

MEMO

To: All Hyland Hills Youth Basketball Coaches
From: Hyland Hills Athletic Department
Date: February 3, 2024
Reason: Silent Saturday

Coaches,

On **Saturday, February 10th**, Hyland Hills will be implementing SILENT SATURDAY. An explanation of Silent Saturday for your parents is attached to this sheet. Please make sure you distribute to each players family.

We are asking you to set the example for your parents. Please remind your parents and players at your practices the week before you play your game on Saturday 2/10/24. Encourage them to create signs or use pom poms instead of verbally cheering.

You as coaches will be able to communicate with your players as long as you are providing positive verbal instruction. You will not be allowed to speak to the officials or scorekeepers unless you are calling a time out. In previous years coaches were not able to communicate at all, except in a time out setting. After talking to coaches and players from previous Silent Saturdays, Hyland Hills tweaked the rule to allow coaches to communicate with their players on the court. Please understand that our site supervisors will be told to place a gag order on a coach if they are displaying behavior that is detrimental to this program. A coach will lose his or her verbal communication privileges if he or she complains to, or about, the officials or if a coach is just yelling at his or her players. Please keep your verbal instructions to a minimum while your players are on the court. Remember this is a chance for your players to show what they have learned and what you have taught them without everyone yelling at them.

Thanks for helping make Silent Saturday a success!

- *Hyland Hills Athletics*

