

## Cover Art



## INTRODUCTION

It's the main event.

As the crowd rumbles impatiently, you suit up, tie your gloves and get ready to prove yourself. A bead of sweat forms and then slowly crawls down your forehead. It does not go unnoticed. Your trainer gives you a pat on the back. "Good luck kid. This is the moment you have been training for. Give 'em hell."

K.O. CRUISER is a first-person boxing game that matches you against six different boxers with different strengths, weaknesses and styles.

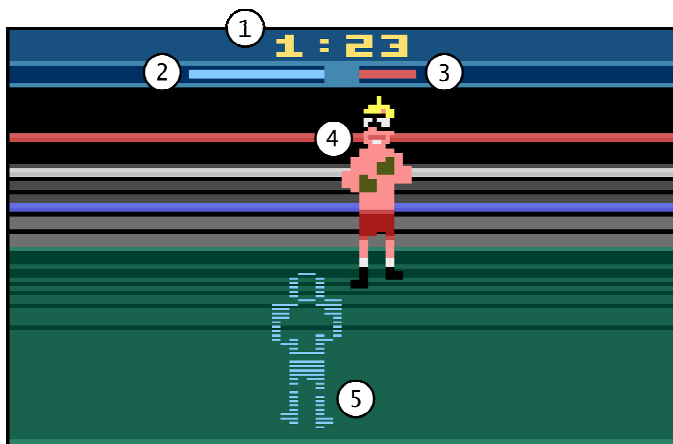
Do you have what it takes to be the champ? Is the Gold Belt within your reach? Let's find out!

## BOXING RULES

- Each round is three minutes long.
- You CANNOT be saved by the bell.
- The three-knockdown rule is in effect. If you knock down your opponent three times in a round, you will win by technical knockout. Of course, you can also get TKO'd.
- After three rounds, the judges will decide the match.

## GAME PLAY

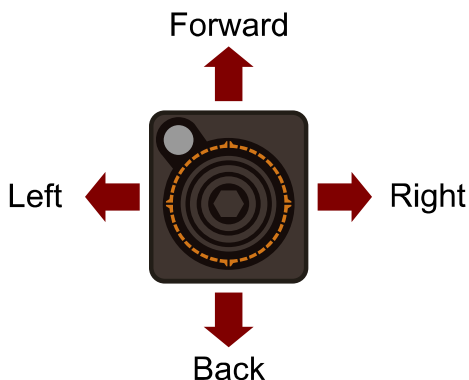
The main screen displays you and your opponent as well the clock, your health, and your opponent's health.



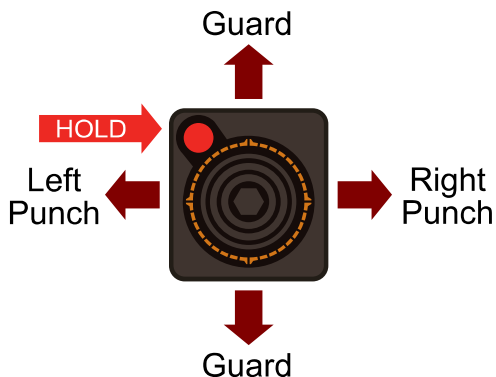
- ① Clock, round announcement, and ten count
- ② Your health
- ③ Opponent's health
- ④ Opponent
- ⑤ Your boxer

## USING THE CONTROLLERS

To move your fighter, use the joystick plugged into the LEFT CONTROLLER JACK on your Atari Video Computer system.

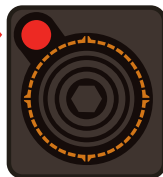


To either guard against the computer or throw a punch, you need to hold down the button and move the joystick.



## GETTING UP

If you are knocked down during a match, you have to get up before the referee counts to ten.



To get up, rapidly tap the button. Your player will flash white. When you are close to getting up, your character will shake.

Depending on how well the fight is going, it might be easy to get up ... or impossible.

## DIFFICULTY

There are three difficulty settings. Depending on the challenge you want, you can select level 1, 2 or 3. Level 1 is the default level. Level 2 plays the same, but the speed of your opponent's combos doubles. Level 3, in addition, doubles the power of their punches.



