

**⚠ WARNING** Before playing this game, read the Xbox 360® Instruction Manual and any peripheral manuals for important safety and health information. Keep all manuals for future reference. For replacement manuals, see [www.xbox.com/support](http://www.xbox.com/support) or call Xbox Customer Support.

### Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

#### Photosensitive seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these “photosensitive epileptic seizures” while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms, including lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures. The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions: Sit farther from the screen; use a smaller screen; play in a well-lit room; do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.

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## GAME FEATURES

### Adaptive AI

Adaptive AI will read, react, and adjust in real time to your strategies. Your teammates will initiate cuts, picks, and post-ups based on how you handle the ball, while your opponent modifies its strategy to fit the pace of the game.

### Enhanced Lock-On D: Shading

With the all-new Shading feature in Lock-On D your defender can shade a player defensively from nine different locations. Once locked onto the ball handler, use the **right stick** to guard him from closer or further away; you can also shade the right or left side of the player being covered to funnel the ball handler in a specific direction.

### The Association 2.0

The best just got better. NBA.com is on-hand to provide the latest scores, stories, drama, rumors and more. All-new Customization options open the door to inexperienced and casual Association players. The critically acclaimed Player Personality system gives players Player Ambitions that drive their behavior. The new Development Drills and Player Scouting system further improve the deepest and most robust franchise in sports video gaming.

### Gatorade® “Thirst Meter” Icon

This icon will appear whenever a player is fatigued and needs to replenish energy.



### Xbox LIVE®

Hop online with Xbox LIVE to test your skills against the world. Compete in Ranked Quick Matches, Ranked Team Games, and Ranked Custom Matches.

### Living Rosters

Weekly roster updates guarantee you are playing the most up-to-date NBA game ever! If a trade happens in the NBA, it happens in your game. Rosters are updated behind the scenes, so you're never late on a trade and always have the hottest players on your starting team.

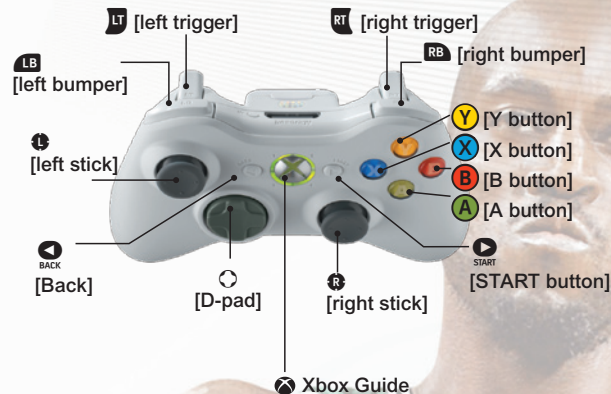
### Team-Up

2K Sports' industry leading online service has all new features, like 5-on-5 multiplayer mode with Off Ball Control!

### 2K Share

Create, upload, and share rosters, sliders, and even players created with the all-new Player DNA feature.

## CONTROLS



## MENU CONTROLS

Navigate Menus	left stick
Bring up 2K Nav Menu	right stick
Select option	A
Return to 2K Nav Menu	B

## GAME CONTROLS

NBA 2K9 offers alternate control schemes. These control tables list the default control scheme. You can change between the three control schemes via the Options menu. See the on-screen instructions for the different controls.

### Offense

Move player	left stick
Shot Stick Advanced	right stick (move again in mid-air to alter shot)
Pass	A (press)
Touch Pass	A (tap when ball is between teammates)
Call for Slip Screen	B (tap)
Pick & Roll	B (press)
Shoot	X
Pump Fake	X (tap)

Hopstep	Y (with the ball)
Rebound	Y (with ball in air)
Dual Player Control	left bumper
Icon Pass	right bumper
IsoMotion Pro Hesitation	left trigger (tap while moving)
IsoMotion Pro Sizeup	left trigger (tap while standing still)
Sprint	right trigger
Dunk	right trigger + X or right stick
Coaching / Plays	D-pad
Timeout	Back
Pause	START

### Advanced Offense

Alley-oop	left trigger + A
Pick and Pop	left trigger + B
Hopstep Spin	right trigger + Y (with ball in hand)
Tip In	right trigger + Y (during rebound attempt)

### Defense

Move player	left stick
Steal / Hands Up	right stick
Player Swap	A
Take Charge	B
Block / Rebound	Y
Steal / Dive	X
Lock-On D	left trigger (right stick: Shading)
Sprint	right trigger
Intentional Foul	BACK
Pause	START

### UPDATE YOUR MANUAL

NBA 2K9 is a complex game with a lot of controls. Check out a more elaborate instruction manual at [www.2ksports.com/nba2k9manuals](http://www.2ksports.com/nba2k9manuals).

