



Brackets - a Nanogame for Four by Cynthia Mattingly

There's nothing more fun than a senseless debate about utterly trivial things - and in this nanogame you can passionately debate about the Aces in Space universe.

You need:

- Four players
- A stopwatch or timer
- A bracket template, either printed out (see pg. 2) or as an online spreadsheet

Setup:

Choose eight Aces in Space words from one of the following categories or invent your own category. Fill in the leftmost and rightmost columns of the bracket template with your words.

<u>smash</u>				<u>no yolo</u>
<u>snack</u>				<u>fomo</u>
<u>lowbro</u>				<u>boots</u>
<u>brolesque</u>				<u>heartbro</u>

Slang (see Aces in Space page 45 for more) // fomo, boots, no yolo, brolesque, snack, smash, hundo P, heartbro, brofessional, etc

Cybermods // raptor legs, optical enhancement, magnetic fingertips, enhanced sense of taste, "Clean Pits AutoDeo", secret smuggling compartment, self-cutting hair, implanted bulletproof vest, blinking tattoos, camera implant, etc

Chopper parts // engine, comms system, stealth tech, armor, nav system, heated seat, sensors, thrusters, weapons, ejection pod

Assign each player a section of the bracket (top left, top right, etc.). Each player chooses one of the two words to advance to the next bracket (writing or typing it in) and briefly tells the group why they believe it is the better choice.

Running the game:

If you are a GameQueen with four players, your job is to officiate the debates in the over-the-top style of a wrestling match! If there are four of you in total, you'll have to organize yourselves.

Play:

Each pair of players debates each other for 90 seconds to advance to the final bracket. The other pair of players judges who wins. The final round plays the same way.