Level	Opponent Combo Speed	Opponent Punch Power
<b>1 (Bronze)</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Normal</b>
<b>2 (Silver)</b>	<b>Twice as fast</b>	<b>Normal</b>
<b>3 (Gold)</b>	<b>Twice as fast</b>	<b>Twice as powerful</b>

## REMATCHES

You can control the number of rematches you get during a game. When the Left Difficulty is set to B, you can have one rematch against each opponent during game play. For an extra challenge, you can set the Left Difficulty to A. You will then only get one rematch per game.

Left Difficulty	Mode
<b>A</b>	<b>Pro. One rematch per game</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Normal. One rematch per opponent</b>

## TIPS

- Wait for the opponent to throw a punch, and then counter-attack
- When you block a punch, your guard is broken. You need to guard again to stop the next punch.
- Most punches can be blocked. However, some final punches are too powerful to be blocked. Get out of the way.
- For better control, hold down the button and *then* move the joystick to punch and block.
- You can land more punches if you get your opponent against the ropes. However, you will get less time to respond to any of their special moves.



## OPPONENTS

You will have to match your skills against six different opponents.



## Tomato Ken

### From

Sacramento, California

### About

A computer programmer by trade, Tomato Ken used his skills to write a boxing video game. Now, for some strange reason, he thinks he knows how to box.

### Specials

- *Back-off and Ketchup* – Tomato Ken walks to the back of the ring and runs forward and throws a less "terrible" punch.

### Quotes

- I wrote a boxing game... so... I should be able to box! I'll be the champ!
- Don't hit so hard!





## K.C. Nova

### From

Madrid, Spain

### About

K. C. Nova arrogantly believes that he is "God's gift to women". He entered boxing to show the World how handsome and stylish he truly is... and to make the ladies swoon.

### Specials

- *I am so Great!* – Nova backs off and chuckles over his good looks. In the process, he recovers some life.
- *Disco* – Nova dances around and delivers some "stylish" punches.

### Quotes

- I'm not afraid of you hit'n me. Even if you break my nose, I will still be a specimen.
- I know that you wish that you were me.



## Wally B.

### From

Canberra, Australia

### About

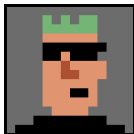
Wally honed his skills by starting fights in outback pubs. Once, while quite intoxicated, he challenged a kangaroo and was promptly kicked in the head. Ever since he has acted a tad strangely...

### Specials

- *Southern Cross* – Wally hops around the ring and finishes with a devastating blow.

### Quotes

- Well, boomer, I believe you are going to lose this one. Sorry, mate.
- Listen little joey, let's try this bare-knuckle. Meet me out back.



# Rod Ickle

## From

London, Britain

## About

Rod Ickle is part of the punk music scene in the downtown London. He's not a man of many words. As a result, not much is known about him except he's considered quite "cool".

## Specials

- *Knock ten bells* – Rod flies back and forward and delivers a fast combo.

## Quotes

- *When the reporter asked for a comment, he simply adjusted his sunglasses.*
- *When asked again, he sneered and walked off.*



# Russ Tick

## From

Topeka, Kansas

## About

Russ is a farmer outside of rural Kansas. He has a particular distain for the stereotypes of farmers and people in rural locations. Unlike that stereotype, he is educated and articulate. He entered boxing to basically beat up these elitists.

## Specials

- *Smack Down* – Russ starts to shake violently and delivers a series of random left and right blows. Better get out of the way.

## Quotes

- Did you expect me to say something obtuse? I can repair my truck, speak Latin and prevent a crop from dying... and you pay three dollars for a cup of coffee. Ha!
- This fight reminds me of one particular section of the Art of War - unfortunate for you.



# Major Concussion

## From

Annapolis, Maryland

## About

Major Concussion works for the U.S. Marine Corps training military cadets in hand-to-hand combat. He is good natured, but likes humbling even the most confident cadet. He entered professional boxing for the same reason. It is said that he doesn't need gloves – the nails he eats for breakfast have turned his fists into iron weapons.

## Specials

- *Machine Gun* – Concussion jumps back and delivers a barrage of quick punches.
- *Cannon Punch* – The major runs to the back of the ring and starts to chuckle. He then delivers a massively powerful blow.

## Quotes

- (*chuckles*) Drop soldier and give me ten!
- I would like to introduce you to my two gloves: Weapon and Mass Destruction (*chuckle*)

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