

## 2026 MLB RELIEF PITCHER TIERED RANKINGS AND PROJECTIONS



No.	TIER 1	Age	IP	ERA	W	S	SO	WHIP	K/9	BB/9	K/BB
1	Mason Miller, SD	27	65	2	3	33	100	0.98	13.8	3.5	3.9
2	Edwin Diaz, LAD	32	65	2.83	4	36	90	1.07	12.4	3.2	3.8
3	Cade Smith, Cle	27	69	2.79	5	31	89	1.06	11.5	2.7	4.3
4	Andres Munoz, Sea	27	63	2.68	4	33	81	1.12	11.4	3.7	3.1
5	Jhoan Duran, Phi	28	68	2.65	5	31	81	1.11	10.6	2.9	3.7
No.	TIER 2	Age	IP	ERA	W	S	SO	WHIP	K/9	BB/9	K/BB
6	Devin Williams, NYM	31	64	2.95	5	31	84	1.13	11.7	3.8	3.1
7	Aroldis Chapman, Bos	38	60	2.86	5	31	84	1.14	12.5	3.9	3.2
8	David Bednar, NYY	31	63	3.22	4	32	75	1.13	10.8	3.2	3.4
9	Josh Hader, Hou	32	56	3.12	4	28	75	1.07	12.2	3.4	3.6
10	Ryan Helsley, Bal	31	63	3.37	4	29	73	1.20	10.4	3.5	3.0
No.	TIER 3	Age	IP	ERA	W	S	SO	WHIP	K/9	BB/9	K/BB
11	Daniel Palencia, ChC	26	65	3.41	4	29	77	1.21	10.4	3.7	2.8
12	Ryan Walker, SF	30	62	3.40	4	29	66	1.20	9.6	2.9	3.2
13	Raisel Iglesias, Atl	36	65	3.64	3	26	68	1.16	9.5	2.6	3.7
14	Jeff Hoffman, Tor	33	63	3.48	4	26	74	1.17	10.7	3.3	3.2
15	Pete Fairbanks, Mia	32	61	3	4	27	64	1.20	9.3	3.2	2.9
16	Emilio Pagan, Cin	34	65	3.90	3	26	72	1.18	9.9	3.1	3.2
17	Griffin Jax, TB	31	65	2.77	4	13	84	1.07	11.5	2.7	4.3
18	Abner Uribe, Mil	26	70	2.98	3	18	84	1.20	10.8	4.0	2.7
19	Trevor Megill, Mil	32	64	3.16	4	16	80	1.15	11.0	3.4	3.3
No.	TIER 4	Age	IP	ERA	W	S	SO	WHIP	K/9	BB/9	K/BB
20	Kenley Jansen, Det	38	58	4	3	22	59	1.21	9.1	3.3	2.8
21	Seranthony Dominguez, ChW	31	61	3.71	4	21	69	1.28	10.1	4.2	2.4
22	Dennis Santana, Pit	30	66	3.97	4	24	61	1.26	8.3	3.1	2.7
23	Robert Garcia, Tex	30	63	3.53	4	19	68	1.21	9.8	3.2	3.1
24	Carlos Estevez, KC	33	58	4	3	27	50	1.28	7.9	3.2	2.4
25	Bryan Abreu, Hou	29	68	3.05	4	7	89	1.16	11.9	3.8	3.2
26	Robert Suarez, Atl	35	67	4	4	10	71	1.18	9.6	2.9	3.3
No.	TIER 5	Age	IP	ERA	W	S	SO	WHIP	K/9	BB/9	K/BB
27	Edwin Uceta, TB	28	64	4	4	12	76	1.18	10.8	3.3	3.3
28	Robert Stephenson, LAA	33	57	3.80	3	13	63	1.19	10.0	3.1	3.2
29	Grant Taylor, ChW	24	86	3.12	5	6	107	1.19	11.1	3.6	3.1
30	Garrett Cleavinger, TB	32	64	3.21	3	8	78	1.15	11.0	3.4	3.2
31	Jeremiah Estrada, SD	27	69	3.06	4	3	93	1.12	12.2	3.6	3.3
32	Will Vest, Det	31	66	3.30	4	8	68	1.22	8.8	2.9	3.0

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<b>No.</b>	<b>TIER 6</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>K/9</b>	<b>BB/9</b>	<b>K/BB</b>
33	Garrett Whitlock, Bos	30	67	3.35	4	3	74	1.16	10.0	2.7	3.7
34	Clayton Beeter, Was	27	62	3.74	3	16	72	1.33	10.5	4.7	2.2
35	JoJo Romero, SL	29	62	3.65	4	13	59	1.30	8.5	3.5	2.4
36	Riley O'Brien, SL	31	63	3.65	3	16	65	1.34	9.4	4.1	2.3
37	Taylor Rogers, Min	35	59	3.94	3	14	62	1.32	9.5	3.9	2.5
38	Kevin Ginkel, Ari	32	61	3.91	4	10	62	1.28	9.1	3.4	2.7
39	Kirby Yates, LAA	39	56	3.90	3	8	66	1.27	10.6	4.2	2.5

