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NBA LIVE 06

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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 or call Xbox Customer Support (see inside back cover).

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 further from the television screen.
- Use a smaller television 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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COMPLETE CONTROLS

Live and breathe basketball with *NBA LIVE 06* for the first time on the Xbox 360. Powered by next-generation gameplay, and high-definition technology, see and feel the emotion of the complete basketball experience like never before. In order to become a superstar, you must first master these gameplay controls.



GENERAL CONTROLS

Move player	
EA SPORTS™ Freestyle Control (see p. 5)	
Quick Plays™ (see p. 5)	
Turbo	(pull)
Pause game	

OFFENSE

Shoot	(press and hold to jump then release to shoot; tap to pump fake)
Pass (direction of chooses player)	(hold and release to execute a give-and-go)
Dunk/Lay-up	(double-tap to adjust your shot)
Pro-hop/Power dribble	(hold for power dribble when player is standing still)
Back down defender/Protect ball	(pull and hold) +
Alley-oop pass (when teammate has a clear lane to the basket)	
Direct pass	+ , , , or (tap to pass to closest man to basket)
Off-ball switch (see p. 5)	+ , , , or
Call timeout	

DEFENSE

Switch player (direction of chooses player)	
Steal/Intercept	
Take charge	or

DEFENSE (CONT.)

Block/Rebound	Y
Direct player switch	LB + A, X, B, or Y
Last man back	LB (tap)
Defensive stance/Box out	LT (pull and hold)
Additional defensive moves	Ⓔ defender raises both arms to block Ⓕ initiates a defensive stance Ⓖ/Ⓗ attempts to steal with left/right hand
Dive (without ball)	X
Intentional foul	⬅

MID-AIR REBOUNDS, TIPS, AND DUNKS

Mid-air rebounds	Y
Tip-slam	X
Tip-in	B

CALL-FOR-PASS INBOUNDING

Move pass receiver	Ⓘ
Call for pass	A

LOW POST MOVES

Slam dunk	LT (pull) + Ⓘ toward basket + X when close to the basket
Fade away jump shot	LT (pull) + Ⓖ away from basket + B
Power dribble	LT (pull) + Y
Spin move (from back down)	LT (pull) + Ⓖ in the direction you want to spin (then release LT)

OFF-BALL SWITCH (PLAYER LOCKED WITHOUT BALL)

Call for shot	B
Call for pass	A
Call for dunk/lay-up	X
Set screen	LT (pull)

FREE THROWS

When shooting free throws, move Ⓖ↓ to begin the shooting motion. Once the player pulls the ball up (near his forehead), move Ⓖ↑ to release the ball.

- The 'up and down' motion on the right stick results in a smooth, clean shot if timed properly. Holding Ⓖ↓ too long results in the loss of strength—the shot will miss short. Moving Ⓖ↑ too quickly results in too much power—you will back-rim the shot.

Also, be sure to move Ⓖ straight ↓ then ↑. Moving Ⓖ up and to the left forces the ball to the left and may result in a missed shot; moving Ⓖ up and to the right pushes the shot to the right.

NOTE: Your margin for error depends on the player's free throw ability as well as the skill level you are playing.

SETTING UP THE GAME

When you turn on *NBA LIVE 06*, you find yourself in the Practice Gym. This is basketball central. From the gym, select your favorite game mode or pick up the ball and go.

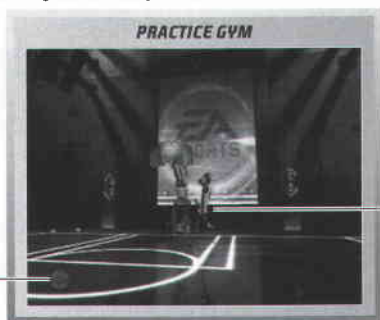
THE PRACTICE GYM

From the Practice Gym you can immediately work on your EA SPORTS™ Freestyle moves or just shoot around from anywhere on the court. Time is unlimited and you can practice with up to four players at the same time.

- To begin practicing press **A** on an active Xbox 360 Controller to begin the shoot-around. To switch players, see *Select Player* (below).

