

BREAKING NEWS: Indianapolis proposed site for 2011 championship game

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The Big Ten announced Thursday that it will look to play the 2011 Big Ten Championship Game at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Ind., next season.

According to a release, the conference, Indiana Sports Corp, and Lucas Oil Stadium will have 30 days now to negotiate a deal to make this a reality. Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said in the same release that after an agreement has been reached, the Big Ten plans to begin investigating into where to hold its new championship game in 2012 and beyond.

"We are excited to work with Indiana Sports Corp and Lucas Oil Stadium to finalize an agreement to hold the inaugural Big Ten Football Championship Game in the city of Indianapolis," Delany said in the release. "We felt at this time it was important to identify a site for the first championship game and then spend more time with other cities and venues with respect to both our basketball tournaments and the football championship games in the future.

"The city of Indianapolis has been an outstanding host for our basketball tournaments, and we look forward to holding our first Big Ten Football Championship Game in Lucas Oil Stadium."

The 2011 Big Ten championship game would be played in December.