

## Elite Kentucky Bluegrass Blend for Sports Turf Professionals

Sport Sod Kentucky Bluegrass is the most popular blend for Sports Turf professionals. Specifically designed for ball fields, play grounds, golf course fairways and any high traffic sports venue. Formulated for areas that receive high wear and require fast recovery, Sport Sod contains five (5) genetically different and compatible varieties of bluegrass with unique performance characteristics. Princeton 105 is a "Compact type" Kentucky bluegrass recognized as the most traffic tolerant Kentucky bluegrass in the industry. Ginney II is an improved "Midnight type" with top NTEP performance. Mystere is a new "America type" with the best turf quality and spring green-up in its class. Diva, another "Compact type" has become the most popular new bluegrass in the industry with top NTEP performance and the best drought tolerance. Diva is recognized by the Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance and when used decreases water use by more than 50% compared to other bluegrass varieties. Guinness is an improved "Shamrock type" with excellent turf quality, fast germination and rapid establishment. Turf coverage is fast enough to discourage annual grassy and broadleaf weeds when compared to slower establishing bluegrass varieties.

## Seed Mix

- 30% Mystere Kentucky bluegrass
- 30% Diva Kentucky bluegrass
- 20% Ginney Kentucky bluegrass
- 10% Princeton 105 Kentucky bluegrass
- 10% Guinness Kentucky bluegrass

## Characteristics

Traffic tolerant	Persistence	Early spring green-up	Good fall color retention
Winter hardy	Medium texture	Good drought tolerance	High seedling vigor
Low growth profile	Good durability	High wear tolerance	Dark green color

## Establishment Tips

Kentucky bluegrass is a resilient perennial turfgrass. Its biggest deficiency is speed of establishment as common varieties of Kentucky bluegrass may take two to three times longer than ryegrass to germinate. To thicken an existing lawn use Sport Sod for dormant seeding in the late fall, or frost seeding in the very early spring (when the ground is just beginning to thaw). Slit seed or aerate is the most efficient when seeded early in the spring before the mature lawn is actively growing. When over-seeding, mow lawn as short as possible and wait until seed has germinated to fertilize.

## Maintenance Tips

Kentucky bluegrass lawns that are recovering from drought stress should be fertilized with GreenGuard Lawn Starter/Builder in mid-August and with Winterizer in late September. Lawns that have been damaged by cold, open winters will recover more quickly when fertilized with GreenGuard Lawn Starter/Builder about the first of May and again in early June. Apply Quench in early June to sustain lawn health through summer stress.

## Mowing

Sport Sod will perform best if mowed no lower than 3 inches in height and never remove more than 30% of the height at one time, especially in the summer. This height produces a healthier defense to summer stress, disease, insects, and the development of weeds. The most successful fall program is to reduce mowing height to 2 inches mid October, to better prevent spring disease infestation.

## Seeding Rates

Before planting use Soil Prep Plus to improve root development and faster establishment.

New lawn: 150-175 lbs. /acre

Repairing: Use 2-3 lbs/1000 sq. ft. based on severity of damage.

