

BASKETBALL

ATARI® GAME PROGRAM™ INSTRUCTIONS



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COMPLETE
GAME PLAY
INSTRUCTIONS

ONE OR TWO-
PLAYER GAMES

HELPFUL HINTS

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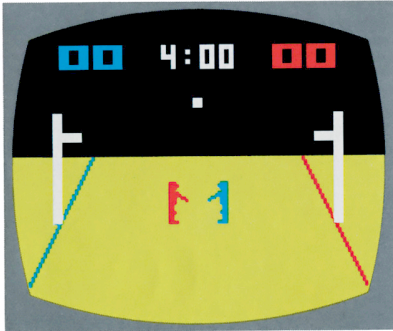
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1. GAME PLAY

Visualize that you are sitting at center court about six rows back. The bottom of the playfield is the near side of the court. The goals are in the center of the two endlines. The top of the court is the side farthest from you.



As shown in the above diagram, the two players are standing at center court, waiting for the “jump ball” to begin the game.

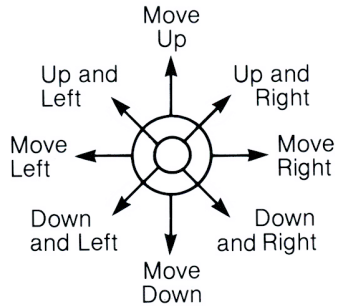
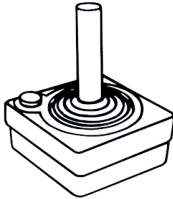
The left or green player’s score is shown at the top left of the playfield; the right or lavender player’s score is shown at the top right. Between the two scores is a time clock. When the game begins, this clock will begin counting down from 4:00. For any score to count, it must go through the basket before the game ends at 0:00.

To start the game with a jump ball, press the **game reset** switch on your console unit.

When a basket is made, the player making the basket is reset to center court for defense. His opponent will be reset under the basket to receive the ball and make his offensive moves.

The lines under each basket are the court endlines. A defensive player can cross over either endline. An offensive player cannot dribble the ball over the endline nearest to his offensive goal. This feature stops any “stall” tactics.

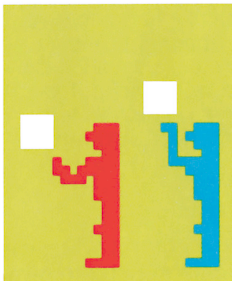
2. USING THE CONTROLLERS



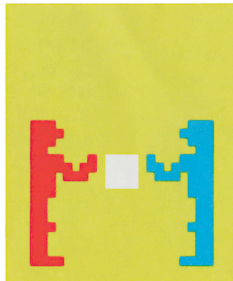
Use your Joystick Controllers with this ATARI® Game Program™ cartridge. Be sure the Joystick Controller cables are firmly plugged into the **CONTROLLER** jacks at the back of your ATARI Video Computer System™ game. For one-player games, use the Joystick Controller plugged into the **RIGHT CONTROLLER** jack. Hold the Joystick with the red button to your upper left, toward the television screen. See Section 3 of your owner's manual for further details.

Move your Joystick Controller according to the diagram to move your player around the court.

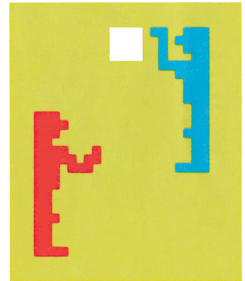
The player with the ball will dribble automatically and will always face the goal. The defending player will always face the ball.



To Shoot



To Steal



To Jump

To shoot, press the red controller button. Your player will stop dribbling and will hold the ball, waving it back and forth over his head (as shown in the diagram). When the controller button is released, the player will shoot. If the shot is made when the ball is over the player's head, it will be a long, high arching shot. If the shot is made when the ball is held low in front, it will be a short easy shot. The shot will always go towards the goal.

To defend against your opponent's shot, place yourself between the ball and the goal. When the

shooter releases the ball, press your red controller button. Your player will jump and you can block the shot and recover the ball. You can only block a shot when the ball is in its "upward" arc: there is no "goaltending" in this game.

To steal the ball, put your player's feet even with your opponent's feet. When the ball leaves your opponent's hand during the dribble, take the ball and race towards your own basket. Stealing the ball comes much easier with practice and will become an integral part of your defense strategy.

3. CONSOLE CONTROLS

GAME SELECT SWITCH

Press this switch down to select the game number you wish to play. The game number appears at the top, left side of the playfield.

GAME RESET SWITCH

After you have chosen the game you wish to play, press down the **game reset** switch to start the game with a jump ball. When the switch is released, the ball will be thrown straight up. When the ball comes down, the game is underway.

DIFFICULTY SWITCHES

When the difficulty switch is in the **b** position, your player can move from goal to goal much faster than when it is in the **a** position. Using the **b** position will enable you to defend more easily, and allow you to outrun your opponent. The player using the right Joystick Controller uses the **right difficulty** switch; the player using the left Joystick uses the **left difficulty** switch.

TV TYPE SWITCH

Set this switch to **color** if you have a color television set. Set it to **b-w** to play the game in black and white.

4. GAME VARIATIONS

GAME 1 Two-Player Game

In this version, you compete against another player. To make your game more interesting, try playing two 4:00 halves, changing controllers at halftime.

GAME 2 One-Player Game

Using the right Joystick Controller, it's you against the computer . . . and our computer is programmed to increase your playing skill. The closer the score, the better his defense and he will make more offensive moves. Try not to let the computer get more than an 8-point lead, because after he has allowed you to close the score, his defense will tighten much sooner.

5. HELPFUL HINTS

At first, place the **left difficulty** switch in the **a** position and the **right difficulty** switch in the **b** position. If you can beat the computer by 6 to 8 points, consider

yourself a skillful player. Then, move the **left difficulty** switch to the **b** position. If you can beat the computer by more than 4 points, you are a superior player.

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