

Product Specification Sheet: 100% Fescue (golf)

Uses

100% Fescue turf is used primarily on links courses. It's used on tees, fairways, green surrounds and bunker sides.

Characteristics

Until recently we included smoothstalked meadowgrass in the mixture, but we found that the smoothstalk produced a rather clumpy, uneven look to the turf over a period of time. Our 100% Fescue gives a dense, consistent sward, with the fineness expected of a high quality golf turf.

The typical seed mixture used in 100% Fescue turf is:

70% **Barcrown** slender creeping red fescue – *Festuca rubra litoralis*

30% **Bargreen** chewings fescue – *Festuca rubra commutata*

Why do we combine slender creeping red fescue with chewings fescue? Slender creeping red fescue has better colour during summer, autumn and early winter. It also has excellent salt tolerance and a rhizomatous growth habit. Chewings fescue has better colour during late winter and spring. Combining the two sub-species provides better colour for longer.

Mowing

Fescues can be mown as low as 5mm with a well adjusted cylinder mower. For tees we recommend 10-12mm. In general, the longer the grass, the better the turf can cope with wear and tear. For bunker tops this turf is often left to grow without mowing to achieve a more natural "linksy" look.

Nutrition

100% Fescue can survive happily on low fertiliser regimes. Individual golf courses will know what level of nutrition is needed for their particular circumstances.

100% Fescue requires a maximum of 150kg Nitrogen per ha per year. This can be provided by two applications of fertiliser – one in the spring and one in the autumn. A typical programme would be:

April 40gms/m² Scotts All-Round 23:5:10

September 40gms/m² Scotts Pre-Winter 14:5:21

These fertilisers use controlled release technology which provides an even food source for the plants over 4-5 months.

Roll Sizes and Laying Service

100% Fescue turf is available in four sizes:

Standard 1m² roll measuring 610mm (24") by 1.64m (65")

Big roll 600mm (24") wide

Big roll 740mm (29") wide

Big roll 1.2m (48") wide

Free loan of big roll laying equipment is available. Alternatively, we offer a laying service with highly experienced crews.

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