

Antony Little



Antony began officiating in NCOA South in 2005 after a chance encounter with veteran line of scrimmage official, Doug Moore, at a local workout facility. Antony went through the initial training of new officials and was picked up to work the Back Judge position with Dave Harvey as Referee. Over the next few years, Antony and his crew worked several playoff games including a section final. Antony later joined a crew led by Mike Williams.

After 3 years of high school football, Antony began as a prospect for Northern California Officials' Association ("the Org") with the intention of becoming a junior college football official. This requires attending meetings with no guarantee of receiving games. Sessions included in-depth film study and rules analysis which gave a sneak peek inside the intellectual intensity and investment of football officiating at the college level. Eventually this led to membership in "the Org" as a "Deep Flank" (Side Judge, Field Judge, and Back Judge).

Antony realized after his first season in junior college football that additional time and energy was necessary to hone the craft of officiating. He attended Reno Officials' Camp twice beginning in 2009. After several years in JC football, Antony began receiving invites to scrimmages at 4 year universities in Northern California. In 2013, he attended Stars and Stripes Academy in Salt Lake City, UT. This was a golden opportunity to show his ability for supervisors. Unfortunately, tragedy struck, and Antony suffered a torn Achilles tendon on the first night of live action. This led to him sitting out the entire 2013 season and ultimately ended his high school football and basketball officiating.

Though this was a major setback, the Achilles injury forced Antony to refocus his energy on his physical preparation and ignited his passion to stay fit. He returned to the field in 2014 at Stars and Stripes after being awarded a scholarship by Pac-12 Officials. That season, Antony was rewarded with a postseason assignment for the junior college Northern California Semi-final Bowl game. A year later, he received both the semi-final and State Championship game at the junior college level. This was ultimately his last junior college football game as he was hired into the Big Sky full time after spending one season as a developmental official in the conference.

Antony's first full season in the Big Sky ended with 2 FCS playoff assignments and an opportunity to join the Pac-12 Developmental Program for football officials. The following season, he received a Pac-12 assignment in addition to his full schedule in the Big Sky. Antony's 2018 season with 2 FCS playoff games including the National Semifinal between powerhouse rivals North Dakota State and South Dakota State. This was Antony's last game in the Big Sky after being hired that offseason into the Pac-12.

"Be the best official where you are" and "Love the process" are two quotes that were ingrained in Antony early on in his officiating journey and he continues to embrace these words. Additionally, through officiating, Antony has worked as Kicking Ball Coordinator for San Francisco 49ers.

Professionally, Antony is a school administrator. He and his wife Kiersten live in Riverbank, CA with their 2 daughters, Kamryn and Kwynn, and son Turner. Antony has a passion for giving back and assisting aspiring officials in any way possible. Feel free to email him directly with any questions at ALittle82@gmail.com.