

# Pansch's Basketball Manager Game 08

Thank you for downloading Pansch's Basketball Manager Game 08 (pb08). It is a rather simple Java-based text-only basketball management game for a single player. This document should give the player a quick introduction to the handling of the game.



The screenshot shows the 'Contracts' screen for the Atlanta Hawks. The interface includes a title bar with 'Season 2007/08 Atlanta Hawks (0:0) 12/17/2007 Next opponent: Boston Celtics \$1000 \$' and a 'Points' indicator. The main area contains a table of player contracts with columns for Position, Name, Age, Season, years left, money, contract extension, and sign. To the right of the table are several buttons: 'Roster', 'Free Agents', 'Contracts', 'Trades', 'Starlings', 'Stats', 'Player Stats', and 'Next Game'.

Position	Name	Age	Season	years left	money	contract extension	sign
PG	Anthony Johnson	33	18	1	0	1 year: 4100 \$	Resign
SG	Joe Johnson	26	8	1	3	1 year: 7000 \$	Resign
SF	Marvin Williams	21	2	1	4	1 year: 4500 \$	Resign
PF	Josh Smith	22	3	1	5	1 year: 7200 \$	Resign
C	Al Horford	21	0	1	8	1 year: 6000 \$	Resign
PG	Alec Lee	22	0	1	2	1 year: 3200 \$	Resign
SG	Sales Stasterson	25	2	1	3	1 year: 3200 \$	Resign
SF	Josh Childress	24	3	1	6	1 year: 5000 \$	Resign
PF	Shelden Williams	24	1	1	5	1 year: 3400 \$	Resign
C	Zaza Pachulia	23	4	1	1	1 year: 4500 \$	Resign
PG	Tyronn Lue	30	8	1	3	1 year: 3200 \$	Resign
PG	Speedy Claxton	20	8	1	3	1 year: 3000 \$	Resign
C	Lorenzo Wright	32	11	1	5	1 year: 3700 \$	Resign
-	-	0	0	1	0	1 year: 0 \$	Resign
-	-	0	0	1	0	1 year: 0 \$	Resign

## Execute pb08

If you have Java, just doubleclick the pb08.jar File to start the game. As “jar” is also used as a compression format, maybe your computer will try to open it with winrar or another packing program. If that is the case, you should try to manually open it with “javaw.exe” somewhere in C:\java\bin or something like that. If you don't have Java, you'll need to get that first to run the game.

## Start a new Game

In the unspectacular main menu, select Game → New Game.  
You can select one of the leagues to play in:

NBA\_short: Only 14 regular season games per season, BO2 in playoffs

NBA\_medium: 29 regular season games (each team once), BO 4

NBA\_long: 58 regular season games (each team twice)

You will then be asked to pick a team to play with. Pick one :D

DO NOT CLOSE the small window in the background when the game has loaded, as that will exit the whole program without prompt. By the way, make sure to save your game regularly and use two different files, so if there is some evil bug that killed one file, you still have the other one and don't have to start from scratch.

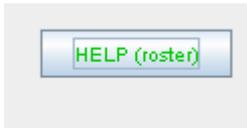
## The Info Bar

On the top of the game's main window, the info bar gives you important information at one glance: The currently running season, your team's name, your record, the date, the next opponent, the money you have to sign players, and the points (for the high score list)

## ***The Menu***

Navigation is done with the menu on the right side. I'm pretty sure you figured that out all by yourself;)

## ***The Help Button***



Some information you might want to know when looking at a specific screen can be found after clicking the HELP button on the top right of the screen. Yeah, that text looks really ugly, but it may still be useful.

## ***Game Rules, Abbreviations etc***

I think most of the handling can be learned quickly by trial and error, so I will try to give some insight on how the game works and what a good GM needs to consider:

## ***Match***

A match is being simulated in a millisecond, so there is nothing you can do during a game. Exactly 10 players get minutes each game, the starting 5 plus a backup for each position.

## ***Skills***

Players have four skills, 1 is the worst, and 10 the best possible value:

- scoring
- passing
- rebounds
- defense

Like one would expect, not all of these skills are equally important for everyone. A point guard needs a good passing rating more than a center, for example. In general it is slightly better to have some specialists than only all-rounders.

Each player has a true position, so if you play him out of position, he will not do as good as he would do on his real position. The penalty is -1 for each skill for a player playing one position off (orange), and -2 for each skill if he plays 2 or more positions off (Like a center playing point guard for example)

An injured player can still play, but he will have skills of (1,1,1,1) for that game.

