OBSERVATIONS

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- Umpire competition is at an all-time high in college baseball.
- Every umpire wants a piece of the Post Season Tournament.
- An umpire’s performance will determine this Post Season goal – by their overall body of work on the diamond.

1. Regional Baseball Advisors want to recognize umpires whose overall body of work is advanced – at all times – during a game.

2. **EFFORT**: Is vigorous and strenuous mental and physical exertion. **ENERGY**: Is a person’s physical and mental powers – typically applied to a particular task or activity.

Applying **Effort** and **Energy** will help you obtain **advanced** consistency in your body of work in the following several areas that the NCAA Regional Baseball Advisors are observing and desire to see in an umpire’s **body of work**.

- Proper mechanics.
- Calling proper strike zone by NCAA standards.
- Be impressive with proper body language.
- Show confidence and courage.
- Show professionalism.
- Assertive but not arrogant.
- Great judgment.
- Athletic appearance.
- Mobility and agility.
- Ability to cover all plays.
- Thinking pre–pitch.
- Thinking ahead of the play.
- Ability to read the ball off the bat.
- Maintaining high focus at all time.
- Positive attitude and a good crew guy.
- Stay away from talking too much to coaches and players.
- Proper angles and distance.

GOOD LUCK IN 2019.