



# American Ninja Warrior season 9



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The **ninth season** of the reality competition series *American Ninja Warrior* premiered on June 12, 2017 on NBC. Hosts Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbaja-Biamila returned for their respective eighth and fifth seasons, alongside sideline reporter Kristine Leahy who returned for her third season. In addition prior to the ninth season premiere, NBC aired a special *ANW Celebrity*, Red Nose Day edition featuring ten celebrities coached by ten elite ninjas on May 25 before airing *USA vs. The World III* on June 4.

This year for the first time, the top five women in each city qualifying course qualified for the city finals course, and the top two women in each city finals qualify for national finals, regardless of their placement overall. Also, the show introduces *ANW Obstacle Design Challenge*, where from over 2500 fan-submitted obstacles, seven chosen obstacles are introduced in the show.

## Competition schedule

Qualifying airing	Finals airing	City	Episode taping	Venue
June 12, 2017	July 24, 2017	<u>Los Angeles, California</u> <sup>[1]</sup>	March 7–8, 2017	<u>Universal Studios Hollywood</u>
June 19, 2017	July 31, 2017	<u>San Antonio, Texas</u> <sup>[2]</sup>	March 26–27, 2017	<u>Bexar County Courthouse</u>
June 26, 2017	August 7, 2017	<u>Daytona Beach, Florida</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	April 7–8, 2017	<u>Daytona International Speedway</u>
July 3, 2017	August 21, 2017	<u>Kansas City, Missouri</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	April 24–26, 2017	<u>Union Station</u>
July 10, 2017	August 14, 2017	<u>Cleveland, Ohio</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	May 8–9, 2017	<u>Public Square</u>
July 17, 2017	August 28, 2017	<u>Denver, Colorado</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	May 23–24, 2017	<u>Civic Center Park</u>

## City courses

### Los Angeles

#### Los Angeles qualifiers

The Los Angeles Qualifiers featured two new obstacles, Cannonball Drop and Battering Ram. The night concluded with 22 finishers. Grant McCartney earned the "*POM Wonderful Crazy Healthy Run of the Night*" with the fastest time (1:26.37). Other finishers include Adam Rayl and Kevin Bull.

- Floating Steps
- Cannonball Drop
- Fly Wheels
- Block Run
- Battering Ram

## ■ Warped Wall

Top 30 Competitors [[hide](#)]

order	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Grant McCartney	1:26.37	Finished
2	Adam Rayl	1:29.79	Finished
3	Kevin Bull	1:33.57	Finished
4	Flip Rodriguez	1:33.58	Finished
5	Brian Wilczewski	1:37.15	Finished
6	Sean Bryan	1:37.47	Finished
7	Ryan Robinson	1:39.56	Finished
8	Nick Hanson	1:57.82	Finished
9	Gabe Hurtado	2:09.93	Finished
10	Anthony Trucks	2:20.76	Finished
11	Brent Bundy	2:26.47	Finished
12	Robin Pietschmann	2:29.81	Finished
13	Jackson Meyer	2:31.24	Finished
14	Kapu Gaison	2:37.24	Finished
15	Josh Levin	2:29.62	Finished
16	Riles Nganga	3:02.85	Finished
17	Westley Silvestri	3:09.86	Finished
18	Charlie Andrews	3:19.89	Finished
19	Benjamin Humphrys	3:21.46	Finished
20	Sander Odish	3:25.55	Finished
21	Anton Reichel	3:29.09	Finished
22	Steve Seiver	3:46.62	Finished
23	Daniel Moreno	2:38.19	Failed on Warped Wall
24	Zhanique Lovett	3:10.59	Failed on Warped Wall
25	Tyler Vogt	3:48.15	Failed on Warped Wall
26	Alan Connealy	41.10	Failed on Battering Ram
27	<u>David Campbell</u>	51.93	Failed on Battering Ram
28	Scott Willson	55.92	Failed on Battering Ram
29	K. C. Halik	1:33.18	Failed on Battering Ram
30	Tiana Webberley	1:35.04	Failed on Battering Ram

Top 5 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Zhanique Lovett	3:10.59	Failed on Warped Wall
2	Tiana Webberley	1:35.04	Failed on Battering Ram
3	<u>April Steiner Bennett</u>	1:43.51	Failed on Battering Ram
4	Rebekah Bonilla	2:05.65	Failed on Battering Ram
5	Natalie Duran	2:20.17	Failed on Battering Ram

## Los Angeles finals

The Los Angeles finals round featured two new obstacles, Swinging Peg Board and Elevator Climb. The round concluded with four finishers. The "Papal Ninja" Sean Bryan just edged out concrete worker Adam Rayl (5:07.92) to earn the fastest finish of the night with a time of 5:07.22. Grant McCartney was eliminated after failing the Salmon Ladder and David Campbell advanced.

