

# NBA LIVE 15

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See important health and safety warnings in the system Settings menu.


## GETTING STARTED

### PLAYSTATION®4 SYSTEM

**Starting a game:** Before use, carefully read the instructions supplied with the PS4™ computer entertainment system. The documentation contains information on setting up and using your system as well as important safety information.

Touch the (power) button of the PS4™ system to turn the system on. The power indicator blinks in blue, and then lights up in white. Insert the *NBA LIVE 15* disc with the label facing up into the disc slot. The game appears in the content area of the home screen. Select the software title in the PS4™ system's home screen, and then press the  button. Refer to this manual for information on using the software.

**Quitting a game:** Press and hold the  button, and then select [Close Application] on the screen that is displayed.

**Returning to the home screen from a game:** To return to the home screen without quitting a game, press the  button. To resume playing the game select it from the content area.

**Removing a disc:** Touch the (eject) button after quitting the game.



**Trophies:** Earn, compare and share trophies that you earn by making specific in-game accomplishments. Trophies access requires a Sony Entertainment Network account.

# COMPLETE CONTROLS

## OFFENSIVE CONTROLS

### OFFENSE CONTROLS

Call for screen	<b>L2</b> button (hold)
Quick action	<b>L1</b> button
Move	left stick
Plays	directional buttons
Dribble moves	right stick
Sprint	<b>R2</b> button (hold)
Icon pass	<b>R1</b> button
Pass	⊗ button
Alley oop	⊙ button
Shoot	Ⓚ button
Special Gathers	△ button
Backdown	<b>R3</b> button

## DRIBBLE MOVES

### BASIC DRIBBLE MOVES

In and out	right stick ↑
Hesitation	right stick →/←
Crossover	right stick ←/→
Between the legs	right stick ↗/↘
Behind the back	right stick ↓
Spin	right stick →, ↘, ↓, ↙, ←, ↖, ↑ / ←, ↙, ↓, ↘, →, ↗, ↑

### CHAINING DRIBBLE MOVES

To add flair to your moves across the court, chain dribble moves together by repeatedly flicking right stick.

## SIGNATURE DRIBBLE MOVES

Forward	right stick ↑ (hold)
Back	right stick ↓ (hold)
Left	right stick ← (hold)
Right	right stick → (hold)

## PASSING

Pass	⊗ button
Alley oop	⊙ button

## ADVANCED PASSING

Freestyle pass	<b>R1</b> button (hold) + right stick (flick toward receiver)
Icon pass	<b>R1</b> button (hold) + (button of receiver)

## SHOOTING

### SHOT TYPES

Jump shot	⊖ button (hold)
Pump fake	⊖ button (tap)
Dunk/Lay-up (while near basket)	<b>R2</b> button + ⊖ button
Fadeaway	left stick (away from basket) + ⊖ button

## SPECIAL GATHERS

Eurostep	△ button (double tap)
Pro hop	△ button (tap) + left stick (towards basket)
Step back	△ button (tap) + left stick (away from basket)
Spin	△ button + left stick ←, ↗, ↓/→, ↘, ↓

## POST OFFENSE

### BASIC POST OFFENSE

Enter backdown	R3 button
Face-up (in backdown)	R3 button
Hard bump	R2 button
Backdown	left stick
Aggressive backdown	R2 button (hold) + left stick

### ADVANCED POST OFFENSE

Shoulder fake	right stick ←/→
Spin	right stick →, ↘, ↓, ↙, ←, ↖, ↑ / ←, ↙, ↓, ↘, →, ↗, ↑
Lean	right stick ↑
Hold ball out	right stick ↓

### POST PLAY

Hook shot	Ⓞ button
Fadeaway	left stick ←/→ + Ⓞ button
Pro hop	left stick ← + △ button (tap)
Drop step	left stick → + △ button (tap)

## PLAYER LOCK OFF-BALL CONTROLS

NOTE: These controls are only applicable in Rising Star and LIVE Seasons modes.