### DUAL PLAYER CONTROLS

Hold the **left bumper** to perform the Dual Player Controls listed below.

Come Off Screen	A
Set Screen	B
Get Open	X
Postup	Y

### POST PLAY

#### Offense

Post-Up	left trigger (hold).
Hopstep	Tap Y.
Dropstep	From any backdown state, release backdown and push the <b>left stick</b> to the right / left of the defender.
Spin	From any backdown state with a live/unused dribble, hold sprint and push the <b>right stick</b> in the opposite direction the player is facing.
Pump fake	Tap the shot button or any direction on the <b>right stick</b> .
Faceup	From a backdown hold ball state, hold backdown and pull the <b>left stick</b> away from the defender.
Hold Ball High	From a backdown hold ball state, hold backdown and push the <b>left stick</b> toward the defender.
Shoulder Fakes	From a backdown hold ball state, hold backdown and push the <b>left stick</b> to right / left of the defender.
Pass Fakes	From a backdown state, tap the pass button.
Pump fake to hopstep	From a backdown state with an unused dribble, initiate a pump fake. Once the pump fake starts, tap the hopstep button.
Pump fake to hopstep spin (same side)	From a backdown state with an unused dribble, initiate a pump fake. Once the pump fake starts, press the <b>left stick</b> to the same side as the pump fake and tap the hopstep button. This move can only be made by players with a high OPOST rating
Pump fake to hopstep spin (opp side)	From a backdown state with an unused dribble, initiate a pump fake. Once the pump fake starts, press the <b>left stick</b> to the opposite side and tap the hopstep button.

<b>Pump fake to drive</b>	From a backdown hold ball state with unused dribble, initiate a pump fake. Once the pump fake starts, hold sprint and press the <b>left stick</b> toward basket to start a drive.
<b>Up &amp; Unders (shot stick)</b>	From any backdown state, tap the <b>right stick</b> to one side to initiate the move. If you have established a pivot foot already, you will be forced to fake to a certain side; if not, you can fake to either side based on the shot ( <b>right stick</b> ) direction. After the move starts, push and hold the shot ( <b>right stick</b> ) a second time to follow through with the shot. If this is not done, he'll simply pump fake and return to a post position. The direction you push on the shot ( <b>right stick</b> ) will determine what type of up & under you do.
<b>Post Package Shots</b>	From any backdown state, push and hold the <b>right stick</b> to initiate a shot. The direction you push on the <b>right stick</b> will determine what type of post shot you do (hook, fadeaway, roll left, roll right).
<b>Faceup Jumpshot</b>	Initiate a faceup by holding backdown and pushing the <b>left stick</b> away from the defender. Once the faceup starts, press the shot button.

## Off-ball - Offense

<b>Fight for Position</b>	Engage, hold <b>left trigger</b> and push the <b>left stick</b> into defender.
<b>Basic Movement</b>	Use the <b>left stick</b> to move your player side to side, forward or back.
<b>Aggressive Lunge Back</b>	While posting up, press the <b>right trigger</b> into defender.
<b>Ward off Fronting</b>	While posting up, press the <b>left stick</b> toward the defender's shade attempt.
<b>Spinning out for Lob</b>	While posting up, release the <b>left trigger</b> and push the <b>left stick</b> either left or right.

## Post Play Off-ball - Defense

<b>Take Charge</b>	Press <b>B</b> .
<b>Shade Offensive Player</b>	Move the <b>left stick</b> slightly to one side or the other.
<b>Steal Post Entry Pass</b>	Press <b>X</b> as the post offender is receiving the ball.

