say about your performance



- When you finish your session, a pop up appears with your trainer's assessment of your efforts. You may also have earned points depending on how hard you trained. If you earned points, these can be immediately distributed between your boxer skill categories.

 If your trainer tells you that you did a "good job," you get 10 points. If he cautions you to "train harder," you get five.


 You lose any bonus attribute points which you do not allocate.

## FIGHT

Take yourself into the ring and climb those rungs up the ladder toward a championship bout.

### To start a fight:

- To get to the main event, choose FIGHT from the career main menu. The Select Fight screen appears.

 If you skipped training, you do not receive all bonus skill points.

- To choose a fight, press the D-Button  $\updownarrow$  until your desired fight is highlighted and then press  $\times$ . The Controller Select screen appears.

- Proceed through the Controller Select screen as you would in an Exhibition fight ( $\triangleright$  p. 11) and advance to the ring.

## BOXER SKILLS

POWER	Determines the strength of a boxer's punches.
SPEED	Determines the speed of a boxer's foot movement and the speed of a boxer's punches.
STAMINA	Determines how quickly and how well a boxer's stamina meter recovers.
CHIN	Determines the ability of a boxer to take a punch. A higher chin rating reduces the damage effect on a boxer.

## HEART

Gauges how quickly the boxer's health recovers. Also affects how determined a boxer is to get up after a knockdown.

## CUTS

Players with low cut ratings are more likely to bleed during a bout and are susceptible to losing by TKO despite having high Health and Stamina levels.

## AFTER THE BOUT

At the end of a fight the Career menu appears. You can train, check out your boxer's stats, modify his look, save him to a MEMORY CARD (PS2), or advance to the next fight.

- ➔ To read through all of your instructions, press **X** and the next part of the instructions pops up.
- ➔ When you're ready to go at it again, choose FIGHT from the Career menu. The Select Opponent screen appears.

## OTHER GAME MODES

From the Game Modes menu you can choose a slugfest, go up against a legend, or get the scoop on a boxer.

### SLUGFEST

Choose your fighter, select your opponent, and go for it. No rules. No waiting. No mercy!

#### To begin a Slugfest:

1. From the Modes menu, choose SLUGFEST. The Slugfest Fighter Select screen appears.
2. Continue through setup and choose a boxer and an arena as you would in an Exhibition fight (➤ *Starting an Exhibition Fight* on p. 11).

### FANTASY FIGHTS

Ever wish that Ali could fight Rocky Marciano? Now you can see how the matchup might have turned out with Fantasy Fights.

#### To start a Fantasy Match-Up:

1. From the Modes menu, choose FANTASY MATCH-UP. The Fantasy Match-ups screen appears.

2. To choose a Fantasy Match-Up, press the D-Button  $\leftrightarrow$  and press  $\times$  when the desired bout is displayed. Press  $\blacksquare$  to read the pre-fight press conference.

## BOXER BIOGRAPHY

Get the background on all the fighters in the game.

### To access Boxer Bios:

1. From the Main menu, choose MODE. The Mode screen appears.
  2. To view Boxer Bios, press the D-Button  $\updownarrow$  to highlight that choice and press  $\times$ .
- $\rightarrow$  To change boxers, press the D-Button  $\leftrightarrow$ .
- $\rightarrow$  To scroll through the biography of selected boxer, press  $\times$ .

## SAVING AND LOADING


When you've climbed up the ladder and vying for the title, you don't want to start back at ground zero. Save your created boxers and careers to a MEMORY CARD (PS2) and continue earning your place in boxing history.


### To save your created boxer:

1. At the Career menu, choose SAVE.
2. Press the D-Button  $\updownarrow$  to select the MEMORY CARD (PS2) to which you want to save and press  $\times$ .

### To load a saved boxer:

1. At the Career menu, choose LOAD.
2. Press the D-Button  $\updownarrow$  to select the MEMORY CARD (PS2) which contains your saved boxer.
3. Press the D-Button  $\updownarrow$  to highlight a saved boxer and press  $\times$  to continue your career where you left off.

 Created boxers cannot be used in any other game mode other than Career. But uncover hidden boxers to use in other game modes.

 **NOTE:** Never insert or remove a MEMORY CARD (PS2) when loading or saving files.

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