








Suggestions on How to Award Soccer Ball Patches

	Goal – self explanatory. Award one of these soccer ball patches to the goal scorer for each goal scored.
	Assist – very few goals are unassisted, and this soccer ball patch rewards the player(s) directly involved in the lead up to a goal. This soccer ball patch is especially useful if unselfish passes or behavior have been demonstrated.
	Shutout – this soccer ball patch rewards the heroes/heroines at the other end of the field! Use this soccer ball patch to reward all players who played in a defensive position during the game (including the goalkeeper!) in shutting out the opponents.
	Great D – Not all great defensive efforts succeed in blanking the opponents! Use this soccer ball patch to recognize great team defensive efforts, or individuals who have shown great defensive fortitude – breaking up 2 on 1, or 3 on 1 breaks, not quitting after initially getting beat, etc.
	Hustle – This soccer ball patch recognizes and rewards players who put in 100% effort when they are on the field. All coaches know that not every player has great foot skills, or great speed – but if a player works hard and never quits, they can be very valuable members of the team. Award one of these soccer ball patches to every player who plays as hard of which you know they are capable while on the field.
	Passing: Soccer is a passing game, and no team past ~U8 can succeed consistently without learning to pass the ball well. Besides, even the fastest player in the world cannot outrun a pass! This soccer ball patch can be used to recognize the whole team for passing well, or for individuals who have demonstrated great passing TAP – Timing, Accuracy, and Pace. You also can award this patch for a certain number of good passes during a game – 1 patch for 3 TAP passes, 2 for 6 passes, etc.
	MVP – This soccer ball patch recognizes the player who contributes most to the team's success in any particular game. Usually award just one of these patches per game (use the Hustle soccer ball patch to reward good work ethic, etc.)
	Courage: This soccer ball patch can be used for a number of purposes. Courage can manifest itself in a number of ways – contesting all 50:50 balls (and winning more than 50%), playing well against a bigger and/or faster opponent, continues playing after taking a tough knock, etc.

	<p>Juggling: Although soccer balls are rarely juggled during a game (some Brazilian soccer fans may disagree!), juggling does develop great eye-foot coordination, develops a better touch and ‘feel’ for the ball, etc. Award this soccer ball patch for specific goals at practice– 10 foot juggles, 20 combined foot/thigh juggles, etc. www.HurrahAwards.com also supplies soccer ball patches with text 10, 25, and 50 Juggles.</p>
	<p>GK (Goalkeeper): This soccer ball patch rewards the often unsung heroes/heroines ‘between the sticks.’ Use this patch to reward a great goalkeeping performance, or even simply a willingness to play goalkeeper (sometimes the number one requisite for a goalkeeper is ‘willing’). You also can use this patch for great goal kicks, punts, or intelligent ball distribution.</p>
	<p>Saves: Award one of these soccer ball patches for every great save that your goalkeeper (or defenders!) pulls off, especially if it preserves a result towards the end of a game.</p>
	<p>Plain Black & White, Red & White, Blue & White, and Green & White Soccer Ball Patches: These are utility soccer ball patches that can be used for a number of purposes. Some coaches like to use these in place of the ‘Goal’ and ‘Assist’ patches – recognizing that assists are just as valuable as the goals that ensue. These patches also can be used for achieving ‘homework’ assignments, rewarding perfect attendance, helping the coach in certain tasks, etc.</p>
	<p>Star Patches (Yellow, Red, and Blue): These also are utility patches. Again, use for things like achieving ‘homework’ assignments, rewarding perfect practice or game attendance, helping the coach in certain tasks, good work ethic at practice, etc.</p>