## PLAYER LOCK OFF-BALL CONTROLS

### Offense

<b>Move player / Push</b>	<b>left stick</b>
<b>Call for Ball</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Set Screen</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Call for Alley-oop</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Spin for a Lob</b>	Release the <b>left trigger</b> + <b>left stick</b> left / right
<b>Juke Left</b>	<b>left trigger</b> (tap)
<b>Post Up</b>	<b>left trigger</b> (in the post)
<b>Sprint</b>	<b>right trigger</b> (hold)
<b>Juke Right</b>	<b>right trigger</b> (tap)
<b>Icon Swap*</b>	<b>right bumper</b>
<b>Timeout</b>	<b>BACK</b>
<b>Pause</b>	<b>START</b>

\*Unranked Matches only.

### Defense

<b>Move player</b>	<b>left stick</b>
<b>Make Contact</b>	Push the <b>left stick</b> into offensive player.
<b>Steering / Ball Denial</b>	<b>right stick</b>
<b>Nudge</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Take Charge</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Steal / Dive</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Block / Rebound</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Grab Player</b>	<b>left trigger</b>
<b>Sprint</b>	<b>right trigger</b> (hold)
<b>Icon Swap*</b>	<b>right bumper</b>
<b>Intentional Foul</b>	<b>BACK</b>
<b>Pause</b>	<b>START</b>

\*Unranked Matches only.

## PERIMETER PLAY

### Perimeter Off-ball - Offense

<b>Push Into Defender</b>	Push the <b>left stick</b> into defender.
<b>Push off Defender</b>	First push into the defender with the <b>left stick</b> , then pull the <b>left stick</b> back.
<b>Swim Around Defender</b>	While in a push-off or fight with a defender, throw the <b>left stick</b> diagonally forward to the desired side.
<b>Juke Out Move</b>	Tap the <b>right trigger</b> to fake right and tap the <b>left trigger</b> to fake left (can do hard plants as well by continuing move).
<b>Spin</b>	Push into the defender with the <b>left stick</b> , then hold sprint ( <b>right trigger</b> ) and throw the <b>left stick</b> to one side of him.
<b>Call for Ball</b>	Press <b>A</b> .
<b>Set Screen</b>	Press <b>B</b> .
<b>Call for Alley-Oop</b>	Press <b>Y</b> .
<b>Seal Defender</b>	Pull the <b>left trigger</b> while on the perimeter. The player must be grabbed by a defender in order to seal him.
<b>Swipe Hands Away</b>	Press the <b>left stick</b> on offense (you have to be engaged in a grab/hold move by the defender).

### Perimeter Off-ball - Pick & Roll

<b>Pick &amp; Roll</b>	Press <b>B</b> to call for a Pick, wait for contact and then move the <b>left stick</b> toward the basket.
<b>Pick &amp; Pop</b>	Press <b>B</b> to call for a Pick, wait for contact and then move the <b>left stick</b> away from the basket.
<b>Slip &amp; Go</b>	Tap <b>B</b> to call for a Pick and then move the <b>left stick</b> toward the basket.

## COACHING / PLAYS

Basketball is a fast moving game and you need to deploy your strategies in real time. Use the **D-pad** to bring up the Coaching / Plays menu and get your team ready to go.

### Coaching / Plays: Offense

<b>D-pad UP</b>	Heat Check – see which one of your players is hot and who is not.
<b>D-pad DOWN</b>	This brings up the substitutions menu. At the next stoppage in play the switch you want to make will happen.
<b>D-pad LEFT</b>	Change up your coach settings.
<b>D-pad RIGHT</b>	Call your play. Use the onscreen graphics to see which button calls which play.

### Coaching / Plays: Defense

<b>D-pad UP</b>	Player-Matchups – set up who is matched up with whom.
<b>D-pad DOWN</b>	This brings up the substitutions menu. At your next stoppage in play, the switch you want to make will happen.
<b>D-pad LEFT</b>	Change up your coach settings.
<b>D-pad RIGHT</b>	Call your defensive set. Use the onscreen graphics to see which button calls which play.

