

Wisconsin American Legion State Tournament Special Award Winners

Class AAA Most Valuable Players:

1963 – Chuck Lange, Kenosha
1964 – Rich Baumgarten, Kenosha
1965 – Jeff Crisp, Superior
1966 – John Harris, Beloit
1967 – Greg O'Brien, Madison
1968 – Bob Strampe, Janesville
1969 - Gregg Bohlig, Eau Claire
1970 - Pete Koupal, Eau Claire
1971 - Bob Luchsinger, Janesville
1972 - Paul Ausman, Eau Claire
1973 - Tony Brizzolara, Beloit
1974 - Dave Hanson, Janesville
1975 - Bob Burkheimer, Janesville
1976 - Del Kauss, Janesville
1977 - Nick Krsnich, West Allis
1978 - Dick Seidel, La Crosse
1979 - Brad Weeman, Appleton Legion
1980 - Jay Adams, La Crosse
1981 - Andy Ghelfi, La Crosse
1982 - Andy Ghelfi, La Crosse
1983 - Tim LaCombe, Oconomowoc *
1984 - Jeff Theres, Racine
1985 - J.T. (Beaver) Bruett, Oconomowoc
1986 - Jon Bowe, Eau Claire
1987 - Scott Bakkum, La Crosse
1988 - Tim Steinke/Brian Turner, Wisconsin Rapids
1989 - Scott Odegaard, Janesville
1990 - Shaun Smith, Appleton Legion
1991 - Ryan (Scooter) McGinnis, Appleton Legion
1992 - Kevin Mlodik, Stevens Point
1993 - Charlie Specht, Appleton Legion
1994 - Adam Williams, Appleton Legion
1995 - Jason Melville, Wisconsin Rapids
1996 - Kevin Koback, Stevens Point
1997 - Ben Beno, Green Bay Shockers
1998 - Nolan Gilbertson, Wausau
1999 - Andy Spaeth, De Pere
2000 - Matt Hansen, Beloit
2001 - Jay Molstad, La Crosse
2002 - Rick Cavaiani, Appleton Rebels
2003 - Curt Hendricks, De Pere
2004 – Jordan Stauber, De Pere
2005 – Jeff Zielke, Watertown
2006 – Ryan Demmin, Oshkosh
2007 – Cody Koback, Plover
2008 – Tony Cantalupo, De Pere
2009 – Adam Kramer, Wausau
2010 – Mitch Howe, Wausau

2011 – Mitch Lavelle, Chippewa Falls
2012 – Taylor Carlson/Carson Carmody, Madison Impact
2013 – Ben Messenger, Ash Port
2014 – Cal Giese/Mitch Mallek, Plover
2015 – Sam Lund, Madison Impact
2016 – Garrett McGraw, Madison Impact
2017 – Zac Stange, Eau Claire
2018 – Dylan Lindow, Sheboygan
2019 – Charlie Stenson, Oshkosh
2020 – no tournament
2021 – Ethan Susa, De Pere
2022 – none awarded
2023 – Jack Ryan, Janesville
2024 – Leo Lauscher, Eau Claire
2025 – Chase Rogers, Middleton

Class AAA Batting Award Winners:

1970 - Dale Skenandore, Seymour
1971 - Gary Mattes, Eau Claire
1972 - Bruce Herman, Waupun
1973 - Dave Bryant, Madison West
1974 - Brian McCarthy, Stevens Point
1975 - Bob Burkheimer, Janesville
1976 - Del Kauss, Janesville
1977 - Dave Adamski, Wausau
1978 - Tony Ghelfi, La Crosse
1979 - Brad Bishop, Beloit
1980 - Jim McCann, Janesville
1981 - Rod Zeratsky, Ashwaubenon
1982 - Mark Bauer, Kenosha
1983 - Bob Zeihan, Genoa City
1984 - Dan Miller, La Crosse
1985 - John Kopfer, Oconomowoc
1986 - Mike Herbeck, Appleton Rebels
1987 - George Williams, La Crosse
1988 - Rich Raisbeck, Beloit
1989 - Denis Maccoux, Green Bay Bluejays
1990 - Brian Klish, Stevens Point
1991 - Jeff Schill, Beloit
1992 - Jeff Zappa, Stevens Point
1993 - David Nemetz, Marinette
1994 - Brett Norell, Marinette
1995 - Bobby DeWitt, Wausau
1996 - Tim Johnson, Eau Claire
1997 - Jon Jagler, Wausau
1998 - Nolan Gilbertson, Wausau
1999 - Joe Baehman, Appleton Legion
2000 - Matt Hansen, Beloit
2001 - Scott Schoen, Green Bay Southwest
2002 - Rick Cavaiani, Appleton Rebels
2003 - Brad Hauser, Appleton Rebels