<b>No.</b>	<b>TIER 7</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>K/9</b>	<b>BB/9</b>	<b>K/BB</b>
40	Matt Brash, Sea	28	62	3.05	4	4	73	1.19	10.6	3.5	3.1
41	Justin Sterner, Ath	29	65	4.21	3	8	65	1.27	9.0	3.2	2.8
42	Paul Sewald, Ari	36	55	4.30	3	8	55	1.24	9.0	3.0	3.0
43	Lucas Erceg, KC	31	62	3.85	4	7	58	1.30	8.4	3.4	2.5
44	Gabe Speier, Sea	31	58	3.08	3	1	69	1.08	10.7	2.7	4.0
45	Matt Svanson, SL	27	65	3.73	3	6	61	1.30	8.5	3.4	2.5
46	Chris Martin, Tex	40	52	3.46	3	5	51	1.15	8.9	2.2	4.0
47	A.J. Puk, Ari	31	37	3	2	6	43	1.17	10.5	3.1	3.4
48	Ben Joyce, LAA	25	45	3.59	2	9	49	1.26	9.8	4.1	2.4
49	Adrian Morejon, SD	27	60	3.14	3	1	65	1.21	9.6	3.0	3.2
50	Kyle Finnegan, Det	34	63	3.82	4	5	61	1.27	8.7	3.3	2.6
51	Tanner Scott, LAD	31	63	3.38	4	4	72	1.21	10.3	3.6	2.8
52	Victor Vodnik, Col	26	63	4.36	4	14	61	1.47	8.8	4.4	2.0
53	Phil Maton, ChC	33	64	3.52	4	4	71	1.21	10.0	3.4	2.9
54	Jordan Leasure, ChW	27	63	3.96	4	6	71	1.27	10.1	4.0	2.5
55	Hunter Harvey, ChC	31	52	3.32	3	4	56	1.14	9.6	2.7	3.5
56	Louis Varland, Tor	28	66	3.48	4	3	67	1.19	9.2	2.7	3.4
57	Bryan Baker, TB	31	62	3.59	3	2	70	1.19	10.3	3.3	3.1
58	Andrew Kittredge, Bal	36	62	4	4	1	37	1.21	8.4	2.6	3.2
59	Cole Henry, Was	26	63	4.65	3	12	61	1.44	8.6	4.7	1.8
60	Camilo Doval, NYY	28	63	3.41	4	5	72	1.29	10.3	4.4	2.3
61	Matt Strahm, KC	34	65	3.75	4	2	68	1.17	9.5	2.8	3.4
62	Hogan Harris, Ath	29	64	4.24	3	8	62	1.39	8.5	4.2	2.0
63	Mark Leiter Jr., Ath	35	63	4.07	4	6	67	1.31	9.5	3.5	2.7

<b>No.</b>	<b>TIER 8</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>K/9</b>	<b>BB/9</b>	<b>K/BB</b>
64	Tony Santillan, Cin	29	68	4.11	3	4	73	1.32	9.6	4.0	2.4
65	Justin Topa, Min	35	62	3.97	3	6	62	1.32	7.6	3.0	2.5
66	Ryan Thompson, Ari	34	63	3.86	3	3	54	1.29	7.6	2.9	2.7
67	Calvin Faucher, Mia	30	64	3.91	3	6	64	1.35	9.0	3.9	2.3
68	Jose Alvarado, Phi	31	58	3	3	4	68	1.24	10.5	4.0	2.6
69	Gregory Soto, Pit	31	60	3.60	3	4	64	1.29	9.7	3.7	2.6

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<b>No.</b>	<b>TIER 8 (CONTINUED)</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>K/9</b>	<b>BB/9</b>	<b>K/BB</b>
70	Jordan Romano, LAA	33	59	4	3	4	62	1.27	9.5	3.6	2.7
71	Luke Weaver, NYM	32	67	3.90	4	4	71	1.21	9.5	3.0	3.1
72	Alex Vesia, LAD	30	61	3.53	3	2	76	1.16	11.3	3.6	3.1
73	Orion Kerkering, Phi	25	63	3.35	4	2	70	1.20	10.0	3.2	3.1
74	Jason Adam, SD	34	56	3.46	4	2	60	1.18	9.6	3.3	2.9
75	Seth Halvorsen, Col	26	56	4	3	8	53	1.44	8.5	4.1	2.1
76	Jared Koenig, Mil	32	64	3.43	4	2	66	1.22	9.3	3.2	2.9
77	Tyler Rogers, Tor	35	70	3.67	4	2	51	1.19	6.5	1.9	3.4
78	Caleb Thielbar, ChC	39	60	3.75	4	2	62	1.19	9.3	2.9	3.2
79	Cole Sands, Min	28	67	3.91	3	3	65	1.23	8.8	2.8	3.2
80	Hunter Gaddis, Cle	28	66	3.87	3	3	63	1.22	8.6	2.8	3.1
81	Fernando Cruz, NYY	36	58	3.65	3	1	78	1.24	12.1	4.1	2.9
82	Bryan King, Hou	29	63	3.81	3	1	65	1.19	9.1	2.6	3.4
83	Ryan Thompson, Ari	34	63	3.86	3	3	54	1.29	7.6	2.9	2.7
84	Brad Keller, Phi	30	66	3.83	4	3	63	1.30	8.5	3.6	2.4
85	Justin Martinez, Ari	24	23	3	1	3	28	1.31	10.6	4.6	2.3
86	Jose Ferrer, Sea	26	61	3.79	3	4	53	1.28	7.8	2.9	2.6
87	Joel Peguero, SF	29	57	4.17	2	4	49	1.41	7.9	3.9	2.1
88	Gregory Santos, SF	26	48	3.98	2	4	41	1.43	7.8	4.1	1.9
89	Aaron Ashby, Mil	28	65	3.47	4	1	70	1.34	9.6	4.4	2.2
90	Alexis Diaz, Tex	29	58	5	3	2	56	1.40	8.7	4.6	1.8

