



TGSL & Ohana Affiliation (and Mission Statement)



It started as and will continue to be our mission to give TGSL & Ohana athletes the absolute highest quality of softball instruction as well as one of the best athlete performance training and programs offered anywhere for elite youth and prep sports in the South Bay. It is equally important that through the game of softball and its many nuances, we are able to help develop respectable citizens and young ladies who are also smart and confident on and off the field.

All of this is accomplished by providing a fun, safe and family-driven atmosphere to all of our athletes. With the goal of helping each of our athletes realize their opportunity to play softball in college one day, we stress the importance of succeeding in the classroom as well as the ball field.

With all that said, our journey began with TGSL in 2006 when my oldest was 5 years old and ready for Tball (6U). Over the years participating as a manager/coach and watching all these girls grow as young ladies and improve as players was truly amazing. At the same time, I was being mentored by some "veterans" of TGSL and it didn't take long for me to be recruited onto "The Board". Over the last 12 years I have held multiple positions on the TGSL Board from Commissioner, Treasurer, Player Agent, Vice President and President. This league will always be a special place for myself and my family.

As my youngest daughter came up through the league, I always knew for her to continue her growth as a person and player we would need to make the jump from Rec to Travel (all she wants to do in life is play softball; anyone heard that before?). With so many young ladies prepared to make the jump after our second year of 12U, we started to look around at options. We found there wasn't anything in the South Bay worthwhile in pursuing based on what we were looking for. Poor organizations, coaching, structure, etc., everywhere we looked. And who really wants to drive 1 hour+ to go to practice in Orange County? We eventually contacted Ohana Tigers as there were several prior TGSL members before us that were currently in the Ohana organization and spoke very highly of the operation.

After numerous conversations with Ohana and the TGSL Board, it was agreed TGSL and Ohana would affiliate starting in Fall 2017. The major thought was around giving our Torrance/South Bay families the opportunity when ready to make the move from Rec to Travel and still be a part of the TGSL family (where softball all started for most of us!) While we are still considered "guests" here at TGSL, we do whatever we can to help the league prosper. Whether its volunteering time to the league, taking care of the fields, donating funds and equipment periodically, as well as spreading the good word about TGSL wherever we go!

We started our first 14U team in the Fall of 2017. I am happy to say that 12 of our 16 players/families that came to us through playing at TGSL are still with us today! 6 of those players played their entire career at TGSL starting in Tball. Needless to say, the "Ohana" affiliation is truly a great fit! We are so very happy to provide this next level of play to these young ladies while keeping them all close to home.

We look forward to introducing some future teams to follow in our footsteps.

Best,

Ted Holloway

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