The 2019 college baseball postseason saw not only a significant expansion in what types of plays can be reviewed, but also an expansion of where replay was deployed. It wasn’t merely at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. It was used during the regionals and super regionals, too.

George Drouches, NCAA national coordinator of baseball umpires, shared a report from DVSport — the company that provided the video review technology — that gives an inside look at how the process worked, what was reviewed and the outcome of those reviews.

Drouches said the replay process went well and the games proceeded well.

"Pace of play was improved, and ejections were greatly diminished under the expanded video review system we had in place," Drouches said. "It was overall a great boon to the NCAA championship."

Over the course of 138 games, there were 187 video reviews with an average review time of 1:15.

Let’s take a closer look at the data.
**AVERAGE REVIEW TIMES BY TYPE**

The force/tag category is the most consistent, regarding average review times per round of the tournament. The fair/foul category is a great example of the average time spent per review decreasing with each round of the tournament.

**WHAT CAN BE REVIEWED**

For the 2019 and 2020 seasons, NCAA baseball rulemakers approved expansion of video review to include additional plays and added coach challenges. Under the new rules, each team’s head coach is permitted two challenges per game. Plays that previously could be challenged include:

- Deciding if a batted ball is fair or foul. The ball must first touch the ground or a fielder beyond the initial position of the first or third baseman.
- Deciding if a batted ball is either a ground-rule double or a home run.
- Any catch or no-catch ruling in the outfield or foul territory.
- A no-catch ruling in the infield in some instances. With runners on base, a no catch within the infield can be changed to a catch only if it results in a third out. With no runners on base, a no catch within the infield can be changed to a catch at any time.
- Spectator interference.
- Deciding scoring plays at home plate inclusive of collisions (illegal and/or malicious slides) or time plays.
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**CONFIRMED**

- SUPER REGIONALS: 42%
- CWS: 56%
- COLLEGE WORLD SERIES: 64%

**OVERTURNED**

- SUPER REGIONALS: 23%
- CWS: 28%
- COLLEGE WORLD SERIES: 30%

**STANDS**

- SUPER REGIONALS: 35%
- CWS: 26%
- COLLEGE WORLD SERIES: 10%

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*No umpire wants to have a call overturned, but the bottom line is this is a business, and if you have the technology you want to ensure that you do get the call correct, and that we move on.*

— NCAA National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires George Drouches on the video review process in the 2019 tournament.
For the regionals and super regionals, video review went through a central command center at DVSport’s offices in Pittsburgh.

"Basically, we modeled what Major League Baseball has done," said George Drouches, NCAA national coordinator of baseball umpires. Video review officials who were members of the NCAA baseball umpire program took a look at the video and made a decision: call is confirmed, stands or is overturned.

At the CWS in Omaha, a replay room was established at TD Ameritrade Stadium. Review officials had access to up to 16 independent video feeds from ESPN and could simultaneously access up to 11 video angles.

Overall, the video review system was a huge success at the 2019 tournament. Drouches said. "We didn't have coaches on the field, we didn't have the ejections that we had in previous years, and the arguing," Drouches said. "Basically, everything fell into place, and I'm very proud not only of our umpires but our technology and our baseball umpire program. It was very seamless."