

New MLB rules affect

Major League baseball has some new rules.

- There is a new pitch clock. →

The ball can only be in the pitcher's hands for 15 seconds. If someone is on base, then the pitcher is allowed to have the ball for 20 seconds.



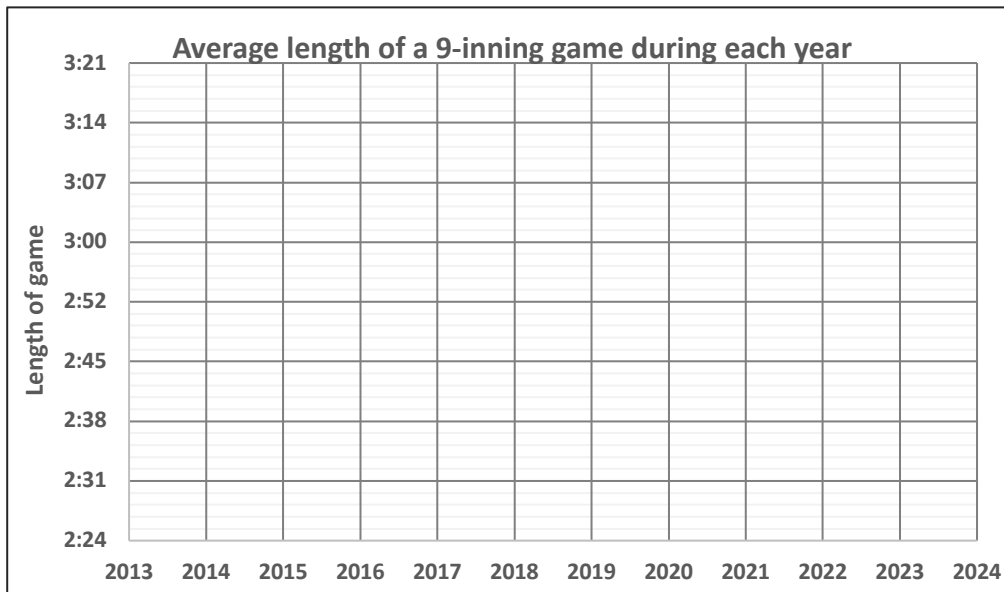
1. Why do you suppose the pitcher is allowed more time when someone is on base?

2. What do you suppose was the the intent of the new rules? (Or what have you heard or read?)

We found this data on the time needed to complete 9-inning games, on average, over the years.

3. Make a graph, using this data to see how the length of a game has changed.

Year	Length of 9-Inning game
2023	2:36
2022	3:03
2021	3:10
2020	3:07
2019	3:05
2018	3:00
2017	3:05
2016	3:00
2015	2:56
2014	3:02
2013	2:58



<https://www.baseball-reference.com/leagues/majors/misc.shtml>

5. What do you notice from your graph?

6. How might these rules affect the number of people who watch baseball games?

Sources: <https://www.cbssports.com/mlb/news/impact-of-mlbs-new-rules-shorter-games-more-steals-and-higher-averages-with-pitch-clock-shift-ban-in-place/>
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/23/briefing/baseball.html>
<https://www.mlb.com/news/mlb-2023-rule-changes-pitch-timer-larger-bases-shifts>