

NCAA Regional Advisor Observations

Game Management

Specific need to keep coaches in coaching box (3 out of 4 advisor comments)

Need to keep players and coaches in the dugout. (3 out of 4 advisor comments)

Need to use proper NCAA protocol at all times, especially in dealing with ejections.

Make sure that pitchers are not allowed to warm up on the warning track. (Must be in bullpen)

Clock management in most cases going quite well - make sure plate umpire puts the ball in play.

Use of review system going quite well - make sure the umpires are away from players and coaches.

Appearance

Need to stop communication with base coaches.

Need to show more energy and passion on the diamond.

Be sure to make all movements crisp and sharp.

Technical Mechanics

Wing umpires need to do a better job of monitoring the "Safety V" area for the plate umpire.

Umpires need to raise their focus and react to all developing situations. Be ready for the second play.

Umpires need to "think" ahead and prepare for any possible scenario in pre-pitch preparation.

Umpires need to work on correct angles on balls to the outfield. Don't go directly at the play.

Overall officiating has been very strong. Focus, Focus, Focus.

Ball and Strike Performance

Fundamental timing is too fast particular on "ball" calls and strike three calls.

Umpires need to set up with proper head position so as not to be blocked off from outside pitches.

Make sure that as the plate umpire you see the ball hit the catcher's mitt - especially with left handed hitters.