



How Athlete Nationality Is Represented on Peace in Pressure Cards

Aligned With Widely Adopted Practices in the Global Trading-Card Industry

In the world of trading cards, companies consistently design cards to reflect an athlete's **nationality representation**, not competition classifications. While there is no formal, published industry rulebook, there is a clear and long-standing practice across major collectible brands: trading cards showcase the athlete's story as they choose to be seen.

Peace in Pressure follows this widely adopted approach.

1. Athlete Nationality Representation Comes First

Across sports collectibles, athletes are routinely represented by the nationality they personally connect with, including:

- their preferred national flag
- their heritage or birthplace
- their marketed nationality
- a neutral symbol
- or no flag at all

This remains true even when an athlete competes under a different designation due to sanctions, federation decisions, or temporary neutrality requirements.

Why?

Because trading cards reflect personal biography and achievements — not competition mandates.

2. Trading Cards Are Storytelling, Not Regulation

Collectible cards created by companies like Panini, Topps, Upper Deck, Fanatics, and Leaf emphasize:

- personal background
- nationality representation
- legacy
- story
- individual brand

These companies are not required to follow IOC, FIFA, Olympic neutrality rules, or other political regulations — and historically, they do not.

Cards portray the **athlete**, not the governing body.

3. Public Data + Athlete Preference

Card producers generally combine:

- publicly available athlete data (rankings, bios, achievements)
- athlete-provided information (media kits, submissions, interviews)

Nationality-based elements — especially flags — follow **what the athlete prefers**, when possible.

This ensures representation remains accurate, respectful, and personal.

4. Equal Choice for Every Athlete

A widely followed practice in the card industry is consistent treatment:

Every athlete has the same choice in how their nationality is represented.

This applies equally to:

- world champions
- newcomers
- veterans
- juniors
- rookies

It prevents exceptions or favoritism and keeps the platform fair and neutral.

Peace in Pressure's Approach

Peace in Pressure proudly follows these well-established, widely adopted practices:

- Cards reflect **athlete nationality representation**, not federation rules.
- Flags and national symbols appear based on **athlete preference**.
- Public data helps build the card, but nationality remains **personal**.
- Every athlete is treated equally and given the **same choices**.

Our mission is to create cards that honor each athlete's story and reflect the heart of the freediving community.