You've spent the day playing some friendly two-on-two basketball. You and your buddy are psyched. You've aced the last three games, and the other guys are getting desperate.

Your inside man dribbles deftly toward the basket. But their man moves in quickly. If he gets the ball, you may get bounced!

Your man passes. You get the ball and line up your shot. The last few seconds of the game tick away. Sink this shot quickly, and the game is yours!

**Getting Started**

1. With your television switched on, insert the Double Dunk cartridge into your Atari 2600 (or 7800) as explained in your Owner's Manual.

   **Note:** If you have an Atari 2600, make sure the COLOR/BW switch is set to COLOR.

2. Plug a controller into the left controller port for one player; plug a second controller into the right controller port for two players.

3. Turn on your console. The Double Dunk title screen appears. Press [Select] to display the game options screen. Move the controller handle up or down to select the seven options. Then, move the controller handle left or right to change (yes or no, 1 or 2 players, and so on) that game option. (See the Game Options chart.)
4. Press [Reset] or the left controller fire button to begin the game.

5. During play, press [Select] to return to the options screen. Press [Reset] to restart the game.

**Playing the Game**

Two teams, with two players (Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside) on each team, compete in this basketball game. You control your players with the controller. If your team has the ball, your controller moves the player who has the ball. If the other team has the ball, your controller moves your player who is guarding the man with the ball (the player with his hands raised).

The two players of each team have different playing skills. Mr. Inside (the bigger player) is great at rebounding and blocking shots, can dunk his shots easier, and sets picks for Mr. Outside. Mr. Outside (the smaller player) is adept at stealing the ball and is great at making long shots.

One of the most effective plays is the pick play. The purpose of a pick play is to get both defensive players hung up on the offensive Mr. Inside, allowing the offensive Mr. Outside to get an open shot. The defensive team can anticipate a pick play by selecting the lower left or lower right position on the controller while playing selection.

This allows the defensive Mr. Inside to pick up coverage on the offensive Mr. Outside because the defensive Mr. Outside is hung up on the offensive Mr. Inside.

Choose your offensive or defensive play before the ball is put in motion. After a score or a turnover, select your offensive or defensive play. [You don't get to select a play after a defensive foul, rebound, or a steal.] OFF and DEF flash at the bottom of the screen until you choose your offensive or defensive play. To select your play, move the controller into the appropriate position and press the fire button.

Once the ball is in play, use the controller to move your players. When your team is on the offense, press the controller fire button once to start the next part of your selected play. If you pull the controller handle back and press the fire button while the ball is in play, the player with the ball will ignore the play and start a jump shot. When the player jumps, press the fire button a second time and the player shoots the ball.

If a player is very close to the basket when he shoots, he will dunk the ball. After an opponent misses a shot and you get the rebound, you must clear the ball by moving your player until both feet are behind the 3-point line before you can shoot for a basket.

If your team is on defense, you can either attempt to steal the ball or jump to block a shot. To attempt a steal, press the fire button while your defensive player is close to the ball carrier. Make sure the ball carrier is dribbling when the attempt is made.

To block a shot, wait until the ball carrier jumps for the shot. Time your own jump to most effectively block the shot.
The Game Screen

The score appears at the top of the screen, along with the number of points needed to win the game (or the game clock) and the 10-second shot clock.

Strategy

Keep your opponent off guard by varying your selection of plays.

If the defense has your play covered, remember that you can make the player with the ball shoot at any time.

Shoot at the basket when your player is jumping up. Don’t shoot as your player is coming down from a jump. If you wait to shoot, chances are you won’t make the basket.

Be careful to stay inbounds when rebounding.

Time your blocks for successful interceptions.

When rebounding, there’s no foul called for goal tending.

Scoring

You score 2 points for each successful shot. If you select the 3-point shot option, you score 3 points for successful shots made from the 3-point shot area. Shots from the foul line after a defensive foul are worth 1 point each.

*Defenders tend toward the direction chosen (either left or right).*
Offensive Plays

Match the offensive play descriptions below to the controller positions shown above. After moving the controller in the direction shown for a play, press the fire button. Depending upon the number of times you press the fire button, a different action occurs when play begins.

Pick and Roll Left or Right
Controller Position — Upper Left or Upper Right
First button press — Mr. Inside moves to post to set up pick
Second press — Pass to Mr. Inside
Third press — Jump
Fourth press — Shoot

Give and Go Left or Right
Controller Position — Left or Right
First button press — Mr. Inside moves to post to set up pick
Second press — Pass to Mr. Inside
Third press — Pass to Mr. Outside
Fourth press — Jump
Fifth press — Shoot

Pick Left or Right
Controller Position — Lower Left or Lower Right
First button press — Mr. Inside moves to post to set up pick
Second press — Jump
Third press — Shoot

Mr. Inside Shoots
Controller Position — Top
First button press — Pass to Mr. Inside
Second press — Jump
Third press — Shoot

Mr. Outside Shoots
Controller Position — Bottom
First button press — Jump
Second press — Shoot

Defensive Plays

Select the defensive play by moving the controller in one of the directions shown above. The defensive play you select matches the corresponding offensive play for the same controller position.

Lane Defense
Controller Position — Top
Inside defender guards against pass

Tight Defense Right
Controller Position — Upper Right
Defenders guard close

Pass Defense Right
Controller Position — Right
Defenders guard against passes

Pick Defense Right
Controller Position — Lower Right
Inside defender switches off if pick is successful

Rebound Position Defense
Controller Position — Bottom
Inside defender stays close to basket

Pick Defense Left
Controller Position — Lower Left
Inside defender switches off if pick is successful

Pass Defense Left
Controller Position — Left
Defenders guard against passes

Tight Defense Left
Controller Position — Upper Left
Defenders guard close