Obstacles used, in addition to those during the qualifiers, for the Los Angeles Finals are listed below.

- Salmon Ladder
- Swinging Peg Board
- Stair Hopper
- Elevator Climb

Top 15 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Sean Bryan	5:07.22	Finished
2	Adam Rayl	5:07.92	Finished
3	Charlie Andrews	6:02.21	Finished
4	Josh Levin	6:27.98	Finished
5	Flip Rodriguez	4:49.73	Failed on Elevator Climb
6	Gabe Hurtado	5:50.50	Failed on Elevator Climb
7	Brian Wilczewski	2:31.21	Failed on Stair Hopper
8	Kevin Bull	3:02.40	Failed on Stair Hopper
9	Robin Pietschmann	4:23.90	Failed on Stair Hopper
10	Jackson Meyer	5:03.54	Failed on Stair Hopper
11	Kapu Gaison	3:03.15	Failed on Swinging Peg Board
12	Steve Seiver	3:10.34	Failed on Swinging Peg Board
13	Benjamin Humphrys	3:15.66	Failed on Swinging Peg Board
14	Nick Hanson	3:22.56	Failed on Swinging Peg Board
15	<u>David Campbell</u>	3:29.48	Failed on Swinging Peg Board

#### Top 2 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Rebekah Bonilla	5:26.32	Failed on Swinging Peg Board
2	Zhanique Lovett	3:24.64	Failed on Warped Wall

## San Antonio

### San Antonio qualifiers

The San Antonio qualifying round featured two new or modified obstacles and concluded with 16 finishers. Both ANW veteran Brett Steffensen and former Olympic gymnast Jonathan Horton returned to full form by completing the course and moving onto the next round. ANW trainer Daniel Gil earned the "*POM Wonderful* Crazy Healthy Run of the Night" with the fastest time (1:43.24). Also, IndyCar racer Conor Daly competed, but failed on the first obstacle.

- Floating Steps
- Tic Toc
- Spinning Bridge
- Sky Hooks
- Pipe Fitter
- Warped Wall

Top 30 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Daniel Gil	1:43.24	Finished
2	Thomas Stillings	1:45.76	Finished
3	Josh Salinas	2:10.29	Finished
4	Brian Burkhardt	2:20.61	Finished
5	Karsten Williams	2:23.29	Finished
6	Nicholas Coolridge	2:23.21	Finished
7	Kevin Klein	2:55.51	Finished
8	Grant Clinton	2:56.63	Finished
9	Jody Avila	3:02.59	Finished
10	Andrew Lowes	3:10.98	Finished
11	Brent Steffensen	3:20.38	Finished
12	Victor Juarez	3:28.68	Finished
13	Abel Gonzalez	4:12.63	Finished
14	<u>Jonathan Horton</u>	4:27.28	Finished
15	Tanr Ross	4:35.91	Finished
16	Jonathan Parr	4:39.09	Finished
17	Will Smithee	1:31.49	Failed on Pipefitter
18	Kye Ackel	1:32.29	Failed on Pipefitter
19	David Yarter	1:34.29	Failed on Pipefitter
20	Cass Clawson	1:42.71	Failed on Pipefitter
21	Kenny Niemitalo	1:43.57	Failed on Pipefitter
22	Nate Burkhalter	1:47.51	Failed on Pipefitter
23	Blake Devine	1:47.79	Failed on Pipefitter
24	Brandon Pannell	1:50.86	Failed on Pipefitter
25	Matt Holt	1:50.90	Failed on Pipefitter
26	Damir Okanovic	1:52.29	Failed on Pipefitter
27	Tremayne Dortch	2:01.47	Failed on Pipefitter
28	Sam Ballard	2:13.90	Failed on Pipefitter
29	Jared Bandy	2:28.24	Failed on Pipefitter
30	Barclay Stockett	3:29.71	Failed on Pipefitter

Top 5 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Barclay Stockett	3:29.71	Failed on Pipefitter
2	<u>Kacy Catanzaro</u>	1:52.88	Failed on Sky Hooks
3	Sherrie Laureano	1:14.24	Failed on Spinning Bridge
4	Kaiti Haymaker	1:20.76	Failed on Spinning Bridge
5	Brittany Hanks	16.65	Failed on Tic Toc

## San Antonio finals

The San Antonio City finals round featured two new obstacles, Spinball Wizard and Elevator Climb. The round concluded with only one finisher; Daniel Gil who completed the course with a time of 5:50.65, knocking out Nate Burkhalter off the top 15.