Set screen	L2 button
Call for pass	⊗ button
Call for Alley Oop	Ⓞ button
Teammate shoot	Ⓞ button

## DEFENSIVE CONTROLS

### DEFENSE CONTROLS

Defensive assist	L2 button
Modifier	L1 button
Move	left stick
Sprint	R2 button
Icon switch	R1 button
Steal	Ⓞ button
Block/Rebound	△ button
Double team	Ⓞ button
Switch player	⊗ button
Call plays	directional buttons

## ADVANCED DEFENSE

Intentional foul	L1 button + ⊖ button
Icon double team	L1 button + ⊙ button
Take charge	right stick ↓ (hold)
Hands up	right stick ↑ (hold)
Dig steal	right stick (flick towards player)
Defensive slides	right stick (flick)

## POST DEFENSE

Block	△ button
Take charge	right stick ↓
Pull chair	right stick ←/→
Push back	left stick

## REBOUNDING

Rebound	△ button
Put back attempt	⊖ button

# COACHING OPTIONS

## OFFENSIVE PLAY CALLING

Quick plays	directional buttons
Player specific plays	directional buttons (double tap)
Team specific plays	directional buttons (hold)

## OFFENSIVE QUICK PLAYS

Quick screen	↑ button
Quick cut	↓ button
Quick isolation	← button
Quick post up	→ button

## OFFENSIVE PLAYER ACTIONS

Screen	↑ button (double tap)
Cut	↓ button (double tap)
Isolation	← button (double tap)
Post up	→ button (double tap)

## OFFENSIVE TEAM SPECIFIC PLAYS

Screen plays	↑ button (hold)
Isolation plays	← button (hold)
Post plays	→ button (hold)

## DEFENSIVE PLAY CALLING

2-3 zone	↑ button
Man to man	↓ button
3-2 zone	← button
Full court press	→ button
Pack paint	↑ button (double tap)
Coach default	↓ button (double tap)
Star focus	← button (double tap)
Pressure shooters	→ button (double tap)

## MORE COACHING OPTIONS

Coach Menu	↓ button (hold)
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## ON THE HARDWOOD

Slash to the basket for a thunderous dunk and bring the crowd to its feet, or look to your star players to take over with the game on the line. Leave it all on the court!

### PLAY CALLING

Press the ← button for an iso, ↑ button for a screen, → button for a post, or ↓ button for a cut. Your teammates will move around the ball carrier—or step away from the carrier for isolation. You can also double tap the ← button, ↑ button, → button, or ↓ button to perform Player Actions. This brings up icons above the heads of your teammates; press the button on your DUALSHOCK®4 wireless controller corresponding to the player you want to perform the Player Action.

For team play calling, press and hold the ← button, ↑ button, or → button. This will give you five iso plays, five screen plays, or five post plays for each team.

## TEAM MANAGEMENT

Press the **OPTIONS** button to view the pause menu. From the available options in the Team Management tab, you can swap out players in Substitutions, set tactics styles in Coach Options, and adjust your defenders' priorities in Defensive Matchups. You'll also have access to the Team Roster and Playbooks.

If you prefer to manage your team while you're on the court, press and hold the **↓** button to view your options without pausing the action. Press the **L1** button or the **R1** button to tab through various lineups, or press the **L2** button or **R2** button to tab through Substitutions, Matchups, Strategies, and Coach Options.

## LEARN LIVE

Want to get some practice in before you show off your skills on game day? Learn Live is an all-new game mode that helps you tackle the mechanics of *NBA LIVE 15* at your own pace, with interactive drills, special practice scenarios, and tutorial videos.

**NBA Live Trainer** If you're new to *NBA LIVE*, try some interactive drills to learn the controls. You can choose from categories such as Dribbling, Passing, and Scoring to fine-tune the techniques you're currently working on, with on-the-spot feedback about how you perform. Once you perfect a move, you'll move on to a new one for a comfortable challenge.

**Skills Challenge** Make practice exciting by putting your skills to the test in a Big Moments challenge! Here, you'll play an objective inspired by a real NBA moment.

**Practice** Run through practice scenarios or shoot some baskets to perfect your technique. Choose SHOOTAROUND to shoot solo or play some one-on-one against an opponent, or choose SCRIMAGE to play a 5-on-5 practice scenario.

