

**Hello! My name is Rish!** I'm a passionate Tennis & Pickleball Coach seeking a full-time position in Chicago where I'll be relocating in the new year. I have over 8 years of coaching experience teaching players of all ages and skill levels. In December 2024, I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Michigan Tech with a B.S. in Management Information Systems and double minors in Pre-Health Professions and Public Health. I played 4 years of NCAA Division II tennis & I coached and captained my school's pickleball team to DUPR Nationals in November 2024. As a current professional pickleball player on the PPA and APP Tours, I use my understanding of both tennis and pickleball to transform beginners into advanced players. My coaching style focuses on technique, strategy, and love of the sport. Most importantly, I foster a positive learning environment for all my students, regardless of their skill level and goals.

### **Coaching Philosophy & Strengths:**

- **Fundamentals for Beginners:** Emphasizing proper grip, footwork, stroke mechanics, and shot selection.
- **Competitive Player Development:** Full court coverage, contact point timing, tactical play, and point setup. Serve variation dependent on playing conditions, tweaking specific stroke mechanics, and mental preparation.
- **Inclusive Coaching:** Adapting coaching methods to support diverse players during group lesson settings.
- **Specialized Coaching:** *Ex:* Poaching I-Formation Drill for Tennis Doubles vs First Volley Approach Drill for Tennis Singles *Ex:* 7/11 Reset Drill for Pickleball Doubles vs Cat & Mouse Drill for Pickleball Singles.

### **Coaching Experience (2016–Present):**

- Coached preschoolers to seniors in private and group settings, adapting lessons to individual needs.
- Served as Lead Assistant Coach at various Southern California tennis camps.

### **Coaching Highlights:**

- Guided a complete beginner to the 5.0 pickleball level in one academic year.
- Mentored two collegiate teammates to 5.0 pickleball level within a year.
- Led my collegiate pickleball team to a Regional Title and DUPR Nationals appearance from being unranked.
- Improved a special-needs beginner tennis player from 3-ball rallies to 15-ball rallies in only one Summer.

### **Team Captain & Coach on the DUPR Collegiate Circuit (2023-2024):**

- Led practice sessions, created lineups, coached teammates, and led my team to a Regional Title.

### **NCAA Division II Tennis at Michigan Tech (2020-2024):**

- Lead Michigan Tech to their first GLIAC conference win in over 20 years.
- ITA Scholar-Athlete (2021–2024), Academic Excellence (2022–2023).

### **Professional Pickleball (2023–Present):**

- Top 25 finishes at 2 APP NextGen events, including a singles win over a doubles gold medalist.
- Advanced in a PPA professional qualifier, defeated a 6.0 pro doubles team at 2nd NextGen event as 5.0 DUPR.

### **Junior Tennis Achievements (2016-2020):**

- Won the inaugural CIF Boys Open Division, graduating as the top national high school program.
- Rated a 3-Star recruit with a highest UTR of 10 & defeated a 12 UTR right before the pandemic.