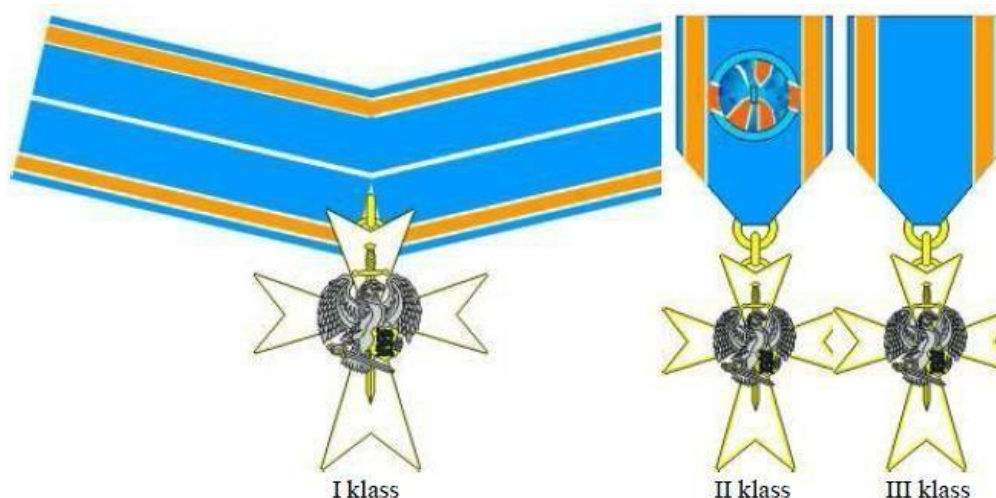


## STATUTES OF THE WHITE CROSS OF THE ESTONIAN DEFENCE LEAGUE

### § 1. Description of the White Cross of the Estonian Defence League

(1) The First Class White Cross decoration (*Figure 2*) is a white cross with four arms, enameled on both sides, and the front side is framed with a golden edge of 0.5 mm in width. The front side of the Cross has a golden sword whose handle is on the upper arm and the blade runs vertically down to the lower arm. The emblem of the Estonian Defence League (EDL) is placed on the sword. The back side of the Cross has a white coated circular ellipse with a diameter of 10 mm and a golden frame. Inside the ellipse are vertically positioned numbers: 11.XI 1918. The length of the upper and lateral arms of the cross are 25 mm and the length of the lower arm is 32 mm from the centre. Each arm of the cross has a right angle cut.

(2) The Second and Third Class White Cross decorations (*Figure 2*) are similar to the First Class White Cross but the length of their upper and lateral arms is 20 mm, and the length of the lower arm is 27 mm from the centre.



*Figure 2: White Cross of the Estonian Defence League*

### § 2. Bestowal of the White Cross of the Estonian Defence League

- (1) The decision to award someone with the White Cross is made by the Central Management of the Estonian Defence League. On urgent cases when the Central Management of the EDL cannot be assembled, the White Cross can be awarded with the decision of the Commander of the EDL who will inform the Central Management
- (2) White Crosses are ceremonially bestowed three times a year – the Independence Day, the Victory Day and the anniversary of the Estonian Defence League. On rare cases and with the decision of the Central Management of the EDL, the White Cross can be bestowed on other occasions.

- (3) The White Cross, the Cross of Merit and the Medal of Merit are never bestowed concurrently. The White Cross can be bestowed if at least two years have passed from when the person received either the Cross of Merit or the Medal of Merit.
- (4) White Crosses are awarded in the order of classes. On rare cases, the Central Management of the EDL can decide to award someone with the White Cross outside of the order of classes and not in compliance with the common standards
- (5) The White Cross cannot be awarded to a person with a valid disciplinary punishment, a person whose punishment for offense has not been deleted, or a member of the EDL with the obligation to pay membership fee who has not paid their fee for the last calendar years.
- (6) The Central Management of the EDL is not obligated to justify the decision to not award someone with the White Cross.
- (7) The White Cross can be applied by submitting a motion to the Human Resources Department of the Headquarters of the EDL (Annex 1).
- (8) White Crosses are awarded in compliance with the following principles.