**Tutorial Videos** Watch instructional videos to learn key *NBA LIVE 15* skills. Press the **Ⓜ** button to view a video full screen.



# RISING STAR™

Start a career and work your way to becoming a star player. You'll be able to choose your position and upgrade skills as you progress through your career.

Are you a Passer Point Guard who makes sure the ball gets into the right hands? Or do you prefer to hold down the paint as a Rim Protector Center? Make your choice, develop skills in your chosen area, and become a key player on your team to see if you have what it takes to become a superstar in the NBA.

## CREATE A PLAYER

This is where your career begins. Choose your name, position, jersey number, and school to tailor your ideal player, and prepare to enter the NBA as one of the very best prospects in the game. While you're deciding your appearance, make sure you adjust your play style for your position—these can make a big difference in your growth and performance!

## PERFORMANCE GRADE

Put your skills into action and see how well you perform with Performance Grade. This feature tracks 88 unique actions on the court and grades your performance specifically for your chosen position or on-court style. If you perform well, you'll earn Skill Points (SP) and win your coach's approval to potentially gain more playing time!

## ROLE & MINUTES

When you're drafted into the NBA, it's up to you to earn your starting role. As you progress, upgrade your skills with Skill Points (SP) and increase your Overall Rating to move up the depth chart. When your Overall Rating is higher than the top player at your position, you'll become a starter. Gain minutes based on your role and your average Performance Grade from recent games. Play like a star, and you'll become one.

## GAMEDAY

Play or simulate games against CPU-controlled teams, view the calendar, and check out the latest news from around the NBA. Keep an eye on your Skill Points (SP) as you progress through the mode. When you have enough, head to Player Growth and start developing your player's key skills.

## MY RISING STAR

Keep a finger on the pulse of your Rising Star's development as you progress. Career Accomplishments allow you to review what you've achieved so far, including stat titles, performance bonuses, awards, and championships. Check out your progress for specific Career Milestones. View your past 10 grades and current role/minutes in the Grade Breakdown screen.

Keep improving and play smart if you want to rack up points! Based on your performance, you'll receive points for success or have them taken away if you're not up to snuff.



# DYNASTY™

Ever wonder what it's like to manage and coach your own NBA team and build a franchise dynasty? In Dynasty™ mode, you can build a team from current rosters or create a fantasy draft. After that, it's up to you to train players and make key decisions from the GM's Desk. Over 25 seasons, you'll have to make smart managerial decisions, spend your budget wisely, try to win championships, and think long-term if you're going to build your team into a true NBA dynasty!

## GAMEDAY

View your season calendar to play or simulate games against CPU-controlled teams. When simulating, you'll get a play-by-play of everything happening on the court. During simulation, you can jump-in and take control at any time. You'll also receive all of the essential information you need to build your dynasty—and your NBA legacy.

As you fulfill team objectives, you earn Staff Points. Spend these to upgrade your staff, which impacts the effectiveness of player training, the speed of players' recovery from injuries, and the information scouts provide for the NBA Draft.

Before diving into a game, you can also view news on other teams in the NBA or check out any recent happenings around your organization in notifications.

## GM'S DESK

The GM's Desk is where you make the critical decisions that will ensure your franchise has the right players representing you on the hardwood each night. Championships may be decided on the floor, but it's your job in the front office to stay on top of salaries, set up trades, and sometimes place players on the Trade Block to see what kinds of offers may turn up in return. You can also sign free agents, view upcoming free agents to plan your off-season strategy, or release players who did not make the cut.

## COACH TEAM

Before your team can hit the ground running, it needs a game plan. Break down your team's strengths and weaknesses in Team Roster, and then dole out playing time through your Player Rotation. Study your Playbook or adjust your Defensive Strategies to get ready for your next opponent. You can also view your Player Satisfaction levels and developmental progress. Make sure your decisions on and off the court are getting the most out of your team!

## STATS

See where you stand in the power rankings, view season standings, check out the league leaders, and review player and team stats. You can also see recent winners of the Player of the Month and Rookie of the Month awards throughout the season. Once the season is winding down, take a look at the MVP candidates to see the current front-runners for one of the most coveted awards in basketball.

