



## **Baseball Committee Report**

June 9, 2025

The 2025 Department Legion Baseball champion is Swisher Post 671 from the 1st District. They won the State Tournament by beating Dubuque County by a score of 8-0 on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Swisher has won the championship game three years in row. Swisher will play in the National tournament Aug 6<sup>th</sup> in West Fargo, ND. Swisher played the host team Marion Post 298 Linn-Marr in the semifinals beating them 2-1. Grayson Kirsch of the Swisher team was awarded the Earl H. Proctor & Esther J. Proctor Most Valuable Player of the State tournament. In the championship game Grayson pitched 5 scoreless innings, had 5 strikeouts, at the plate he went 2 for 3 with a 3 run homer and a total of 5 rbi's.

There were 9 teams that participated in the tournament. Area 1 was played at Spirit Lake hosted by Iowa Lakes Milford Post 384. Merville Post 303 Futures won the area by beating Iowa Lakes 12-1 and beating Le Mars Wasmer Post 241 11-1.

Area 2 was played at Carroll, Swisher won by beating Carroll 5-0 and beating Ottumwa 9-1.

Area 3 was played at Marion hosted by Marion Post 298. Dubuque Co won by beating Marion 6-0 and beating Hiawatha 5-2.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and Legion Families that helped out.

Department Baseball Committee is looking for Post's to host the 2026 Area & State tournaments.

There were 17 senior teams registered in the Baseball program in 2024.

We had 10 senior team registered in 2025.

The vacancies at the District Chairman position needs to be filled with baseball minded people for our program to grow. Currently there are vacancies in District 3, 4 & 5

The baseball program is restricted to a spring season due to the High School season running May to July.

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