

GAME MANAGEMENT

Clock management from base umpire very strong

Plate Umpire needs to put ball in play to start each inning in order to end the clock timing

Good job of handling offensive and defensive conferences

One base umpire also recording conferences while wings stay alert to any side actions

Must start the inning clock as soon as out is recorded (base umpire must be quicker starting it)

Very good signals from base umpire and plate umpire concerning clock management

Home plate umpire needs to be more aggressive in moving hitter to circle (start the move at 30)

Umpires need to address coaches who are out of the coaches box.

Maintain one on deck hitter

APPEARANCE

Umpires were on task early and need to maintain that element for nine innings

Too much unnecessary "visiting" with players and coaches.

Too many conferences with partners in the outfield in between innings.

Should only meet to discuss a potential rotation issue in the outfield.

Great deal of hustle throughout the observations.

With few exceptions, all umpires look professional and athletic in appearance.

TECHNICAL MECHANICS

Need to be more consistent on all alignments for pre-pitch

Wings need to assist plate umpire with players in the safety "V" area

Judgment was very good on plays in the infield and on balls to the outfield

In most situations, most umpires were set when making calls.

Wing umpires need to be closer (just out of peripheral vision of fielder) in initial alignment

In most cases, good angles on balls to the outfield (make sure to set up)

Good job of "seeing" the complete play before making a call

Good verbal and non verbal communication between umpires.

BALL AND STRIKE PERFORMANCE

Good job of keeping hitters in the box

Timing a little fast on strike 3 calls.. Should stay consistent

Good timing and good mechanics evident

Occasionally too far back from the catcher making the outside pitch and knee pitch difficult

Head position mostly good in slot. (don't get too far back)

Excellent consistent zone calling the full zone

Plate umpires very agile on rotations and trailing the batter/runner down the line