2004 - Jordan Stauber, De Pere
2005 – Tyler Lunde, Racine
2006 – Ryan Demmin, Oshkosh
2007 – Jared Yost, De Pere
2008 – Ben Kincaid, Eau Claire
2009 – Kyle Kuske, Green Bay Southwest
2010 – Mitch Howe, Wausau
2011 – Mitch Lavelle, Chippewa Falls
2012 – Taylor Carlson, Madison Impact
2013 – Sam Hurt, Eau Claire
2014 – Daulton Varsho, Marshfield
2015 – Cameron Schuett, Watertown
2016 – Payton Nelson, Wausau
2017 – Dryden Van Schoyck, Madison Impact
2018 – Jaxon Kostka, Eau Claire
2019 – Aaron Reiland, Appleton Legion
2020 – no tournament
2021 – Kaden Kosobucki, De Pere
2022 – Jonah Hanson, Eau Claire
2023 – Jake Schaffner, Janesville
2024 – Braden Lewis, Wisconsin Rapids
2025 – Cade Prestigiacomo, Appleton Doubledays

Class AA Most Valuable Player:

1979 - Scott Endl, Jefferson
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1981 - Todd Endl, Jefferson
1982 - Tim Scharfenberg, Beaver Dam
1983 - Tim Carney, Kimberly
1984 - Jon Helbing, Beaver Dam
1985 - John Bolwerk, Kimberly
1986 - Dean Lamers, Kimberly
1987 - Pete Hamacher, Stoughton
1988 - Jeff Laesch, Jefferson
1989 - Jeff Laesch, Jefferson *
1990 - Mike Carew, Kimberly
1991 - Brian Bott, Onalaska
1992 - Mark Kirst, Ashwaubenon
1993 - Ryan Hinske, Menasha
1994 - Bob Pirnat, Tomah
1995 - Jeramie Korth, Menasha
1996 - Scott Schmelze, Chippewa Falls
1997 - Dave Gassner, Hortonville
1998 - Josh Felmlee, Chippewa Falls
1999 - Rob Capener, Baraboo
2000 - Brian Hartl, Beaver Dam
2001 - David Longseth, Beaver Dam
2002 - Levi O'Kimosh, Shawano
2003 - Mike Rickert, Shawano
2004 - Luke Zurbriggen, Onalaska
2005 – Josh Osness, Merrill

2006 – Brent Peotter, Kimberly
2007 – Alex Gruenenwald, Merrill
2008 – Andy Mills, Onalaska
2009 – Luke Van Handel, Kimberly
2010 – Sam Huebner, Rhinelander
2011 – J.P. Feyereisen, River Falls
2012 – Ben Cejka, Holmen
2013 – Bryce Schmitt, Beaver Dam
2014 – Richard Vanden Branden, Menasha
2015 – Brian Grove, River Falls
2016 – Kelvin Medrano, Menasha
2017 – Drew Becker, Holmen
2018 – Jake Lindsay, River Falls
2019 – Logan Locy, New London
2020 – no tournament
2021 – Matthew Bartel, Kaukauna
2022 – Konner Giddley, Beloit
2023 – Boone Kirst, Ashwaubenon
2024 – Brandon Poch, Seymour
2025 – Xavier Salzman, Seymour *

Class AA Batting Award:

1979 - Bruce Bille, Waupun
1980 - Tim Burd, Burlington
1981 - Tom Hartjes, Kimberly
1982 - Jamie Knudson, Elk Mound
1983 - Mike Nolan, Waupun
1984 - Scott Plamann, R-S-W
1985 - Todd Block, Fort Atkinson
1986 - Kevin DeBoer, Waupun
1987 - Pete Hamacher, Stoughton
1988 - Marc Hietpas, Kimberly
1989 - Brian Fisher, Jefferson
1990 - Steve Montesma, Delavan
1991 - Brian Kieffer, Kimberly
1992 - Shannon Blansette, Menasha
1993 - Eric Hinske, Menasha
1994 - Dan Enders, Madison Lakers
1995 - Jason Diaz, Kimberly
1996 - Aaron Lawry, Oregon
1997 - Nick Cordy, Hortonville
1998 - Luke McDonell, Chippewa Falls
1999 - Eric Krueger, Baraboo
2000 - Cory McEwen, R-S-W
2001 - Adam Brecht/Bob Sossaman, Waterford
2002 - T.J. Arrowood, Shawano
2003 - Levi O'Kimosh, Shawano
2004 - Joe Casper, Onalaska
2005 – Jordan Stine, Merrill
2006 – Jared Surman, Kimberly
2007 – Aaron Hanson, Merrill
2008 – Eric Gruenenwald, Merrill