Obstacles used, in addition to those during the qualifiers, for the San Antonio Finals are listed below.

- Salmon Ladder
- Hourglass Drop
- Spinball Wizard
- Elevator Climb

Top 15 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Daniel Gil	5:50.65	Finished
2	Thomas Stillings	4:29.25	Failed on Elevator Climb
3	Nicholas Coolridge	5:07.15	Failed on Elevator Climb
4	Brent Steffensen	5:12.38	Failed on Elevator Climb
5	Karsten Williams	2:39.43	Failed on Spinball Wizard
6	Andrew Lowes	3:54.62	Failed on Spinball Wizard
7	Josh Salinas	2:29.64	Failed on Hourglass Drop
8	Brian Burkhardt	2:55.84	Failed on Hourglass Drop
9	Damir Okanovic	3:02.90	Failed on Hourglass Drop
10	Matt Holt	3:19.13	Failed on Hourglass Drop
11	Grant Clinton	3:25.56	Failed on Hourglass Drop
12	Abel Gonzalez	3:25.98	Failed on Hourglass Drop
13	Brandon Pannell	3:29.05	Failed on Hourglass Drop
14	Cass Clawson	3:31.83	Failed on Hourglass Drop
15	Jody Avila	3:32.66	Failed on Hourglass Drop

#### Top 2 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Barclay Stockett	5:43.62	Failed on Hourglass Drop
2	Kacy Catanzaro *	4:18.32	Failed on Warped Wall

**Note:** \* This was the last time Catanzaro competed as she is retiring from all Ninja competitions to join the WWE.

## Daytona Beach

### Daytona Beach qualifiers

The Daytona Beach qualifiers had two new obstacles, one designed by tennis instructor and walk-on competitor Kevin Carbone. He won the *ANW* Obstacle Design Contest and made it through his own Wingnuts obstacle. Gym owner Drew Drechsel earned the "*POM Wonderful* Crazy Healthy Run of the Night" with the fastest time (1:10.49). Stuntwoman Jessie Graff finished 26th overall and 1st among the women competitors. Also, NASCAR driver Ben Kennedy competed, but failed on the second obstacle.

- Floating Steps
- Rolling Pin
- Wingnuts
- Broken Bridge
- Rolling Thunder
- Warped Wall



Top 30 Competitors [[hide](#)]

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Drew Drechsel	1:10.49	Finished
2	Travis Rosen	1:47.14	Finished
3	Tyler Gillett	2:17.23	Finished
4	Casidy Marks	2:26.80	Finished
5	Tukrong Klengdong	2:30.91	Finished
6	JJ Woods	2:35.07	Finished
7	Brett Sims	2:46.04	Finished
8	Reko Rivera	2:52.38	Finished
9	Ryan Stratis	2:55.19	Finished
10	Lucas Gomes	3:00.21	Finished
11	Sean Darling-Hammond	3:05.77	Finished
12	Nick Patel	3:06.38	Finished
13	Kevin Carbone	3:07.73	Finished
14	Rigel Henry	3:10.73	Finished
15	Alexio Gomes	3:15.04	Finished
16	Dustin Fishman	3:55.24	Finished
17	Michael Johnson	3:56.91	Finished
18	Eddy Stewart	4:16.18	Finished
19	Les Bradley	1:10.57	Failed on Rolling Thunder
20	Michael Murdick	1:27.26	Failed on Rolling Thunder
21	Steven Cen	1:32.99	Failed on Rolling Thunder
22	Bootie Cothran	1:35.58	Failed on Rolling Thunder
23	Faris Xero	1:36.00	Failed on Rolling Thunder
24	Cedric Idudu	1:43.45	Failed on Rolling Thunder
25	Oscar Ramirez	1:45.89	Failed on Rolling Thunder
26	<u>Jessie Graff</u>	1:46.80	Failed on Rolling Thunder
27	Ricky Vu	1:50.36	Failed on Rolling Thunder
28	Josh Butler	1:52.29	Failed on Rolling Thunder
29	Royall Eason	1:55.03	Failed on Rolling Thunder
30	Jonathan Lorch	2:01.11	Failed on Rolling Thunder

Top 5 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	<a href="#">Jessie Graff</a>	1:46.80	Failed on Rolling Thunder
2	Lindsay Eskildsen	2:21.13	Failed on Rolling Thunder
3	Bree Widener	2:53.67	Failed on Rolling Thunder
4	Emily Durham	31.54	Failed on Wingnuts
5	Adriane Alvord	51.59	Failed on Wingnuts

## Daytona Beach finals

The Daytona Beach finals round had a new obstacle, the Giant Cubes. It concluded with only one finisher; Drew Drechsel, earning the "*POM Wonderful* Crazy Healthy Run of the Night", knocking out Eddy Stewart. Jessie Graff became the first woman to reach the Elevator Climb. Ricky Vu exited on the first obstacle due to leg cramps.

