

Dear COLGAML P Youth Coaches,

I am writing to ask each of you to coach in the Spring 2026 Columbus Youth Pickleball League. Your willingness to give your time and energy to these kids is what makes this league possible.

Last season the junior players, parents, and I saw firsthand the attitude, leadership, and love for the game that you bring. The values you represent—teamwork, confidence, social connection, and healthy competition—are exactly what we want these young players to experience. I've seen several of the players around town and they truly remember the impact and the fun you provided.

As you know, league details are posted at www.colgamlp.com, but I want to align everyone on the plan and expectations for this season.

We will kick things off on Tuesday, April 7 at 6:00 PM at the Phenix City pickleball courts. The season will run through May 19, with weekly sessions on Tuesdays from 6:00–7:45 PM.

The resources we have for this season include:

- 8 youth players (ages 8–12, mixed experience levels, maybe more will sign up)
- Coaching team (you all)
- Pickleballs, loaner paddles, two hoppers, two pickup tubes, cones
- 12-court facility in Phenix City (plenty of space to teach and play)
- Team hats

Although last winter we had 18 players, I believe our numbers are lower because of baseball and soccer.

Opening night will function as a Pickleball Jamboree and skills evaluation. The goal is simple: introduce fundamentals, create a fun first experience, and evaluate skill levels so we can form balanced teams.

We'll divide players into small groups and rotate through skill-based stations. Focus areas will include service, ground strokes, dinking, and approach. We'll keep instruction simple and engaging:

- Brief explanation (1–2 minutes)
- Demonstration
- Repetition
- A fun challenge to reinforce the skill

If you need equipment, ideas, or support—just ask. I'll make sure you have what you need.

Thank you again for considering to stepping up to coach again.

Please let me know if you're able to coach and I hope to see you on April 7.

Doug Miller
910-922-6769