Showcase Kentucky bluegrass is a great advancement in the development of Kentucky bluegrass for golf course superintendents, sod growers and sports field managers. Showcase is an elite Kentucky bluegrass with a compact growth habit. Unlike other bluegrasses, Showcase Kentucky bluegrass thrives at fairway mowing heights (1/2 inch or 25 mm) and is a strong performer in the shade. It also has early Spring green-up and excellent Fall color.

Features

- Ideal for golf courses fairways and all high performance sports and commercial turf
- Early Spring green-up
- Excellent Fall color
- Moderate Winter dormancy
- Dark green uniform color
- Excellent shade tolerance
- Exhibits good Necrotic Ring Spot resistance
- Fine leaf texture and high shoot density
- Excellent turf quality ratings across the U.S.

Benefits

- Superior performance at lower mowing heights
- Increased sod strength for faster recovery from wear and stress
- Wide range of adaptation
- High quality sod production
- Blends well to improve any cool climate turf project
- Overall increased disease resistance for long-term persistence and performance

Seeding Rates

- New Turf: 2-3 pounds per 1,000 square feet or 90-125 pounds per acre
- Overseed Rate: 1-2 pounds per 1,000 square feet or 40-90 pounds per acre
- Seeds Per Pound: Approximately 1,500,000

History

Showcase Kentucky bluegrass was developed from a nursery of C-78 Kentucky bluegrass that was originally selected from an older, established turf nursery in Rhode Island. Showcase researchers concentrated on improving overall turf quality, compact growth habit, low mowing height performance, Stripe Smut resistance (Ustilago striiformis) and increased seed production. Seed Research of Oregon selected this variety based on its repeated high performance across the Kentucky bluegrass zone.

Characteristics

Showcase is noted for its dark green, uniform color and consistently forms a compact, fine textured turf. It is well adapted to a wide range of climatic conditions and exhibits remarkable tolerance to drought conditions. In addition to its improved Stripe Smut resistance, Showcase Kentucky bluegrass also exhibits excellent resistance to Necrotic Ring Spot (Leptosphaeria korrae), Powdery Mildew (Erysiphe graminis) and Leaf Spot (Dreschlera poae). Superior Summer Patch resistance makes this elite variety a consistent performer. Showcase exhibits very short internode length on the rhizomes for a denser canopy and faster recovery from wear and stress. Excellent performance straight or in blends and mixtures.

Establishment

- Germination: 14-21 days under ideal conditions
- First limited use: 4-6 weeks