

Knights of the Road Regulations



Article 1. Aim

The aim of the TVM Safety Plan Foundation (referred to below as TVM) is to prevent accidents, injury and damage as much as possible in order to minimise the impact on people's health and lives and the financial consequences. The Knights of the Road Institute is an essential part of the TVM Safety Plan.

Article 2. Participants

Road transport companies insured with TVM that endorse the aim of the Safety Plan and implement systems in their operational activities to prevent damage and injury are eligible to participate. As of 1 January 1990, every company that insures its fleet of vehicles with TVM participates in the TVM Safety Plan automatically.

Article 3. Awards

TVM presents awards to truck drivers with a Category "C" driving licence, who work for a Safety Plan participant, for "driving blame-free" for a specific period. In these regulations, blame-free driving is understood to mean: not being involved in a road traffic incident resulting in damage or injury at all, or being involved in, but in no way attributable for a road traffic incident resulting in damage or injury. TVM presents the following awards:

- Knight of the Road Third Class with a certificate and BRONZE medal after driving blame-free for three consecutive calendar years;
- Knight of the Road Second Class with a certificate, ribbon and SILVER medal after driving blame-free for five consecutive calendar years;
- Knight of the Road First Class with a certificate, ribbon and GOLD medal after driving blame-free for ten consecutive calendar years, at least five years of which since being awarded the silver medal and related certificate;
- Knight of the Road with Honour with a certificate, ribbon and GOLD and DIAMOND medal after driving blame-free for twenty consecutive calendar years, at least ten years of which since being awarded the gold medal and related certificate.

Article 4. Supplementary requirements

In addition to the provisions of Article 3, Knights may not, when driving a car or another vehicle in the respective periods, be convicted, penalised or sanctioned for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, causing death and/or injury, or not stopping and identifying themselves after causing an accident.

Article 5. Participation, candidate proposals and personal data

5.1. Participation - In the first quarter of every year, TVM will invite drivers, who work for Safety Plan participants, to give their permission to take part in the procedure to become a Knight of the Road.

5.2. Data collection - By taking part in the procedure to become a Knight of the Road, drivers authorise TVM to request and/or verify data that is required to establish whether they are eligible to become a Knight of the Road from their (former) employer(s) insofar as said employers participate in the Safety Plan.

5.3 Proposals - Employers are entitled to propose eligible drivers as candidate Knights of the Road. Proposals submitted by employers must be accompanied by supplementary information about the candidate's employment record.

Article 6. Vetting

With due observance of the provisions of Articles 3 and 4, TVM will vet candidates on the basis of the recorded claim history.

