

Applying The **5 Innings or 3 Runs Rule** to Every Start Made By a Pitcher During **MLB Regular Season 2001 through 2015**

| | Total MLB Starts | Removed Starter 4.2 Innings or less with 2 or less runs | Removal Percent |
|------|-----------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 2015 | 4,858 | 134 | 2.76% |
| 2014 | 4,860 | 109 | 2.24% |
| 2013 | 4,862 | 122 | 2.51% |
| 2012 | 4,860 | 119 | 2.45% |
| 2011 | 4,858 | 71 | 1.46% |
| 2010 | 4,860 | 85 | 1.75% |
| 2009 | 4,860 | 110 | 2.26% |
| 2008 | 4,856 | 97 | 2.00% |
| 2007 | 4,862 | 102 | 2.10% |
| 2006 | 4,858 | 78 | 1.61% |
| 2005 | 4,862 | 72 | 1.48% |
| 2004 | 4,856 | 112 | 2.31% |
| 2003 | 4,860 | 92 | 1.89% |
| 2002 | 4,852 | 103 | 2.12% |
| 2001 | 4,858 | 68 | 1.40% |
| | 72,882 | 1,474 | 2.02% |

97.98% Compliance with 5 Inn or 3 Runs Rule

League:

2015 - Highest single year 2.76%

Highest Team Occurrence:

2012 - Colorado Rockies, **20 times in
162 games** removed the starter
after pitching 4.2 innings or less
with 2 or less runs

36 Game Schedule:

2.76% High = .9936/1 game (trend up, 2 games)

2.02% Avg = .7272/1 game

20 times = 4.44 (22.22% of 20) or 4 games