## Energy and Confidence

Probably the most important concept in pb08 is Energy (NRG) and confidence (CON). In a nutshell, Energy decreases when a player plays a prominent role and confidence increases and vice versa. Do not let any of these values drop below one, or the player will take a hit in his skills. So yeah, you gotta bench LeBron and KG from time to time;)

On the other hand, if you manage your rotation well and a player reaches 50 confidence and 20 energy, he will get a “Level Up” and you can choose one skill to improve. The exact rules for energy- and confidence-values changing after a game are the following:

**Starting5** {NRG -2} {CON +3}

**Backups** {NRG +1} {CON +1}

**Reserve (11-15):** {NRG +5} {CON -2}

A win gives all players who played in the game {CON +1}

Energy and Confidence DO NOT affect the result of a single match though! It does not matter if your starting point guard has a confidence-value of 40 or 4, as long as it is more than zero.

## Salary

Well, actually there is no “salary” in pb08. Whenever you need to pay for anything, you do it once and with cash. Also, there is no salary cap to consider. The “salary” of a player is calculated based on his skills, so if you know someone will improve; don’t wait to long to extend his contract.

Waiving a player will cost you nothing, but it won’t give you anything else than a roster spot neither.

## Free Agents & Draft

The screenshot shows the game interface with a draft order and player statistics. At the top, there are buttons for rounds 0, 1, 2, and 3. Below that, there are buttons for Roster, Free Agents, Contracts, Trades, Standings, Stats, Player-Stats, and Draft.

**Draft Order**

1. Sacramento Kings ; Jean Castro
2. Minnesota Timberwolves ; Adam Han
3. Seattle Sonics ; Curtis Nielson
4. Indiana Pacers ; D.G. Mata
5. Philadelphia 76ers ; Nick Li
6. New Jersey Nets ; Zach Garcia
7. Milwaukee Bucks ; Pete Schmidt
8. Los Angeles Clippers ; Thomas Miller
9. New York Knicks ; Doc Li
10. Atlanta Hawks ; Tony Chan
11. Toronto Raptors ; Nico Chan
12. San Antonio Spurs ; Matthew Fisher
13. Portland Trailblazers ; Ming Pit
14. Orlando Magic ; Diego Bush
15. New Orleans Hornets ; Simon Jordan
16. Miami Heat ; Matthew De Jong
17. Utah Jazz ; Yu Huang
18. Phoenix Suns ; Utah Edwards
19. Memphis Grizzlies ; John Richard
20. Washington Wizards ; Shahn White
21. Los Angeles Lakers ; Hazran Roy
22. Houston Rockets ; Devin Williams
23. Detroit Pistons ; Isaiah McDonald
24. Cleveland Cavs ; Jean Hughes
25. Chicago Bulls ; Trevor Camara
26. Charlotte Bobcats ; Luther Bountje
27. Dallas Mavericks
28. Denver Nuggets
29. Golden State Warriors
30. Boston Celtics

**Player Statistics**

Name	Age	Position	SC	PS	RB	DF		
Nico Chan	22	P.G.	1	0	6	5		11.
Louis Dakovic	21	P.G.	1	2	3	1		-
Jean Hughes	20	P.F.	1	7	7	1		24.
Ethan Stakevicious	22	C.	1	3	3	7		-
Isiah McDonald	24	C.	4	2	4	7		23.
Doc Li	20	P.G.	5	5	6	4		9.
Sven Lam	21	S.F.	3	4	1	7		-
John Richard	21	S.F.	1	3	7	7		19.
Utah Edwards	20	S.F.	3	6	4	5		18.
Curtis Nielson	24	P.F.	7	2	7	7		3.
Owen Mata	22	P.F.	4	3	2	4		-
Tony Chan	20	S.F.	6	2	5	7		10.
Caleb Andersen	24	S.G.	1	3	1	3		-
Cheik Edwards	22	S.G.	5	2	1	5		-
Luther Bountje	22	S.F.	6	1	5	4		28.
Nick Li	24	S.F.	5	5	7	7		5.
Jerome Cool	20	S.G.	5	1	7	3		-
Sean Gomez	23	S.F.	4	5	2	2		-
Trevor Camara	20	P.F.	6	2	6	1		25.
Simon Jordan	23	C.	5	6	5	5		15.