## LIVE ULTIMATE TEAM

Create and manage your dream team in *NBA LIVE 15*'s LIVE Ultimate Team. Select players to create a balanced lineup, and play games to earn coin rewards that you can spend on packs with new players in them.

Make smart decisions as you build your team, and see if your hard work pays off in head-to-head games against live opponents!

**NOTE:** For an in-depth FAQ about LIVE Ultimate Team, please visit <http://www.easports.com/nba-live>.

## MY FRANCHISE

My Franchise lets you see the big picture as you develop your own NBA franchise. This includes players, coaches, logos, jerseys, arenas, and contracts.

## ITEMS

As you gain new packs, you will have an abundance of items for your team. To scroll through multiple pages of items, move the left stick **←** and **→**. You can also mark all items by pressing the **△** button. This marks all of your items across all pages—not just the page you're currently viewing—to make clearing out your inventory quick and easy.

## PLAYER ITEMS

Move the left stick **←** and **→** to scroll through players on your Ultimate Team and see their items. You can then scroll through each player's items and bring up detailed information about them by moving the right stick **←** and **→**. Press the **R3** button to see all the information at once on the Player Details page.

## COACH

Decide which playbook your team will use to work toward victory in the next game.

## LOGO

Choose the perfect logo to represent your team.

## JERSEYS


Choose home and away jerseys for your team. Feel free to get creative—the two types of jerseys don't have to match your Ultimate Team logo or each other!

## ARENA

Select your home arena, which will be the setting for future home games.

## CONTRACTS

To get out on the court, players must have available Contracts. Contracts are available in packs. Each Contract can only be applied to a single player, at which point it is consumed. Every time a player in the Active Lineup enters a game, he spends a Contract, leaving him with one fewer than before.

To apply a Contract to a player, simply highlight the player and press the  button to bring up the Actions menu. Select APPLY CONTRACT and choose the Contract you would like to apply to that player.



## EDIT FRANCHISE

Select EDIT FRANCHISE to edit your team name, logo, coach, jersey, or arena. If you want a fresh start, you can also delete your team. This will delete everything associated with your team, including your coin reward balance. These cannot be recovered. All that will remain are your NBA Points.


## ACTIVE LINEUP

View your players and set them up for action on the court. Compare players, swap player positions, search your franchise for replacement players, sell items for coins, and customize everything from your jerseys to your coaches.

## SWAPPING PLAYER POSITIONS

Make sure your players are in the best positions on the court to encourage smart plays and teamwork. To swap player positions, highlight a player and press the  button, and then highlight a second player. Press the  button while highlighting the second player to swap his position with the first player's.

## CHANGING YOUR ACTIVE LINEUP

If your team is underperforming, you can change your Active Lineup to bring in players with different attributes. Highlight a player and press the  button to access the Actions menu. Here, select SWAP WITH FRANCHISE to remove the currently selected player from the lineup and search your franchise for a replacement player.

If you'd prefer to leave the player's slot empty for now, select SEND TO FRANCHISE to remove the player without immediately replacing him. You will need to replace the player before entering another game.

You can also discard any player from your franchise in exchange for coins.

## PACKS

Packs contain players and other valuable items for your team. Each pack has a set composition, but the exact items are random. Some packs are more likely to contain certain types of players, so purchase gold packs for a better shot at obtaining a gold player, etc.

You can purchase packs with coins you've earned in-game or NBA Points purchased with real-world currency. You also earn packs as you level up by completing Fantasy Challenges in Ultimate Team and by increasing your EA SPORTS™ HoopsNet level.

If you like the items in a pack, you can place them in your franchise. The exception is if you obtain a duplicate player who is already in your franchise; you must deal one of them out for another player. You can always post items to auction or discard any unwanted items for coins.

## AUCTIONS

Auctions let you buy and sell items with other players. You can use filters to search Auctions for exactly what you want, and then plan your bidding strategy carefully to try to win and purchase it! You can also put your items up for auction and set the duration, starting price, and buy now price for the item in Auction.

## FANTASY CHALLENGES

Play a series of games to earn extra coins and packs as rewards. You'll be pitted against opponents with skills in specific areas.