Obstacles used, in addition to those during the qualifiers, for the Daytona Beach Finals are listed below.

- Salmon Ladder
- Giant Cubes
- Circuit Board
- Elevator Climb

Top 15 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Drew Drechsel	7:34.60	Finished
2	JJ Woods	6:20.96	Failed on Elevator Climb
3	Sean Darling-Hammond	6:26.03	Failed on Elevator Climb
4	<a href="#">Jessie Graff</a>	8:15.71	Failed on Elevator Climb
5	Travis Rosen	3:41.07	Failed on Circuit Board
6	Casidy Marks	3:47.40	Failed on Circuit Board
7	Tyler Gillett	3:47.60	Failed on Circuit Board
8	Kevin Carbone	4:51.35	Failed on Circuit Board
9	Rigel Henry	2:47.71	Failed on Giant Cubes
10	Nick Patel	3:44.59	Failed on Giant Cubes
11	Lucas Gomes	3:52.87	Failed on Giant Cubes
12	Reko Rivera	3:53.30	Failed on Giant Cubes
13	Ryan Stratis	3:58.95	Failed on Giant Cubes
14	Dustin Fishman	4:00.02	Failed on Giant Cubes
15	Michael Johnson	4:08.65	Failed on Giant Cubes

Top 2 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	<a href="#">Jessie Graff</a>	8:15.71	Failed on Elevator Climb
2	Lindsay Eskildsen	1:39.58	Failed on Rolling Thunder

## Kansas City

### Kansas City qualifiers

In the Kansas City Qualifiers, there were three new obstacles, one which submitted by Kevin Brekke, the winner of *Obstacle Design Challenge*. Lance Pekus earned the "*POM Wonderful* Crazy Healthy Run of the Night" with the fastest time (2:10.16). Other finishers include Brandon Mears, Tyler Yamauchi, Tyler Smith, and Ethan Swanson.

- Floating Steps
- Hang Glider
- Broken Pipes
- Crank It Up
- Bar Hop
- Warped Wall

Top 30 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Lance Pekus	2:10.16	Finished
2	Brandon Mears	2:41.91	Finished
3	Tyler Yamauchi	2:44.49	Finished
4	Tyler Smith	2:54.34	Finished
5	Ethan Swanson	2:54.94	Finished
6	Broc Bebout	2:55.35	Finished
7	Dave Cavanagh	3:06.51	Finished
8	Ben Baker	3:55.90	Finished
9	Jelani Allen	4:06.31	Finished
10	Dennis Lappin	4:09.10	Finished
11	Devin Harrelson	3:20.15	Failed on Warped Wall
12	Todd Mitchell	4:37.09	Failed on Warped Wall
13	Hunter Guerard	1:04.13	Failed on Bar Hop
14	Kyle Mendoza	1:17.79	Failed on Bar Hop
15	Jeremiah Morgan	1:20.47	Failed on Bar Hop
16	Dan Polizzi	1:38.67	Failed on Bar Hop
17	Eric Middleton	1:38.93	Failed on Bar Hop
18	Drew Hendry	1:39.12	Failed on Bar Hop
19	Alex Carson	1:47.55	Failed on Bar Hop
20	Mitch Vedepo	1:56.17	Failed on Bar Hop
21	Brad Spine	2:01.01	Failed on Bar Hop
22	Bobby Mohannon	2:11.50	Failed on Bar Hop
23	Wes Whitlam	2:20.51	Failed on Bar Hop
24	Kyle Schulze	2:36.54	Failed on Bar Hop
25	Morgan "Moose" Wright	2:58.82	Failed on Bar Hop
26	Michael Bougher	28.36	Failed on Crank It Up
27	Deren Perez	30.35	Failed on Crank It Up
28	Donovan Metoyer	39.37	Failed on Crank It Up
29	Craig Schafer	44.84	Failed on Crank It Up
30	Spencer Johnson	53.10	Failed on Crank It Up

Top 5 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Sarah Schoback	1:15.25	Failed on Crank It Up
2	Annie Dudek	1:16.40	Failed on Crank It Up
3	Abby Paul	1:30.18	Failed on Crank It Up
4	Maggi Thorne	1:31.58	Failed on Crank It Up
5	Sara Heesen	1:39.55	Failed on Crank It Up

## Kansas City Finals

The Kansas City finals round had a new obstacle, the Iron Maiden. The round concluded without any finishers, making it the second time in ANW history that a course has gone unfinished. Ethan Swanson and the Towers of Power all fell on the third obstacle. Maggi Thorne became the first woman to defeat Crank It Up.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

Obstacles used, in addition to those during the qualifiers, for the Kansas City Finals are listed below.

- Salmon Ladder
- Floating Monkey Bars
- Iron Maiden
- Elevator Climb

Top 15 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Mitch Vedepo	4:19.49	Failed on Elevator Climb
2	Tyler Yamauchi	3:44.58	Failed on Iron Maiden
3	Hunter Guerard	2:49.30	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
4	Eric Middleton	3:22.46	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
5	Dave Cavanagh	3:33.90	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
6	Lance Pekus	3:36.52	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
7	Jeremiah Morgan	4:17.41	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
8	Jelani Allen	4:17.42	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
9	Alex Carson	4:34.69	Failed on Floating Monkey Bars
10	Kyle Mendoza	1:17.73	Failed on Salmon Ladder
11	Spencer Johnson	2:56.12	Failed on Salmon Ladder
12	Brad Spine	2:57.20	Failed on Salmon Ladder
13	Ben Baker	2:57.37	Failed on Salmon Ladder
14	Morgan "Moose" Wright	4:17.37	Failed on Salmon Ladder
15	Donovan Metoyer	1:04.60	Failed on Bar Hop

## Top 2 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Maggi Thorne	2:43.92	Failed on Bar Hop
2	Sara Heesen	1:10.04	Failed on Crank It Up

## Cleveland

### Cleveland Qualifiers

The Cleveland qualifiers featured only one new obstacle. Allyssa Beird was the first woman to complete the course this season; she and Jesse LaBreck were the first two women to hit the buzzer during the same qualifier. It was also the first time that two couples (LaBreck and Chris DiGangi, and Beird and James McGrath) completed the course during the same qualifying run. Jesse LaBreck also earned the "Pom Wonderful Crazy Healthy Run of the Night."

- Floating Steps
- Rolling Log
- Razor's Edge
- Ring Jump
- I-Beam Gap
- Warped Wall

Top 30 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Anthony DeFranco	2:31.17	Finished
2	Joe Moravsky	2:32.77	Finished
3	Sean Noel	2:40.71	Finished
4	Dan Galiczynski	3:13.66	Finished
5	James McGrath	3:22.10	Finished
6	Najee Richardson	3:28.58	Finished
7	Judas Licciardello	3:31.52	Finished
8	Michael Torres	3:44.70	Finished
9	Mike Bernardo	3:47.59	Finished
10	Chris DiGangi	4:01.02	Finished
11	Jamie Rahn	4:13.96	Finished
12	Jesse LaBreck	4:22.06	Finished
13	Tyler Cravens	4:27.78	Finished
14	Allyssa Beird	6:20.32	Finished
15	Mathew Ilgenfritz	2:16.36	Failed on Warped Wall
16	Jon Alexis Jr.	1:02.02	Failed on I-Beam Gap
17	Mike Meyers	1:30.28	Failed on I-Beam Gap
18	Cory Cook	1:49.28	Failed on I-Beam Gap
19	Derek Mathew	2:06.33	Failed on I-Beam Gap
20	Naeem Mulkey	2:07.04	Failed on I-Beam Gap
21	Samer Delgado	2:14.53	Failed on I-Beam Gap
22	Mark Ribeiro	2:24.22	Failed on I-Beam Gap
23	Alexi Matousek	2:24.28	Failed on I-Beam Gap
24	Kevin Weng	2:25.22	Failed on I-Beam Gap
25	Patrick Lavanty	2:37.20	Failed on I-Beam Gap
26	Steve Allen	2:41.21	Failed on I-Beam Gap
27	Jonathan Angelilli	2:44.05	Failed on I-Beam Gap
28	Mike Shuck	2:45.66	Failed on I-Beam Gap
29	Fabio Figueiredo	2:56.41	Failed on I-Beam Gap
30	Daniel Arnold	3:05.56	Failed on I-Beam Gap

Top 5 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Jesse LaBreck	4:22.06	Finished
2	Allyssa Beird	6:20.32	Finished
3	Tori Clement	1:22.23	Failed on Ring Jump
4	Michelle Warnky	1:28.19	Failed on Ring Jump
5	Annika Nieshalla	1:35.02	Failed on Ring Jump

## Cleveland Finals

The Cleveland City finals round introduced a new obstacle, the Nail Clipper, which defeated all but two competitors. "Captain NBC" Jamie Rahn was the first to hit the buzzer, earning the "*POM Wonderful* Run of the Night" with a time of 8:39.85. Weatherman Joe Moravsky finished the course even faster, at 7:24.10. James McGrath's streak of six Nationals appearances ended when he fell on the dismount from the Nail Clipper; he finished the Salmon Ladder with a time just outside the Top 15.

Obstacles used, in addition to those during the qualifiers, for the Cleveland City Finals are listed below.

- Salmon Ladder
- Nail Clipper
- The Clacker
- Elevator Climb

Top 15 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Joe Moravsky	7:24.10	Finished
2	Jamie Rahn	8:39.85	Finished
3	Jon Alexis Jr.	2:40.68	Failed on Nail Clipper
4	Mike Meyers	3:35.18	Failed on Nail Clipper
5	Judas Licciardello	3:53.33	Failed on Nail Clipper
6	Michael Torres	3:53.62	Failed on Nail Clipper
7	Dan Galiczynski	3:57.56	Failed on Nail Clipper
8	Mike Bernardo	3:57.97	Failed on Nail Clipper
9	Anthony DeFranco	4:03.32	Failed on Nail Clipper
10	Chris DiGangi	4:18.92	Failed on Nail Clipper
11	Matthew Ilgenfritz	4:38.26	Failed on Nail Clipper
12	Tyler Cravens	4:44.29	Failed on Nail Clipper
13	Najee Richardson	4:52.73	Failed on Nail Clipper
14	Samer Delgado	4:56.13	Failed on Nail Clipper
15	Jesse Labreck	5:03.76	Failed on Nail Clipper



#### Top 2 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Jesse LaBreck	5:03.76	Failed on Nail Clipper
2	Allyssa Beird	6:09.20	Failed on Nail Clipper

## Denver

### Denver Qualifiers

The Denver qualifiers featured two new obstacles. The competition concluded with a record low of only 8 finishers. The fastest run was awarded to gym owner Lorin Ball who earned the "*Pom Wonderful* Crazy Healthy Run of the Night" with a time of 1:42.89. Also, PBR bull rider Venn Johns competed, but failed on the third obstacle. Jake Murray also competed, but failed on the third obstacle as well.

- Floating Steps
- Ring Swing
- Bouncing Spider
- Paddle Boards
- Rail Runner
- Warped Wall

Top 30 Competitors [[hide](#)]

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Lorin Ball	1:42.89	Finished
2	Dan Yager	1:59.65	Finished
3	Ian Dory	2:47.79	Finished
4	Drew Knapp	2:50.94	Finished
5	Craig Richard	3:17.97	Finished
6	Bart Copeland	3:26.26	Finished
7	Andrew Duncan	3:36.25	Finished
8	Nick Kostreski	3:36.43	Finished
9	Brian Arnold	1:15.15	Failed on Rail Runner
10	Karson Voiles	1:20.21	Failed on Rail Runner
11	Ben Antoine	1:29.90	Failed on Rail Runner
12	Devin Stratton	1:30.78	Failed on Rail Runner
13	Michael Silenzi	1:31.65	Failed on Rail Runner
14	Matt Dolce	1:35.64	Failed on Rail Runner
15	Yancey Quezada	1:39.53	Failed on Rail Runner
16	Michael Stanger	1:41.57	Failed on Rail Runner
17	Ben Burkhalter	1:42.67	Failed on Rail Runner
18	Kyle Wilson	1:43.30	Failed on Rail Runner
19	Jesse Lucero	1:46.12	Failed on Rail Runner
20	Brandon Todacheenie	1:51.36	Failed on Rail Runner
21	Ryan Souter	2:04.71	Failed on Rail Runner
22	Ian Weber	2:05.09	Failed on Rail Runner
23	Meagan Martin	2:17.81	Failed on Rail Runner
24	Jeri D'Aurelio	2:27.83	Failed on Rail Runner
25	Matt Reeves	2:30.37	Failed on Rail Runner
26	Sam Sann	2:37.64	Failed on Rail Runner
27	Luke Chambers	2:40.71	Failed on Rail Runner
28	Tammy McClure	2:53.08	Failed on Rail Runner
29	Dalton Knapp	3:03.62	Failed on Rail Runner
30	Nate DeHaan	3:59.86	Failed on Rail Runner