2009 – Luke Van Handel, Kimberly
2010 – Bryce Bellin, Kimberly
2011 – Taylor Kohlway, Holmen
2012 – Luke Michlig, Rhinelander
2013 – Bryce Schmitt, Beaver Dam
2014 – Keith Lehmann, Sturgeon Bay
2015 – Chase Henning, Shawano
2016 – Nate Mentzel, Menasha
2017 – Austin Braund, Holmen
2018 – Mitch Wrobelewski, Lomira-Theresa
2019 – Kevin Koelbl, Holmen
2020 – no tournament
2021 – Logan Thomae, Antigo
2022 – Braeden Sayre, Fort Atkinson
2023 – Mike Helsten, New London
2024 – Jerek Westover, Beaver Dam
2025 – Tyler Sachon, Campbellsport

Class A Most Valuable Player:

1988 - Tim Brauer, Clintonville
1989 - Scott Carpenter, Ripon and Rod Weber, Waterford *
1990 - Scott Carpenter, Ripon
1991 - Nate Buros, Viroqua
1992 - Eric Duren, DeForest
1993 - Dax Connelly, Holmen
1994 - Tyler Schmidt, Shawano
1995 - Chad Ludescher, Ladysmith
1996 - Josh Freeman/Korey Klein, Nekoosa
1997 - Scott Gillitzer, Prairie du Chien
1998 - Jared Szews, Wittenberg-Birnamwood
1999 - Korey Klein, Nekoosa *
2000 - Ken Halvorson, Westby
2001 - Adam Kramer, Berlin
2002 - Josh Schultz, Genoa-DeSoto-Stoddard
2003 - Brian Gerl, Manawa
2004 - Dusty Ray, Viroqua
2005 – Tyler Halverson, Viroqua
2006 – Justin Wotachek, Denmark
2007 – Justin Jirschele, Clintonville
2008 – Justin Jirschele, Clintonville
2009 – Michael Polcyn, Ripon
2010 – Chase Stenson, Clintonville
2011 – Jordan Jess, Ripon
2012 – Colyn Buss, Wisconsin Dells
2013 – Jordan Daane, Waupun
2014 – Arik Tavs, Waupun
2015 – Alex Cimaroli, Wisconsin Dells
2016 – Drew Behling, Waupun
2017 – Alex Jeranek, West Salem
2018 – Brenden Bille, Waupun
2019 – Keegan Hertgerink, Waupun
2020 – no tournament

2021 – Clayton Slack, Viroqua
2022 – Tyler Quackenbush, Viroqua
2023 – Reis Johnson, Denmark
2024 – Josh Steger, Lomira-Theresa
2025 – Oliver Fraaza, Wittenberg

Class A Batting Award:

1988 - Kurt Heiman, Clintonville
1989 - Jim Knudtson, Cottage Grove
1990 - Wade Winfield, Ripon
1991 - Aaron Mithum, Viroqua and Chad Bryden, Ripon
1992 - Luke Zitzner, Viroqua
1993 - Aaron Braund, Holmen
1994 - Josh Czuta, Waterford
1995 - Rob Duncan, Ladysmith
1996 - Andy Hoogesteger, Nekoosa
1997 - Scott Gillitzer, Prairie du Chien
1998 - Matt Wachholz, Columbus
1999 - Nathan Hamin, Nekoosa
2000 - David Schultz, Westby
2001 - Ken Halverson, Westby
2002 - David Schultz, Westby
2003 - Jake Brown, Walworth
2004 - Pat Wierschem, Waterloo
2005 – Mike Waupoose, Keshena
2006 – Alex Seguin, Black River Falls
2007 – Jay Fanta, Viroqua
2008 – not available
2009 – Geoff Laudon, Black River Falls
2010 – Jordan Jess, Ripon
2011 – Jon Killoy, Richland Center
2012 – Heath Renz, Jefferson
2013 – Jordan Daane, Waupun
2014 – Alex Loberger, Denmark
2015 – Aaron Hagberg, Osseo
2016 – Jon Dyer, Prairie du Chien
2017 – Alex Jeranek, West Salem
2018 – Jak Lenz, Waupun
2019 – Caleb Sauer, Waupun
2020 – no tournament
2021 – Kamden Oliver, Viroqua
2022 – Connor Butzler, Westby
2023 – Caydon Lomas, Prairie du Chien
2024 – Charlie Vanden Burgt, Little Chute
2025 – Hayden Miller, Wittenberg

* - Denotes MVP did not play on state championship team.