

**Flagstaff****Nov. 14, 1969**

**Northern Arizona University is now officially a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), athletic director, Dr. Ted Keck announced today.**

**Final forms of acceptance were signed this week by President J. Lawrence Walkup in compliance with the NCAA 1.6 legislation concerning eligibility for NCAA championship competition.**

**NAU will compete in NCAA College Division in all sports is and/in District 7 and Pacific Coast Region. District 7 includes Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. States in the region include Arizona, California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah.**

**NCAA football championships are on a regional basis while national championship competition is held for basketball, baseball, track and field, cross country, wrestling, golf, gymnastics and swimming.**

**Earlier this fall NAU had been accepted for membership by vote of the NCAA regional members, and the final signature of forms for acceptance to comply with the 1.6 legislation completed all requirements for full NCAA membership.**

**"With" Membership in NCAA should ease our scheduling problems, especially in football," stated Dr. Keck. "In the immediate past, a number of colleges and universities have been hesitant in**

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scheduling us because we were not members of National Collegiate Athletic Association," Keck added.

NAU President J. Lawrence Walkup stated "Since many of the colleges and universities that we compete with in athletics are members of the NCAA, we ought be associated with this organization."

In athletic competition Northern Arizona University now has a dual membership -- NCAA and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics."