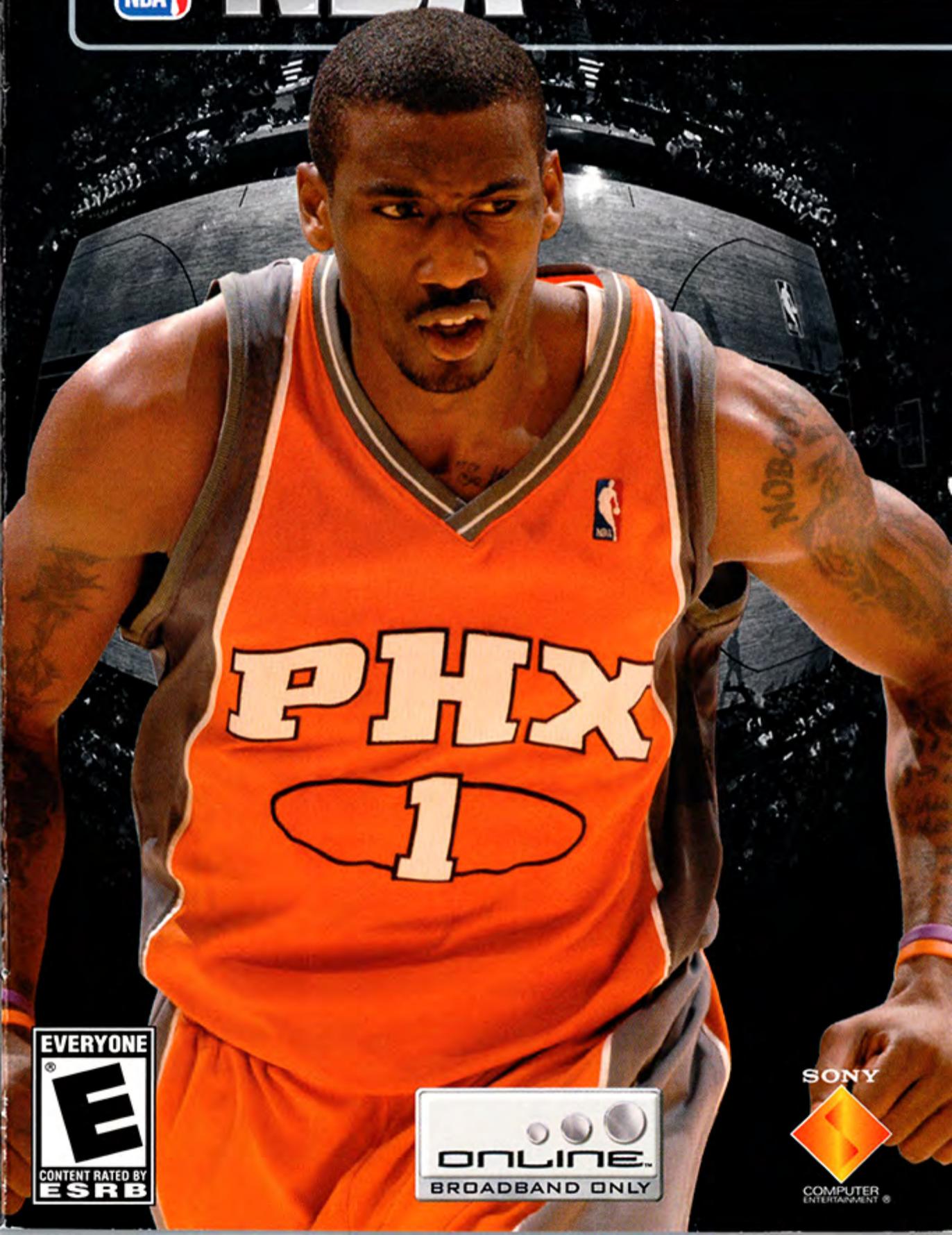




NBA08

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The Life v3



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READ BEFORE USING YOUR PLAYSTATION®2 COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM.

A very small percentage of individuals may experience epileptic seizures or blackouts when exposed to certain light patterns or flashing lights. Exposure to certain patterns or backgrounds on a television screen or when playing video games may trigger epileptic seizures or blackouts in these individuals. These conditions may trigger previously undetected epileptic symptoms or seizures in persons who have no history of prior seizures or epilepsy. If you, or anyone in your family, has an epileptic condition or has had seizures of any kind, consult your physician before playing. IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE use and consult your physician before resuming gameplay if you or your child experience any of the following health problems or symptoms:

- dizziness
- altered vision
- eye or muscle twitches
- loss of awareness
- disorientation
- seizures
- any involuntary movement or convulsion

RESUME GAMEPLAY ONLY ON APPROVAL OF YOUR PHYSICIAN.

Use and handling of video games to reduce the likelihood of a seizure

- Use in a well-lit area and keep as far away as possible from the television screen.
- Avoid large screen televisions. Use the smallest television screen available.
- Avoid prolonged use of the PlayStation 2 system.
Take a 15-minute break during each hour of play.
- Avoid playing when you are tired or need sleep.

Stop using the system immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms: lightheadedness, nausea, or a sensation similar to motion sickness; discomfort or pain in the eyes, ears, hands, arms, or any other part of the body. If the condition persists, consult a doctor.

WARNING TO OWNERS OF PROJECTION TELEVISIONS:

Do not connect your PlayStation 2 system to a projection TV without first consulting the user manual for your projection TV, unless it is of the LCD type. Otherwise, it may permanently damage your TV screen.

HANDLING YOUR PLAYSTATION 2 FORMAT DISC:

- This disc is intended for use only with PlayStation 2 consoles with the NTSC U/C designation.
- Do not bend it, crush it or submerge it in liquids.
- Do not leave it in direct sunlight or near a radiator or other source of heat.
- Be sure to take an occasional rest break during extended play.
- Keep this compact disc clean. Always hold the disc by the edges and keep it in its protective case when not in use. Clean the disc with a lint-free, soft, dry cloth, wiping in straight lines from center to outer edge. Never use solvents or abrasive cleaners.

NBA 08 Tips and Hints

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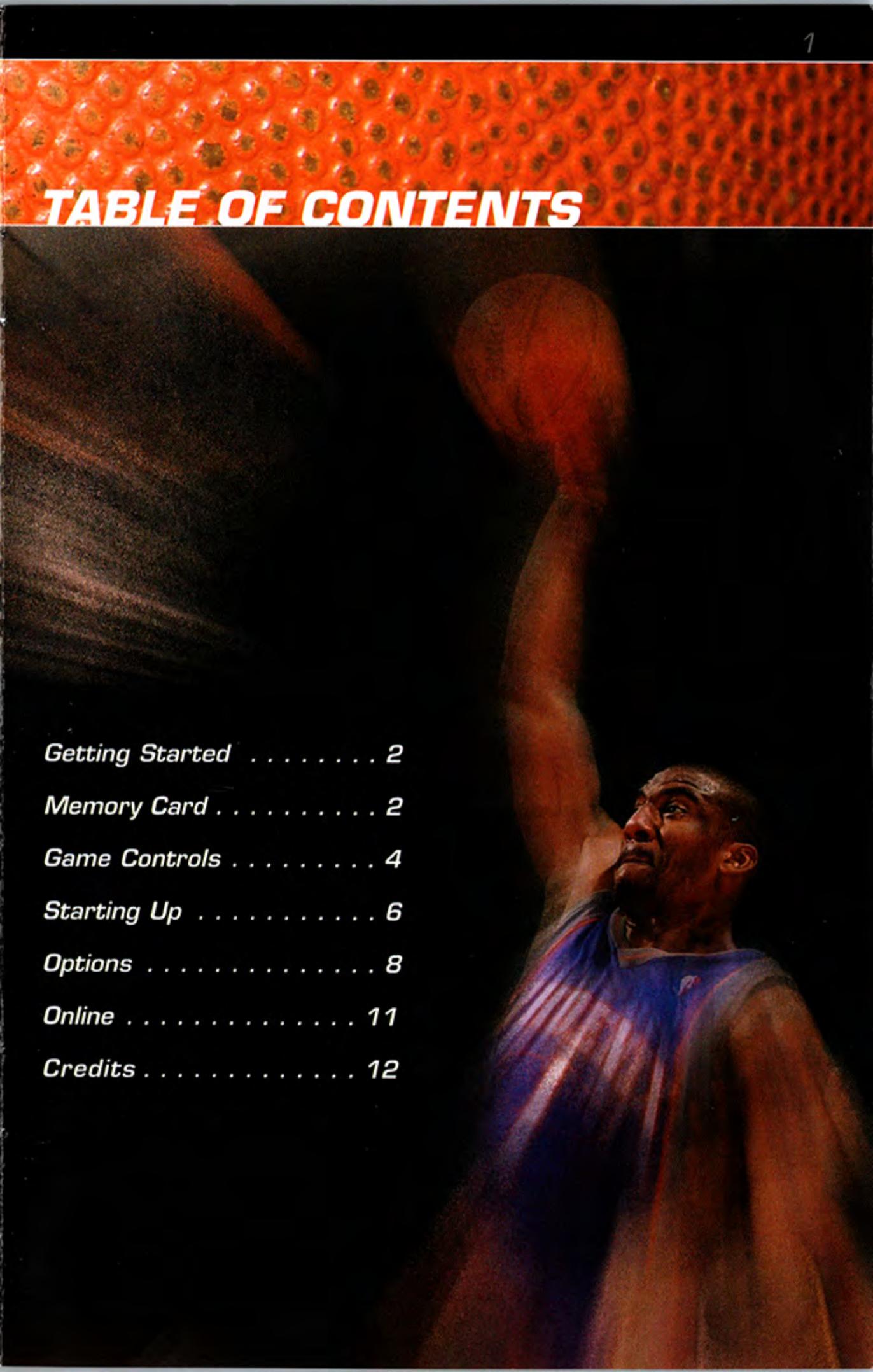
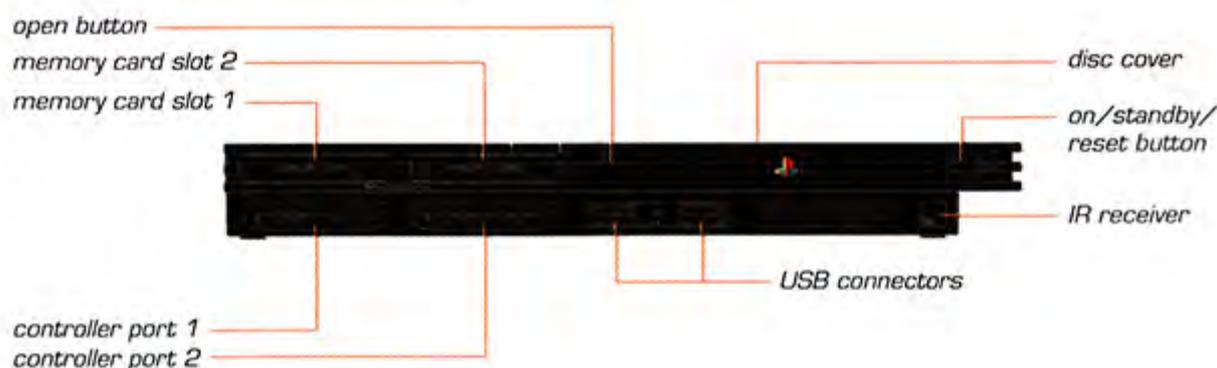


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GETTING STARTED



Note: Illustration may not match all PlayStation®2 console types.

SETTING UP YOUR PLAYSTATION®2 CONSOLE

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 **NBA 08** 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.

Network Adaptor (Ethernet/Modem) (for PlayStation®2)

In order to play **NBA 08 Online**, you must have installed a Network Adaptor (Ethernet/Modem) (for PlayStation®2) on your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system before playing. Set up the Network Adaptor (Ethernet/Modem)(for PlayStation®2) according to the instructions included in its packaging.

Caution: Unplug the AC power cord on your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system before adding any networking equipment to the system.

Note: **NBA 08** must be played over a broadband Internet connection (DSL, cable modem, or higher speeds).

Memory Card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2)

For the purpose of this manual, the memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2) will be referred to as "memory card". To save game settings and progress, insert a memory card into MEMORY CARD slot 1 of your PlayStation®2 console. You can load saved game data from the same card or any memory

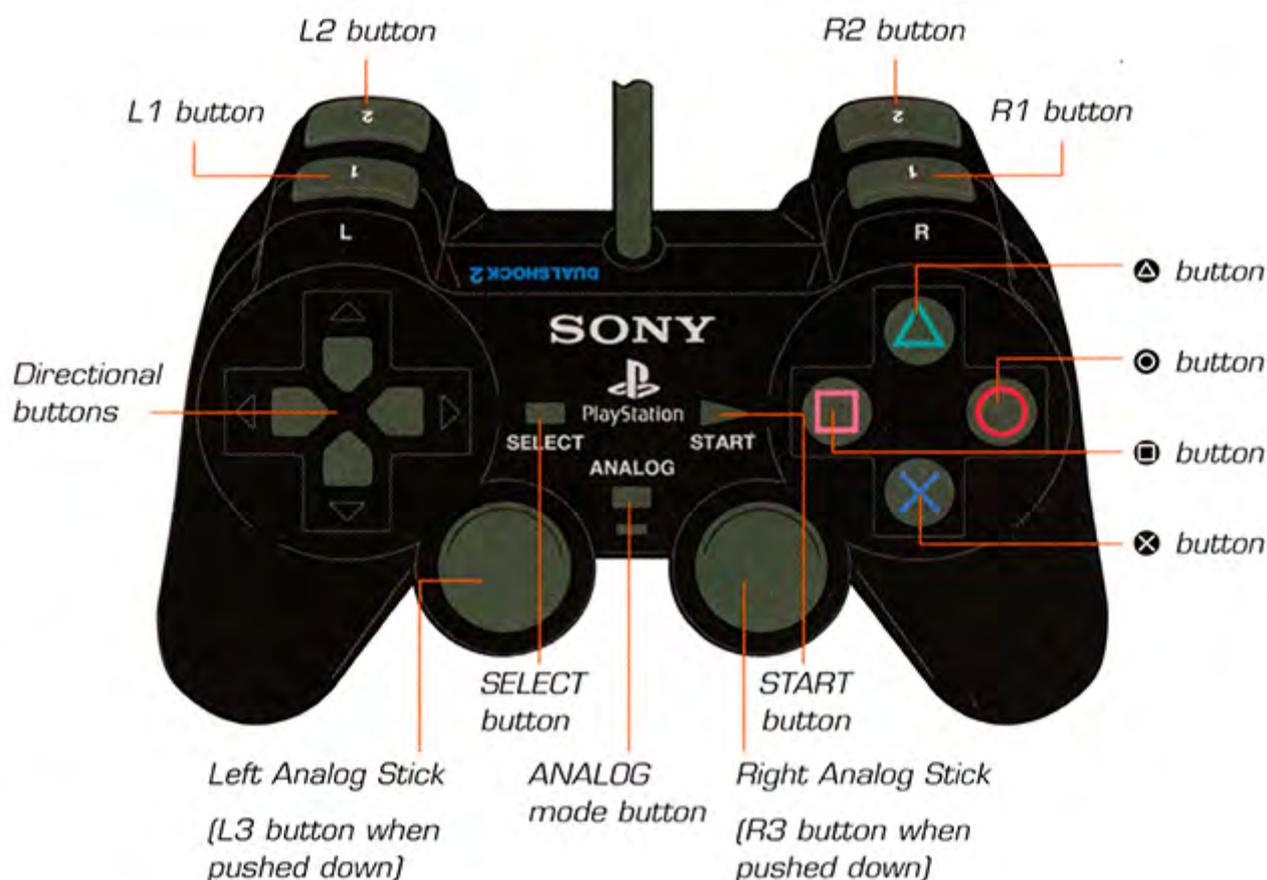
card containing previously saved games. Before playing online, a valid network configuration must be saved to the memory card using either the Network Startup Disc or the **NBA 08** Network Configuration Utility.