Class	Preconditions	
<b>First Class</b>	For members of the EDL for special services to the EDL	1) At least 2 years have passed since being awarded with a decoration of the EDL
	For members of the EDL for admirable and long-time service in the EDL	2) Having been awarded with a decoration of a unit of the EDL 3) Extraordinary contribution to the comprehensive development of the EDL
	For people outside of the EDL for special services to the EDL	1) Extraordinary contribution to the comprehensive development of the EDL 2) At least 2 years have passed since being awarded with the White Cross of the preceding class

<b>Second Class</b>	For members of the EDL for special services to the EDL	1) At least 2 years have passed since being awarded with a decoration of the EDL
	For members of the EDL for admirable and long-time service in the EDL	2) Having been awarded with the Second Class Cross of Merit 3) Having been awarded with a decoration of a unit of the EDL 4) Outstanding contribution to the comprehensive development of the EDL
	For people outside of the EDL for special services to the EDL	1) Outstanding contribution to the comprehensive development of the EDL 2) At least 2 years have passed since having been awarded with the White Cross of the preceding class

<b>Third Class</b>	For members of the EDL for special services to the EDL	1) At least 2 years have passed since being awarded with a decoration of the EDL
	For members of the EDL for admirable and long-time service in the EDL	2) Having been awarded with Third Class, Second Class and I Class Medals of Merit 3) Having been awarded with the Third Class Cross of Merit 4) Having been awarded with a decoration of a unit of the EDL 5) Outstanding contribution to the activities of the EDL at the unit level
	For people outside of the EDL for special services to the EDL	Outstanding contribution to the activities of the EDL at the unit level.

- (9) The bestowal of the White Cross is verified with a certification with the first and last name of the recipient, an imprint of the relief seal of the Estonian Defence League, the order number of awarding the White Cross, and the date of the Central Management meeting. The certification is signed by the Commander of the Estonian Defence League and the Chief of the Headquarters of the EDL.
- (10) The duplicates of the White Cross, the ribbon and the certificate are ordered by the issuing institution, based on an application by the recipient of the White Cross. The duplicate is paid for by the applicant.

### § 3. Wearing the White Cross of the Estonian Defence League

- (1) The First Class White Cross is worn around the neck with a ribbon. The width of the ribbon is 40 mm, comprising a 2 mm cornflower blue edge, 0.5 mm white, 3.5 mm orange, 13 mm cornflower blue, 1 mm white, 13 mm cornflower blue, 0.5 mm white, 3.5 mm orange, 0.5 mm white and a 2 mm cornflower blue edge.
- (2) The Second Class White Cross is worn with a ribbon on the left side of the chest. The width of the ribbon is 34 mm, comprising a 1.5 mm cornflower blue edge, 0.5 mm white, 4 mm orange, 0.5 mm white, 21 mm cornflower blue, 0.5 mm white, 4 mm orange, 0.5 mm white, and a 1.5 mm cornflower blue edge. There is a symbol of an orange rosette with blue stripes with a diameter of 20 mm on the ribbon.
- (3) The Third Class White Cross is worn on the left side of the chest without the symbol of a rosette. The width of the ribbon is 34 mm, comprising a 1.5 mm cornflower blue edge, 0.5 mm white, 4 mm orange, 0.5 mm white, 21 mm cornflower blue, 0.5 mm white, 4 mm orange, 0.5 mm white, and a 1.5 mm cornflower blue edge.
- (4) The miniatures of the Second Class and Third Class White Cross are a copy reduced to 1/3 of their original size. The First Class miniature is a reduced copy of the Second Class White Cross which has a silver strip under the symbol of a rosette on the cut of ribbon.
- (5) Instead of the White Cross, a person can wear the ribbon or the miniature.
- (6) The miniature of the White Cross is worn on the left lapel of a suit jacket.
- (7) The ribbon and the miniature of the White Cross can be worn anytime.
- (8) A person who has been awarded with different classes of the White Cross only wears the highest class of the White Cross.