## TOUCH PASSING

You can keep the ball moving with NBA 2K9's Touch Passing feature. Start a normal pass by pressing **A**. While the ball is between teammates, tap **A** again. This "logs" the pass so as soon as your teammate gets the ball, he will dish it off to the next player. This can keep the ball flowing, the defense off-guard, and allow you to find the open man more easily.

## ISO-MOTION PRO

<b>Crossover</b>	Hold the <b>right trigger</b> . With the ball in your right hand, throw the <b>left stick</b> to the opposite 45-degree angle.
<b>Double Cross</b>	Hold the <b>right trigger</b> and throw the <b>left stick</b> opposite to your ball-hand and then back to the ball-hand to perform a Double Cross.
<b>Spin</b>	Hold the <b>right trigger</b> and move the <b>left stick</b> from the ball-hand to opposite hand in a half circle motion.
<b>Behind the Back</b>	Hold the <b>left trigger</b> and the <b>right trigger</b> and move the <b>left stick</b> from your ball hand to the opposite hand in a half circle motion. The half circle motion of the <b>left stick</b> must be in the direction that wraps behind the player's back.
<b>Stepback</b>	Hold the <b>right trigger</b> and throw the <b>left stick</b> back from the direction of the rim. You must be moving to execute this move.
<b>Half Spin</b>	Hold the <b>left trigger</b> and the <b>right trigger</b> and throw the <b>left stick</b> back from the direction of the rim.
<b>Hesitation</b>	Tap the <b>right trigger</b> while standing.
<b>Quick Hesitation</b>	Tap the <b>right trigger</b> while running.
<b>Sizeup</b>	Tap the <b>left trigger</b> while standing.
<b>In and Out</b>	Hold the <b>right trigger</b> and the <b>left trigger</b> and throw the <b>left stick</b> toward the ball-hand, then back to the opposite ball-hand.



## MAIN MENU

Once the game loads, press **START** and select your Profile. Use the **right stick** to bring up the 2K Nav menu:

**NBA Blacktop** – Take the NBA out on to the blacktop at the fabled Rucker Park in the heart of New York City. Participate in the Dunk Contest, 3PT Shootout, a Game of 21, or even Pickup Games.

**Game Modes** – Play the Association, start up a Season, compete in the Playoffs, play in the Rookie Challenge, Practice your moves, or set up a Situation.

**Options** – Options allows you to change the way you play NBA 2K9. Adjust the camera, switch sides, change the gameplay, My NBA options, Presentation, NBA Rules, or view the Controller Setup.

**Features** – From the Features menu you can Manage the Rosters, view your Trophy Room, Check out the VIP Viewer, select the soundtrack with 2K Beats, use the 2K Reelmaker to create and upload awesome highlights, Configure the 2K Sports Ticker, enter codes, and view the credits.

**Load / Save** – Load and save your roster, settings, profile, and configure the Auto Save feature.

**Xbox LIVE** – Play against people from around the world with Xbox LIVE, get updated rosters, and find downloadable content.

## PAUSE MENU

Press **START** during the game to bring up the Pause Menu.

**Resume** – Get back into the game.

**Replay** – View the replay of the exciting action on the court.

**Coaching** – Make substitutions, look at player match-ups, call for double teams / pressure D, edit settings, and review your playbook.

**Game Stats** – See the Team Stats, Box Score, Gametrack, and check out injuries.

**Options** – Adjust the camera, switch sides, change the gameplay, My NBA options, Presentation, NBA Rules, or view the Controller Setup.

**Quit** – Quit the game to the Main Menu or start the game over with a quick rematch.

## XBOX LIVE®

Play anyone and everyone, anytime, anywhere on Xbox LIVE®. Build your profile (your gamer card). Chat with your friends. Download content at Xbox LIVE Marketplace. Send and receive voice and video messages. Get connected and join the revolution.

## CONNECTING

Before you can use Xbox LIVE, connect your Xbox 360 console to a high-speed Internet connection and sign up to become an Xbox LIVE member. For more information about connecting, and to determine whether Xbox LIVE is available in your region, go to [www.xbox.com/live/countries](http://www.xbox.com/live/countries).

## FAMILY SETTINGS

These easy and flexible tools enable parents and caregivers to decide which games young game players can access based on the content rating. For more information, go to [www.xbox.com/familysettings](http://www.xbox.com/familysettings).



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