

Blitzball Stadium (solution)

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Solvers are presented with 8 commentaries that don't quite sound like games of Blitzball – there are mentions of strange apparatus like sticks and trampolines. Indeed, as clued by “other games” in the flavortext, these are references to other ball sports. Each commentary includes several clues that can be used to identify the sport. For example, in most of the commentaries there is a mention of the number of Aurochs players involved, helping to narrow down the search to sports with that number of players in a team. Also, solvers might notice that the game number referenced in each commentary matches the number of letters in the name of each sport – this provides an extra confirmation point.

No.	Sport	Blitzball Technique	HP Cost	Indexed letter
1	Futsal	Nap Pass	40	S
2	Sepak Takraw	Venom Shot	20	E
3	Bossaball	Anti-Venom 2	50	A
4	Water polo	Volley Shot	10	W
5	Quadball	Grip Gloves	30	A
6	Tchoukball	Anti-Drain	10	T
7	Field Lacrosse	Spin Ball	30	E
8	Korfball	Wither Shot	30	R

After identifying the sports, note that each commentary references a Blitzball technique. Each of these techniques has a HP cost that is a multiple of 10. These can be used as an index (after dividing by 10) into the names of the sports. Taking those letters in the given order gives the final answer **SEAWATER**, a notable feature of Blitzball stadiums.

Constructor's notes:

Blitzball is arguably one of the most iconic minigames in the Final Fantasy series and I thought it was a great opportunity to reference some interesting sports in real life. I think my favorites in this list are Bossaball and Quadball (especially if you enjoyed Quidditch in Harry Potter).