

World Cup National Football Badges

Teacher Notes



Countries represented above (in order); **Austria, Germany, Mexico, Panama, Tunisia.**

Eagles primarily symbolise strength, power and victory.

They can represent a team's desire to soar above competitors.

Mexico -

The eagle represents strength, speed, and national pride.

<https://www.discoverwildlife.com/animal-facts/national-animal-of-mexico>

Panama -

The Harpy Eagle is recognised as a symbol of Panamanian biodiversity and strength.

The eagle represents the national bird of Panama, with its 10 outstretched wing feathers symbolizing the country's 10 provinces.



Countries represented above (in order); **Czechia, England, Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, Senegal, Spain.**

The lion is a symbol of strength and is frequently used to evoke tradition and royal heritage.

England -

The lion is the national animal of England and was chosen to represent qualities like courage, pride, and strength.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/articles/c629d11mpezo>

Scotland -

The Scottish Football Association (SFA) logo features this red lion surrounded by thistle detailing, symbolizing resilience and heritage.

While the official national animal of Scotland is the unicorn, the national football team uses the heraldic lion rampant of the Royal Arms.

Senegal -

The lion is the national animal of Senegal and represents strength and dignity .



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Australia

A kangaroo is featured on one side, and an emu on the other (both native to Australia).

They represent progress, strength, and resilience, as both creatures are regarded as unable to walk backwards.



Cape Verde

The crest features a shark, representing the team's nickname; Tubarões Azuis (Blue Sharks).

Sharks on a football or sports badge generally symbolise strength, aggression, resilience, and leadership. As apex predators, they represent a relentless, proactive, and dominant mentality on the field.

The shark can symbolise a connection to coastal or seaside locations, highlighting a fierce pride in their local heritage.



Democratic Republic of the Congo (Congo DR)

The team is nicknamed *Les Léopards* (The Leopards).

Leopards on a football badge typically symbolize strength, power, confidence, and dignity.



France

The animal on France's national football crest is the Gallic rooster (le coq gaulois) representing an historic symbol of French identity, bravery, and vigilance.



Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)

Known as *Les Éléphants*, the national team uses the elephant to represent the nation.

The elephant is a national emblem, representing the country's, and by extension, the team's power, pride, and prominence in the region.

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Japan

The animal on the Japan national football crest is the Yatagarasu, a mythical three-legged crow.

The three legs represent technique, courage and team spirit.



Saudi Arabia

Falcons on a football badge symbolise speed, precision, ferocity and superior vision.

As birds of prey, they represent an aggressive, attacking, and predatory instinct designed to intimidate opponents and embody a fighting spirit.

The national team is nicknamed the "Arabian Falcons" or "Green Falcons".

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South Korea

White Tiger

The tiger has long been considered a guardian animal and a symbol of pride, strength, and power in Korean culture.

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