

Sha'Rae Mitchell



Born in Provo, UT and grew up in Sacramento, CA. She grew up watching John Stockton and the Utah Jazz with her dad and older brother. Lettered in 6 sports in high school and graduated with a 4.3 grade point average. Proudly proclaimed self-recruited to UC Santa Barbara. While there went to 3 NCAA tournaments, 4 Big West Championships, made the 2nd All-Team Big West and received the UCSB Phil Womble Courage Award. Graduating with double majors. Taught by the master Coach Mark French and took his teachings into life.

Started coaching the local Santa Barbara Blazers AAU girls basketball program her sophomore year at UCSB. Knew then she wanted to coach basketball. Coached at Providence High School in Santa Barbara, interned at Stanford University where the women's basketball team made it to the final 4, left there and went to UCLA for 2 seasons before heading to Coastal Carolina in Myrtle Beach, SC for a season.

In 2014 she left coaching to have her twins, Elle and Elijah. After spending a year home with her babies she was introduced to refereeing. In her 2nd season of refereeing she was advanced to the California high school state championship game and picked up in the collegiate ranks. This includes refereeing in the PAC-12, WCC, WAC, Big West, and Big Sky. During that season she was scouted and recruited to join the NBA's developmental league, the G-league, as a referee. Since she has worked her way up to the crew chief position and placed in the G-league playoffs. Last season she got pulled up to work mid-season NBA games and hired full time by the WNBA.

Basketball has always been a place of peace, and refuge, and solace for her. She is forever thankful for the places that basketball has taken her and will continue to take her. A proud basketball triple-threat; always moved and motivated by the desire, drive and passion to be better and make those around her better.