After draining some shots from around the arc or jamming home a few monster dunks, press **▶** to access the Game menu. From here you can select a game mode, create a player, adjust your game settings, and more.

NOTE: While waiting for the game to load you can shoot around in the Practice Gym.



User-controlled player

Press ◁ to access
the Quick menu

QUICK MENU

To quickly enter a game area from the Practice Gym, including Select Player, Xbox Live, Play Now, and Season mode, press ◁ to bring up the four options. When the pop-up menu appears, quickly press ◁ again to select the option of your choice.



The Quick menu
gives you four
popular options to
choose from

SELECT PLAYER

When playing in the gym you have the option to practice as the Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade or as any other NBA or created player (see p. 8). You can switch players by accessing the Game Menu screen or by using the Quick menu feature.

GAMER PROFILE

Create a gamer profile to track achievements and save all game progress to the Xbox 360 Hard Drive or Xbox 360 Memory Unit (MU). A gamer profile must be created in order to play Xbox Live.

- To create a new gamer profile, press **Y** to bring up the Xbox Guide. Highlight CREATE NEW PROFILE and press **A**. Create a profile name using the virtual keyboard.
- After your gamer profile is created and saved to a storage device, you can customize your profile and set personal settings. When you are signed in with your gamer profile, achievements are tracked and game progress can be saved.

NOTE: Only one gamer profile can be active at a time. In order to activate a gamer profile, you must press **Y** at the *NBA LIVE 06* title screen (using the Xbox 360 Controller associated with your gamer profile). To activate another gamer profile, the active gamer profile must first sign out, or you can simply sign in with another gamer profile and return to the title screen. Any progress that has not been saved to an active gamer profile is lost when signing out or changing the active gamer profile.

PLAY NOW MODE

Get on the floor and hit the court runnin' with a Play Now exhibition game. Since the games don't count in the Season mode (see p. 7) standings, a Play Now game is the best way to get acquainted with the game.

SELECT CONTROLLER/SELECT TEAMS SCREEN

After selecting an NBA or All-Star team for the upcoming game, move your Xbox 360 Controller icon beside the logo of the team you want to control.

SELECT JERSEYS SCREEN

Change your team's jersey and play in style—go traditional and select a current Home or Away jersey, or select an Alternate jersey for the upcoming game.

SELECT LINEUPS SCREEN

Your starting five are automatically set for you. However, if you want to start one of your bench players, pencil him into a starting role from the Select Lineups screen. If you wish to readjust your lineup during gameplay, you can always make a change by using the Strategy menu (see *Stoppage in Play* on p. 6).

QUICK SETTINGS

Select the skill level for the next game, along with quarter length and camera view.

PLAYING THE GAME

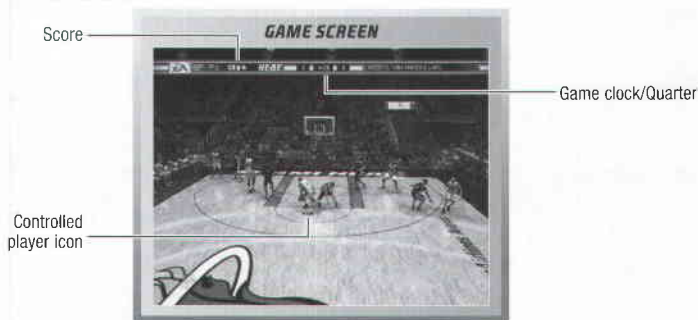
Take the point and deliver fast break passes on the fly as teammates run the lanes awaiting your pass. On defense, get inside and feel what it's like to block a dunk—or to be dunked on—as big bodies collide under the basket. Will you live in the paint or set up camp outside the arc? The choice is yours.

BEFORE THE GAME


GAMEPLAN

Before tip-off, you can make pregame adjustments while inside the coach's huddle. Modify your lineup or change your team strategy without having to access the Pause menu. For more information, see *Stoppage in Play* on p. 6.


