

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

496 postseason games analyzed (105 series). Total of 38 instances (7.69%) of a starting pitcher removed at 4.2 innings or less and giving up 2 runs or less. 92.32% compliance. 3 teams lifted starters two times during one series. In the 38 instances where a starting pitcher was removed early, only 12 times (32%) was it done facing elimination or during a Game 5 or Game 7.

	NL LDS	NL LCS	AL LDS	AL LCS	World Series
2001	OK OK	52 3.0/2	ARZ-37 82 90 4.0/2 4.1/2	NY-1 OK CLE-2	OK
1	- 4.0/2 losing 2 to 1. Best of 5 /Game 1				
2	- 4.1/2 losing 2 to 1. Best of 5 /Game 5 <u>Elimination game</u>				
37	- 3.0/2 winning 4 to 2. Best of 7 /Game 4 Up 2 to 1				

2002	OK OK	OK	OK OK	OK	OK

2003	OK OK	OK	59 4.0/0	MIN-3	OK
3	- 4.0/0 winning 1 to 0. Best of 5 /Game 1				

2004	OK 60 2.1/2	LAD-4	OK OK	OK	OK
4	- 2.1/2 winning 2 to 1. Best of 5 /Game 5 <u>Elimination game</u>				

2005	OK OK	OK	OK OK	77 4.2/1 74 4.2/2	LAA-5 LAA-6 OK
5	- 4.2/1 tied 1 to 1. Best of 7 /Game 2				
6	- 4.2/2 winning 2 to 1. Best of 7 /Game 5 <u>Down 3 to 1</u> <u>Facing elimination</u>				

2006	OK 80 4.1/1 85 4.1/2 65 3.1/2	86 4.0/2 NYM-7 LAD-8 NYM-9	STL-10 OK OK	OK	OK
7	- 4.1/1 winning 2 to 1. Best of 5 /Game 1				
8	- 4.1/2 losing 2 to 0. Best of 5 /Game 2 Down 1 to 0				
9	- 3.1/2 winning 4 to 2. Best of 5 /Game 3 Up 2 to 0				
10	- 4.0/2 tied 2 to 2. Best of 7 /Game 4 Up 2 to 1				

	NL LDS	NL LCS	AL LDS	AL LCS	World Series
2012	⁷⁶ 2.2/2 ^{SF-22}	OK	OK	⁵⁹ 3.0/1 ^{NYN-23}	OK
	⁵¹ 2.0/1 ^{STL-23}		OK		

22 - 2.2/2 winning 3 to 2. **Best of 5/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**
Facing Elimination

23 - 2.0/1 winning 4 to 1. **Best of 5/Game 2 Down 1 to 0**

24 - 3.0/1 losing 1 to 0. **Best of 7/Game 3 Down 2 to 0**

2013	OK	OK	OK	OK	⁶⁴ 4.0/2 ^{BOS-26}
	OK	²² 1.0/0 ^{TBY-25}			⁶⁶ 4.0/1 ^{BOS-27}

25 - 1.0/0 Tied 0 to 0. **Best of 5/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**
Facing elimination

26 - 4.0/2 losing 2 to 0. **Best of 7/Game 3 Tied 1 to 1**

27 - 4.0 losing 1 to 0. **Best of 7/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**

2014	OK	⁷⁶ 4.0/2 ^{SF-29}	OK	OK	²⁸ 1.2/2 ^{SF-30}
	⁵⁵ 4.0/2 ^{WAS-28}		OK		

28 - 4.0/2 losing 2 to 0. **Best of 5/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**
Facing Elimination

29 - 4.0/2 losing 2 to 0. **Best of 7/Game 2 Up 1 to 0**

30 - 1.2/2 tied 2 to 2. **Best of 7/Game 7 Elimination game**

2015	OK	⁶⁷ 4.0/2 ^{CHI-32}	OK	⁷⁸ 4.2/2 ^{KC-35}	⁵⁸ 4.0/2 ^{KC-36}
	⁴⁹ 3.0/2 ^{CHI-31}	⁷⁶ 4.2/1 ^{NYM-33}	⁷⁸ 4.2/1 ^{TOR-34}		

31 - 3.0/2 winning 4 to 2. **Best of 5/Game 4 Up 2 to 1**

32 - 4.0/2 tied 2 to 2. **Best of 7/Game 3 Up 2 to 0**

33 - 4.2/1 winning 6 to 1. **Best of 7/Game 4 Up 3 to 0**

34 - 4.2/1 winning 7 to 1. **Best of 5/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**
Facing Elimination

35 - 4.2/2 winning 5 to 2. **Best of 7/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**

36 - 4.0/2 losing 2 to 0. **Best of 7/Game 4 Down 2 to 1**