Some Fantasy Challenges have special entry requirements you must meet in order to participate. Keep an eye out for Weekly Challenges that will come throughout the season — they're available for a limited time only and usually offer extra coin and pack rewards.

# LIVE SEASON

LIVE Season is a living gameplay experience that is as dynamic as the NBA. Ever wanted to relive a basketball player's winning moment on the court, or try to rack up the same stats as your favorite team when they've been scoring big? LIVE Season lets you do just that, using Synergy Sports Technology to bring you new playable content throughout basketball season based on real NBA action.

## BIG MOMENTS

Replay the NBA's biggest moments from the night before. Some challenges are individual player objectives, while others are objectives for the entire team to complete. For instance, you might have to make the winning shot before the buzzer or perform with the same consistency as a team that had a great night on the court. Unlike NBA Rewind games, BIG Moments challenges are shorter than a full game, ranging from one minute to two quarters.

## HOT SPOT CHALLENGES

With the brand-new Hot Spot Challenges, recreate shooting performances of your favorite players or teams. Once on the floor, shoot from the hot spots marked on the court and relive the game like never before.

## NBA REWIND

In NBA Rewind games, you can step into the shoes of players from your favorite NBA teams to complete Challenge Objectives. Depending on how a team performed the night before, you might be tasked with scoring a certain number of points as a specific player or trying to beat the numbers of a top scorer. All of these challenges are based on real NBA game results and statistics, and they're available just hours after real games end to keep you in the action.

## JUMP-IN

In the all-new Jump-In feature available within NBA Rewinds, you can now select a moment within any Rewind challenge to pick up and play. Scrub the timeline to play either as little or as much of a Rewind as you'd like, and watch the challenge criteria change on the fly based on the real-world scenario!

## HEAD TO HEAD

Head to Head play lets you challenge Friends and other *NBA LIVE 15* players to see who has the best moves on the court. You can compete in Ranked Matches to make your way up the Head to Head Seasons league rankings, or compete against a Friend in a series of matches to determine who is the better player.

## HEAD TO HEAD SEASONS

Go up against other *NBA LIVE 15* players in ranked games, and see if you can climb the ranks and make it all the way to the top league. You'll be able to keep track of your progress through your League and the leaderboards.

### Quick Match

Search for other players at your level, based on your Head to Head Seasons League. These matches affect your Seasons Stats and allow you to progress through the Head to Head Seasons mode.

### Tournament Match

Participate in a four-game tournament with a trophy and rewards for the champion! You will be placed in a bracket with other players in your League Tier. To win the tournament, you have to win four games in a row—but if you lose a match, you can restart and try again for the trophy!

**NOTE:** Tournament Matches are not always available, and they do not affect your Head to Head Seasons Stats.

## BEST OF SEVEN

Invite and compete against your Friends in a best-of-seven series to determine who is better. The first to win four games claims victory and the trophy. If you don't take home the trophy, start a new series with your Friend and try to steal their prized possession.

## EA SPORTS™ HOOPS NETWORK

EA SPORTS™ Hoops Network (HoopsNet) is your connection to all of your Friends in *NBA LIVE 15*—and now you can access it with just the click of a button. Press the **LB** button to access HoopsNet anytime while viewing the main menu. Here, you can see your profile and your Friends' recent accomplishments and scores, and compare your progress throughout every feature in the game.



## EAS HOOPSNET NOTIFICATIONS

EAS HoopsNet Notifications keep you up to date on what your Friends are doing in *NBA LIVE 15*. You will only see notifications from Friends. These notifications show Friends' accomplishments in LIVE Ultimate Team, scores from LIVE Season challenges, and any Head to Head game challenges they send you, among other things.

## MY PROFILE

Visit your profile to view your recent activity and history, the amount of XP you have earned, and the amount of XP you need to reach the next level in *NBA LIVE 15*. EA SPORTS HoopsNet will reward you with LIVE Ultimate Team item packs when you reach specific Level milestones.

## LIVE FEED


View a live activity feed from across *NBA LIVE 15*. You can view news items from each of your Friends and see their progress in all game modes.



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