ON THE COURT



EA SPORTS™ FREESTYLE CONTROL

Express yourself with EA SPORTS Freestyle Control. While dribbling, move  in any direction to break out a Freestyle move. Making the same shape results in the same move every time. You can also create combinations of Freestyle moves so be sure to take advantage of your time in the Practice Gym to help perfect these moves.

OFF-BALL SWITCH

Control players on the floor with or without the ball—call for passes, have a teammate shoot, or set a screen with the push of a button. Once you activate Off-Ball Switch mode () , switch to another player on the court by pressing the corresponding button.

QUICK PLAYS™

Direct traffic on both ends of the court by calling a Quick Play. On offense, you can run Isolation, Post Up, Pick and Roll, and 3 Team Plays. The Half Court Man, Full Court Man, Double Team, 2-3 Zone, or 1-3-1 Zone defensive options are available as well. You can change your Quick Play settings on your Xbox 360 Controller via the Playbook screen.

- To call a Quick Play, press , , , or . Pressing   gives you the option of three additional plays.

PLAYBOOK

Adjust to your opponent's playing style mid-game. You have the option to adjust your offensive and defensive playbook. The Playbook is accessible through the Pause menu during a game, or via the Team Management menu (when in the Practice Gym).

STOPPAGE IN PLAY

Before the ball is inbounded, after fouls, between periods, or any other time there is a stoppage in play, press \diamond to access the Strategy menu. From here you can change your offensive and defensive set, make player substitutions to your lineup, alter your team strategy, or call a timeout—all without leaving the court. You can also access additional options by pressing \blacktriangle .

Press \diamond to access the Strategy menu



Lineups

When players begin to tire, substitute them in and out of the lineup ($\diamond \blacktriangleleft$) to give your key players a breather. You can also make a quick sub to bring in your 3 Point lineup, swap in a fresh point guard, and more.

Timeout

Quickly call a full timeout ($\diamond \blacktriangledown$) to give your players a chance to catch their breath, kill your opponent's momentum, or to reconfigure your team's strategy.

Offense

Select a play to run when the game resumes ($\diamond \blacktriangleup$ when on offense). Call a teammate over for a Pick and Roll when you receive the ball, or call an Isolation at the end of a close game. There are six different plays to run (or more if you choose to customize your playbook).

Strategy (Offense)

Change your offensive gameplan by adjusting the two strategy sliders. Play to your team's strengths by pressing $\diamond \blacktriangleright$ when on offense.

The Transition Style slider allows you to force your team to Fastbreak more often in order to get easy baskets, or to Box-Out to help avoid giving up offensive rebounds.

The Rebounding Tactic slider allows you to Crash the Boards on the offensive end or get back in transition so your opponents don't get uncontested dunks.

Defense

Change up the style of defensive play by pressing $\diamond \blacktriangleup$. Pick up your checks at halfcourt by playing Half Court Man to Man to pressure the ball, or switch up to a 2-3 Zone to force your opponent to shoot from the outside. There are six total options to select from (or more if you choose to customize your playbook).

Strategy (Defense)

Choose how you want to defend your opponents ($\diamond \blacktriangleright$). Choose to Double Team specific players, adjust your Match-Ups (i.e., your shooting guard defends their point guard), and set your Guarded Levels so you can play specific players tight or loose.

SAVING AND LOADING

Save, load, or delete files from a storage device (Xbox 360 Hard Drive or Xbox 360 Memory Unit).

SAVING

- After beginning a new season, updating (or altering) team rosters, adjusting game settings, or unlocking a reward, be sure to save your information to a storage device before exiting a game mode or quitting the game. All unsaved information is lost otherwise.

LOADING

- After data is saved to a storage device, you can load the information by accessing the Save/Load screen. After selecting LOAD, highlight the file you wish to access and press **A**. The information is automatically loaded from the Xbox 360 Hard Drive or Xbox 360 Memory Unit.

DELETING

- To delete data, select DELETE (from the Save/Load pop-up menu), highlight the file you wish to trash and press **A**. The information is removed from the Xbox 360 Hard Drive or Xbox 360 Memory Unit.