First of all: Who are those guys? Don’t worry if you don’t know their names, pb08 just randomly generates Players whenever needed. The most important difference between drafting a rookie and signing a free agent is the price: Rookies don’t cost you any bucks until their rookie deal expires. You need to draft in both rounds, if you don’t want your rookie you can still waive him afterwards or chose “(none)” when asked which player should be released to open a roster spot for him.

## Hall of Fame

After 7 seasons, you will get a chance to enter your name to the Hall of Fame (on your local machine).

## Editors

You can easily add your own players and teams to pb08 or change the values for existing players. I created them all myself in quite a hurry, so don't expect it to be perfect. If you feel your favorite player is underrated, don't hesitate to make him better. Only save your player, team and league-files in the respective directory, otherwise there will be problems loading the files.

## Player Editor

File Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Position (1,2,3,4,5)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Age (years)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Years Pro(0 = Rookie)	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Rating:	0=worst. 10=best
. scoring	<input type="text" value="0"/>
. passing	<input type="text" value="0"/>
. rebounds	<input type="text" value="0"/>
. defense	<input type="text" value="0"/>
<input type="button" value="Abort"/> <input type="button" value="Save"/>	

Rating expects a value between 1 and 10. Positions: 1=PG, 2=SG, 3=SF, 4=PF, 5=C

## Team Editor

You can load players into the team and switch their positions. Saving will not close the window, so don't worry if "nothing happens" after clicking the button.

## League Editor

The screenshot shows the League Editor window with a list of NBA teams and their conferences. The list includes:

Atlanta Hawks (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Boston Celtics (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Charlotte Hornets (4,0)	Eastern Conference
Chicago Bulls (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Cleveland Cavaliers (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Dallas Mavericks (5,3)	Eastern Conference
Denver Nuggets (5,5)	Western Conference
Detroit Pistons (5,4)	Western Conference
Golden State Warriors (5,2)	Western Conference
Houston Rockets (5,4)	Western Conference
Indiana Pacers (5,0)	Western Conference
Los Angeles Clippers (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Los Angeles Lakers (5,5)	Eastern Conference
Memphis Grizzlies (5,1)	Eastern Conference
Miami Heat (5,1)	Eastern Conference
Minnesota Timberwolves (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Minnesota Timberwolves (4,5)	Eastern Conference
New Jersey Nets (5,1)	Eastern Conference
New Orleans Hornets (5,4)	Eastern Conference
New York Knicks (5,1)	Eastern Conference
Oklahoma City Thunder (5,1)	Eastern Conference
Philadelphia 76ers (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Phoenix Suns (5,7)	Eastern Conference
Portland Trail Blazers (4,0)	Eastern Conference
San Antonio Spurs (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Sacramento Kings (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Seattle Sonics (5,0)	Eastern Conference
Toronto Raptors (5,1)	Eastern Conference
Utah Jazz (5,4)	Eastern Conference
Washington Wizards (5,4)	Eastern Conference

This might need some explanation:

*Play teams from other conferences* means weather teams play each other during the regular season. In the NBA they do, in some tournaments like world championship with groups they don't.

*Number of meetings (RS)* Number of times the teams play each other in the regular season:  
For example in a 30-team-league, a value of “2” means 58 regular season games.

*Number of conferences* That’s conferences, not divisions. So for the NBA, that’s 2.

**How to assign teams to conferences:** select a bunch of teams from the list by using the <shift> or <ctrl> key, then click on “set” next to the conference name.

Cleveland Cavs (5.4)	Eastern
Dallas Mavericks (5.3)	Eastern
Detroit Pistons (5.4)	Western
Golden State Warriors (5.0)	Western
Houston Rockets (5.4)	Western
Indiana Pacers (5.0)	Western
Los Angeles Clippers (5.0)	Eastern
Los Angeles Lakers (5.5)	Eastern
Memphis Grizzlies (5.1)	Eastern
Miami Heat (5.1)	Eastern
Milwaukee Bucks (5.0)	Eastern
Minnesota Timberwolves (4.5)	Eastern
New Jersey Nets (5.1)	Eastern
New Orleans Hornets (5.4)	Eastern
New York Knicks (5.1)	Eastern
Orlando Magic (5.1)	Eastern
Philadelphia 76ers (5.0)	Eastern
Phoenix Suns (5.7)	Eastern
Portland Trailblazers (4.9)	Eastern
San Antonio Spurs (5.6)	Eastern
Sacramento Kings (5.0)	Eastern

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