

Dave Yeast

One of the preeminent educators in all of amateur sport, Dave Yeast's vision and persistence has raised the bar for all collegiate baseball umpires. As the NCAA's National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires, Yeast implemented far-reaching educational initiatives, including first-time efforts such as the *CCA Umpires Mechanics Manual*, the *NCAA Baseball Umpire Preseason Guide* and the NCAA Umpire Development Camps. His passion for improvement and accountability, coupled with the use of technology, has led to the creation of training videos and in-season video bulletins. In addition, Yeast implemented video analysis during baseball championship to assist in the training and evaluation of umpires — a common practice in professional sports today.

Dave's leadership is felt beyond college baseball. He is a charter member of the Officiating Development Alliance, a select group of officiating leaders from amateur and professional sports organizations across the country. Dave has also served as a board member for the National Association of Sports Officials and has become a highly sought after clinician and speaker at officiating meetings and conferences around the world.

Dave served as the NCAA's National Coordinator of Baseball Umpires for eleven years. Prior to that, he served as a conference umpire coordinator for nine years. His passion for baseball umpiring was honed in youth and high school baseball and he is now one of the most acclaimed amateur umpires of his generation. A two-time NCAA Division I College World Series umpire, Dave also worked 20 Division I conference tournaments, 13 NCAA Division I regional tournaments and one super regional.. Dave represented the United States internationally for numerous events, including the 1996 Olympic Games, the 1993 and 1999 Intercontinental Cups, and the 1990 World Championships. He was named the 1999 International Baseball Federation Umpire of the Year.

Since his resignation from in NCAA in 2008, Dave is working college baseball in the PAC-10, WAC and, Mountain West Conferences. He was selected to work the WAC conference tournament and an NCAA regional tournament in 2009, and the Mountain West Conference Tournament in 2010-2014. Dave's experience also includes over 10 years officiating collegiate football and basketball. He worked in the MIAA (NCAA Division II) and was selected to work the NCAA Division II championships in 1998 and 1999. He has also served as an Instant Replay Communicator for the NFL since 2008.

In 2005 the American Baseball Coaches Association recognized Dave with their Meritorious Service Award and in 2008 the NCAA honored Dave with a pregame ceremony before the National Championship Game and presented him with their Distinguished Service Award. In 2011 Dave was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

Dave is the Sr. Vice President of Officiating Education at Arbitersports.