NOTE: The Auto-Save feature in *NBA LIVE 06* defaults to ON. When ON updated game data is automatically saved to a storage device when exiting a game mode. You can switch Auto-Save to OFF via the Gameplay Settings screen.

SEASON MODE

Play through the trials of a full NBA season. Set up an 82-game season and make your run for the championship. You can play the season with any team using current or default NBA rosters. Season mode operates on a daily NBA calendar so be prepared to handle the duties on the court, as well as off it. After choosing a team and selecting your settings, your season begins.

DURING THE SEASON

Play the role of general manager and player as you fight division rivals and cross-country powerhouses both on and off the court.

SCHEDULE/GM'S DESK/ROSTER MANAGEMENT

From the Game menu you find the Schedule, GM's Desk, Roster Management screen, and more. Play or simulate games by selecting your next opponent on the monthly schedule. You can skip ahead by a day, days, or even months.

Between games be sure to keep up to date on the latest scoop. For all your off-the-court news, get the latest updates from around the league from the GM's Desk. From here you can also view the free agent list, and more. From the Roster Management screen you can reorder rosters, view injury reports, sign, release, trade players, and more.

POSTSEASON

After the regular season ends, the excitement of the NBA playoffs begin. Was your team good enough to make the postseason? If you were one of the fortunate seeds in the playoff format, you can play or simulate any game on your team's playoff schedule. See if you have what it takes to lead your team from the first round all the way to the NBA Finals.

XBOX LIVE®

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

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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.

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.

WELCOME TO *NBA LIVE 06* ON **XBOX LIVE**

The Xbox Live lobby is your main resource for connecting to players from across the nation. Whether you're looking to join a Ranked Match or an Unranked Match, all the tools you need to connect to other players are available from the Xbox Live Main menu.

Ranked Match	After playing on Xbox Live you are given a player ranking. Playing a Ranked Match allows for more evenly-matched games.
Unranked Match	Play a game that doesn't count toward your player ranking.
Quick Match	Find the next available player waiting to play on Xbox Live.
Custom Match	Select your favorite settings and search to find a match that suits your playing style.
Create Match	Create a home court advantage by customizing a game with your own settings.
Lobby	Locate players and/or visit rooms from the Lobby. Here, you can accept challenges from other players, or if you have created a match, send a challenge of your own.
Leaderboard	View the EA Leaderboard and see who is dominating <i>NBA LIVE 06</i> on Xbox Live.
Online Settings	Adjust your Quick Messages and alter other online settings.

CREATE PLAYER

With an enhanced character-creation technology, create an NBA superstar who looks exactly like you. Build your player from the ground up and turn him into a legend. Once a look is locked down, your new 'created' player is added to the NBA roster of your choice.

Bring your player to life by altering his attributes and appearance. After a player is named, numbered, and is complete with attributes, adjust his features in complete detail.

Player Info	Personalize your player by creating a name—first and last—and a nickname. You also assign him a position, jersey number, and more importantly, a team to play for, as well as a secondary position, birth date, and more.
Appearance	Get creative and mold the image of the perfect basketball player. After selecting to adjust the Head, use the left or right sticks to craft your player's face in great detail. In addition, you can also adjust the Body Type, Height, Weight, and Complexion.
Accessories	From a stylin' headband to artistic tattoos, load up your created player with accessories from head to toe.
Attributes	Modify your player's attributes in a number of skill sets. You can copy the attributes from a current NBA player or you can adjust the numbers on your own.

TEAM MANAGEMENT/SETTINGS

Modify team playbooks, make roster moves, or view stats from the Team Management menu. From the Settings menu, you can adjust gameplay settings, rules, and more.

These are the options for the Team Management screen:

Playbook	Modify the offensive and defensive Quick Plays for every NBA team. From a Pick and Roll to a Half Court Trap, there are plenty to choose from.
Roster Management	Play the role of General Manager for the entire NBA. Make player trades, sign free agents, or release non-productive players as you alter the face of the league.
Stat Central	View Player or Team Stats throughout the league. Stats are sorted by Season, Playoffs, or by Player Rating.