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Centre Dufferin to host senior boys basketball CWOSSA competition]

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Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) will host the Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA) senior boys AA basketball competition in Shelburne this year.

CWOSSA will feature top championship teams from Districts around the region. The winner of the CWOSSA competition will go on to compete at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA). This is the first time Centre Dufferin has hosted CWOSSA basketball.

?It's pretty special to have it at home in our gym,? said Matt Barlow, director of athletics at the school and the senior basketball team coach. ?We have competed in CWOSSA many years now, but our players don't often get the chance to play in front of their families and friends, and this is an opportunity for that. It's usually a tournament that is run in bigger cites and the small towns are riding the bus back and forth over the weekend or having to stay in a hotel. For us to be able to bring it to Shelburne this year and next is super exciting. We know a lot of alumni and family are behind us and planning on coming to watch.?

There will be eight teams arriving for senior competition from towns and cities around Central Western Ontario, representing seven districts.

AA competition is for schools that have between 650 and 900 students.

?We hope to continue to look for opportunities to host for different sports and know it is a great opportunity for businesses in town to benefit from the crowd it will draw as well,? Matt said.

The CDDHS senior boys basketball team captured the District 4 championship on Wednesday, Feb. 15, so they will represent the District on theirhome court.

The senior boys' basketball will compete in CWOSSA at CDDHS on Friday, Feb. 24, and Saturday, Feb. 25.

At the same time, the CWOSSA junior boys basketball competition will be held at Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

The CDDHS junior boys basketball team won their District Championship and will represent the school at that competition.