Top 5 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Meagan Martin	2:17.81	Failed on Rail Runner
2	Jeri D'Aurelio	2:27.83	Failed on Rail Runner
3	Tammy McClure	2:53.08	Failed on Rail Runner
4	Larissa Cottle	3:00.15	Failed on Paddle Boards
5	Tanya O'Donohue	18.44	Failed on Ring Swing

## Denver Finals

Obstacles used, in addition to those during the qualifiers, for the Denver City Finals are listed below. Ian Dory earned the "POM Wonderful Crazy Healthy Run of the Night" with a finishing time of 6:56.33. There were no other finishers.

- Salmon Ladder
- The Wedge
- Ninjago Roll (designed by Josephine Starr-Stevenson as part of *ANW Obstacle Design Challenge* and to promote the upcoming *The Lego Ninjago Movie*.)
- Elevator Climb

Top 15 Competitors [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Ian Dory	6:56.33	Finished
2	Lorin Ball	3:54.71	Failed on Ninjago Roll
3	Jesse Lucero	4:09.68	Failed on Ninjago Roll
4	Karson Voiles	2:58.62	Failed on The Wedge
5	Ryan Souter	3:03.22	Failed on The Wedge
6	Dan Yager	3:15.07	Failed on The Wedge
7	Craig Richard	3:24.15	Failed on The Wedge
8	Bart Copeland	3:46.84	Failed on The Wedge
9	Drew Knapp	3:51.98	Failed on The Wedge
10	Ben Antoine	4:06.41	Failed on The Wedge
11	Brian Arnold	4:17.08	Failed on The Wedge
12	Yancey Quezada	4:17.09	Failed on The Wedge
13	Luke Chambers	4:18.37	Failed on The Wedge
14	Michael Silenzi	4:33.48	Failed on The Wedge
15	Nick Kostreski	6:03.78	Failed on The Wedge

#### Top 2 Women [\[hide\]](#)

Rank	Competitor	Time	Furthest Obstacle
1	Meagan Martin	6:19.07	Failed on The Wedge
2	Jeri D'Aurelio	2:03.26	Failed on Rail Runner

**Note:** The competitors of Denver Finals were also given free tickets to the premiere of *The Lego Ninjago Movie*.

## National Finals

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The National Finals were held along the Las Vegas Strip, as has been the case since the series set up its own finals course instead of sending competitors to Japan.

### Stage 1

All competitors must complete the eight obstacles on Stage 1 with a time limit of 2:35.00. Highlights included school teacher Allyssa Beird who made *ANW* history by becoming only the second woman (also the third worldwide, the first two being Chie Tanabe in *Sasuke 2* and Jessie Graff) to complete Stage One, earning her the *POM Wonderful* "Run of the Night". Also, at only 5 foot, gymnastics coach Barclay Stockett, became the second woman to get past the Warped Wall on Stage One. Later, NBC sports announcer Mike Tirico joined *ANW* announcers Matt Iseman and Akbar Gbajabamila for a few play-by-plays of the competitors. During the second half, "Real Life Ninja" Drew Drechsel earned the *POM Wonderful* "Run of the Night" with the fastest run on Stage One of the competition with a speedy time of 1:33.71. This season broke the previous record of most Stage 1 finishers with 41, beating the previous record of 38 from Season 7.

The obstacles featured in Stage One were:

- Snake Run
- Propeller Bar
- Double Dipper
- Jumping Spider
- Parkour Run
- Warped Wall
- Domino Pipes
- Flying Squirrel

Competitors who attempted Stage 1 are listed below. △ denotes female competitors.