Setting Up the Headset (optional)

NBA 08 is compatible with the USB headset (for PlayStation®2).

The headset connects to either one of the USB (Universal Serial Bus) connectors located on the front of your PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system. With the USB symbol facing UP, insert the cable into one of the USB connectors.

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



GAME CONTROLS

Menu Controls

Navigate menu/

Highlight menu item. left analog stick/directional buttons **↑, ↓**

Adjust menu item left analog stick/directional buttons **←, →**

Select highlighted menu item **×**

Previous screen/Return to Main Menu . . . **△**

Offensive Controls

Pause game/Open Pause Menu **START**

Move. left analog stick

Special Moves right analog stick

Call Mini-Plays. directional buttons

Pass **×**

Dunk/Lay-up. **□**

No Look Pass. **△**

Shoot **○**

Speed Burst. **R1**

Post Up. **L1**

Alley Oop **R2 + ×**

No Look Alley Oop **R2 + △**

Icon Passing. **L2 + button**

Defensive Controls

Pause game/Open Pause Menu **START**

Move. left analog stick

Call Mini-Plays. directional buttons

Switch Player **×**

Steal **□**

Jump/Block/Rebound. **△**

Take Charge. **○**

Speed Burst. **R1**

Icon Switch. **L2 + button**

Selecting a New Defender

If you are beaten press **X** to switch the defensive player you control. The player you switch to will be the closest non-human controlled player in front of the ball handler. If there are no defenders in front of the ball handler, you will gain control of the closest defender to the ball handler.

Icon Switching

Icon switching allows you to switch to a specific player. To Icon Switch, hold **L2** when you don't have the ball, and then press the icon that appears above the player's head that you want to switch to.

Showtime

Showtime is all about firing up the crowd and getting your teammates involved. As you make great plays, your team becomes energized and plays better. Everyone gets a spring in their step and the basket starts to look huge.

- When you fill three blocks in the Showtime meter, your team gets energy, speed, and shooting boosts.
- To fill the meter, perform Showtime events. Alley Oops, Dunks, No-look passes that lead to a basket, fast break scores, and blocks all increase your Showtime.
- The Showtime meter will deplete from your side if your opponent performs a Showtime event, calls timeout, or if you mess up and perform a Showtime spoiler event. Turnovers and consecutive missed shots are Showtime spoiler events.



STARTING UP

MAIN MENU

When the game boots up, you will be taken to the **NBA 08** Main Menu. While at the Main Menu, use the left analog stick or directional buttons **↑**, **↓**, **←**, and **→** to highlight an option, press **⊗** to select, and press **⬆** to go back to a higher set of options or the previous menu. If this is your first time playing, you will be asked to select your favorite team. Your created player will be assigned to your favorite team by default.

Single Game Quickly begin an exhibition game, practice your skills in mini games, manage your team, and adjust game extras and options.

The Life Create your own character to train and play with.

League Access season and playoff games.

Online Play against other players online or view leaderboards.

SINGLE PLAYER

Play a variety of different pick-up-and-play basketball games, from Exhibition, to Mini-Games, as well as Manage your team, access Extras, and adjust your game Options.

Exhibition

Select EXHIBITION to access the Team Select Menu and play a quick game of basketball. You may choose two teams and up to four players may join the game. In order to join, slide the controller icon to the same side of the screen as the team you wish to play on. Press **⊗** to continue or **⬆** to go back.

Mini Games

Take to the court with a host of pick-up and play Mini Games.

Training Camp Go solo and practice your shooting skills in **Open Court** or shoot hoops with your teammates in **Shoot Around**. Perfect your free throw with **Free Throw**.

Playground **Own the Court** is a shooting contest that works your rebounding, shooting, and positioning skills. **Two-On-Two** allows you to play a game with fewer players on the court.

Drills Choose from seven different drills to improve your on-court performance.

All-Star Play **3 Pt Contest** is the classic contest of long-range shooting. **Skills Challenge** puts every one of your basketball skills to the test. You'll have to shoot, pass, and maneuver your way all over the court.



Manage Team

Manage your players before hitting the court.

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|----------------------|--|
| Set Roster | <i>Edit the lineup of your team.</i> |
| Reset Roster | <i>Reset the roster to the factory defaults.</i> |
| Trade Player | <i>Trade players between teams.</i> |
| Free Agents | <i>Sign Free agents.</i> |
| Create Player | <i>Create a player to add to your roster.</i> |

Extras

Access, view, and manage a variety of extra content,

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|---------------------|--|
| Profiles | <i>Edit/Save/Delete or create a new profile.</i> |
| Delete Saves | <i>Delete saved profiles.</i> |
| Trophy Room | <i>View available and unlocked trophies.</i> |
| Credits | <i>View the game credits.</i> |

Options

Adjust the game options.

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|----------------------|---|
| Audio | <i>Adjust the audio levels.</i> |
| Visual | <i>Adjust video settings.</i> |
| Rules | <i>Adjust the in-game rules.</i> |
| Gameplay | <i>Adjust difficulty level, as well as quarter length and other gameplay options.</i> |
| Miscellaneous | <i>Turn the Autosave and Controller Vibration options ON/OFF.</i> |

THE LIFE

Experience the real NBA Life. Create your own character and choose your team. Develop your NBA Life character on and off the court. The story progresses as you accomplish multiple mission-based levels. Train your character and refine your skills so that you can play against the best!

LEAGUE

Season

Play through a complete NBA season. Manage player trades, substitutions, and rosters as you play 82, 58, or 29 games with your favorite team. If you're good enough, you can make it to the NBA Playoffs and make a run at the Championship.

Playoffs

If you don't want to go through an entire season, you can skip directly to the NBA Playoffs. Take your team, using either a custom or original roster, to the Playoffs and go for the Championship. You can play either a 7-7-7-7, 5-5-5-5, 3-3-3-3, or 1-1-1-1 series on your way to the top.





THE PAUSE MENU

Press **START** to interrupt gameplay and display the Pause Menu. Press the left analog stick or directional buttons **↑/↓** to highlight a menu option and press **×** to confirm your selection.

Resume Game

Choose this option to return to your current game.

Replay

Watch an instant replay of the previous possession.

Management

Access the timeout, substitutions, stats, and formations menus.

Settings

Adjust the game options. This can also be done at the Main Menu.

Quit Game

Quit your game and return to the Main Menu, or restart the game.

Goals

View what you need to do in order to earn extra points toward profile progression.

ONLINE

Create an Online Account

To play **NBA 08** online, you will need to create an account and choose a unique screen name and password. Each time you use the online function, login using the same screen name and password. **Note:** You must agree to the terms of the Online User Agreement to connect to **NBA 08** online. You do not need to create a new account if you already have created an account from another SCEA online sports title.

Game Rooms

Game Rooms are where game challenges take place. You can search for perfect match ups or challenge other online opponents for a ranked or unranked game. You can also view all online players within your selected Game Room.

The Chat Area

The Chat Area is where available games in the particular lobby are listed. While looking for a game, you can read all of the real-time chatting between potential opponents.

Quitting Games

After accepting challenges or joining games, you must finish the entire contest or be penalized with a reduction of points previously earned from other games.

Leaderboards

Real-time leaderboards show your ranking amongst all **NBA 08** gamers.

Online Download Rosters

You will be able to download Live Roster updates for regular and online play. Live rosters represent the current rosters of NBA teams that include all player movement up to the date they are downloaded.

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