Order	Competitor	Outcome	Result
1	Drew Drechsel	Finished	1:33.71
2	Josh Salinas	Finished	1:38.54
3	Daniel Gil	Finished	1:47.04
4	Lance Pekus	Finished	1:49.52
5	Hunter Guerard	Finished	1:51.16
6	Joe Moravsky	Finished	1:52.24
7	Dave Cavanagh	Finished	1:56.76
8	Nicholas Coolridge	Finished	1:58.18
9	Jamie Rahn	Finished	1:59.77
10	Brent Steffensen	Finished	2:01.34
11	Thomas Stillings	Finished	2:02.12
12	Matthew Ilgenfritz	Finished	2:03.48
13	Flip Rodriguez	Finished	2:04.34
14	Kevin Bull	Finished	2:07.05
15	Najee Richardson	Finished	2:07.39
16	Jody Avila	Finished	2:08.18
17	Travis Rosen	Finished	2:08.97
18	Tyler Yamauchi	Finished	2:09.53
19	Mike Bernardo	Finished	2:10.10
20	Eric Middleton	Finished	2:11.48
21	Cass Clawson	Finished	2:12.32
22	David Campbell	Finished	2:14.11
23	Adam Rayl	Finished	2:14.60
24	Brian Arnold	Finished	2:15.15
25	Sean Bryan	Finished	2:15.48
26	Michael Silenzi	Finished	2:15.56
27	Tyler Gillett	Finished	2:15.59
28	Nick Kostreski	Finished	2:17.28
29	Abel Gonzalez	Finished	2:17.60
30	J.J. Woods	Finished	2:18.27
31	Jon Alexis Jr.	Finished	2:19.40
32	Josh Levin	Finished	2:21.09
33	Karson Voiles	Finished	2:21.10
34	Drew Knapp	Finished	2:24.28
35	Ryan Stratis	Finished	2:25.33

Order	Competitor	Outcome	Result
36	Allyssa Beird Δ	Finished	2:26.52
37	Ian Dory	Finished	2:27.66
38	Andrew Lowes	Finished	2:28.32
39	Grant Clinton	Finished	2:28.52
40	Sean Darling-Hammond	Finished	2:28.74
41	Nick Hanson	Finished	2:30.74

## Stage 2

As always in the national finals, Stage 2 consists of six obstacles. In order to move on to Stage 3, competitors must finish the Stage 2 course in 4 minutes.

Stage 2 includes:

1. Giant Ring Swing
2. Criss Cross Salmon Ladder
3. Wave Runner
4. Swing Surfer
5. Wingnut Alley
6. Wall Flip

**Results:** Joe Moravsky, Najee Richardson and Sean Bryan finished to go into Stage 3.

A total of 23 ninjas were taken out by the wing nuts. Including Drew Dreschel and Daniel Gil.

## Stage 3

Stage 3 obstacles included:

1. Floating Boards
2. Keylock Hang
3. Nail Clipper
4. Ultimate Cliffhanger
5. Curved Body Prop
6. Peg Clouds
7. Time Bomb
8. Flying Bar

**Results:** Najee Richardson and Sean Bryan fell at the Unltime Cliffhanger, and Joe Moravsky made it the farthest falling at Time Bomb.

## Ratings

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### U.S. Nielsen ratings

Show	Episode	Air date	Timeslot	Rating/Share (18–49)		Viewers (millions)
1	"Los Angeles Qualifiers"	June 12, 2017	Monday 8:00 p.m.	1.4	5	5.36 <sup>[9]</sup>
2	"San Antonio Qualifiers"	June 19, 2017		1.5	6	5.85 <sup>[10]</sup>
3	"Daytona Beach Qualifiers"	June 26, 2017		1.5	6	5.91 <sup>[11]</sup>
4	"Kansas City Qualifiers"	July 3, 2017		1.1	5	5.09 <sup>[12]</sup>
5	"Cleveland Qualifiers"	July 10, 2017		1.4	6	5.70 <sup>[13]</sup>
6	"Denver Qualifiers"	July 17, 2017		1.5	6	5.78 <sup>[14]</sup>
7	"Los Angeles City Finals"	July 24, 2017		1.4	6	5.70 <sup>[15]</sup>
8	"San Antonio Finals"	July 31, 2017		1.4	6	5.88 <sup>[16]</sup>
9	"Daytona Beach Finals"	August 7, 2017		1.5	6	6.20 <sup>[17]</sup>
10	"Cleveland Finals"	August 14, 2017		1.4	5	5.90 <sup>[18]</sup>
11	"Kansas City Finals"	August 21, 2017		1.3	5	5.71 <sup>[19]</sup>
12	"Denver City Finals"	August 28, 2017		1.5	6	6.47 <sup>[20]</sup>
13	"Las Vegas Finals Night 1"	September 4, 2017		1.5	6	6.29 <sup>[21]</sup>
14	"Las Vegas Finals Night 2"	September 11, 2017		1.6	6	6.13 <sup>[22]</sup>
15	"Las Vegas Finals Night 3"	September 18, 2017		1.5	6	5.96 <sup>[23]</sup>

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