

## Features

- Ideal for home lawns, commercial turf, parks, sports fields and golf course roughs
- Dark green color
- Fine Texture
- High number of rhizomes
- Broad genetic base

## Benefits

- Rapidly established fine textured, semi-dwarf turf
- High endophyte levels for insect resistance
- Excellent Brown Patch resistance
- High turf quality
- Widely adapted variety
- Superior wear resistance
- Fast recovery from damage

## Seeding Rates

- New Turf: 4-5 Kgs/100m<sup>2</sup> or 400-500 Kgs/Ha
- Overseeding Rate: 3-4 Kgs/100m<sup>2</sup> or 300-400 Kgs/Ha



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**Grande II** is a new, rhizome-rich tall fescue that incorporates a broad genetic breeding history and the beneficial *Neotyphodium* endophyte. This dark green, turf-type tall fescue has quick establishment, rapid recovery and superior turf quality.



## History

**Grande II** was developed over multiple cycles of selection for rhizome formation combined with superior turf quality. It traces to superior plants selected from Grande for freedom from Brown Patch in Missouri along with rhizome formation as mown spaced plants, then crossed with additional plants related to SR 8600, selected for turf quality, rhizomes and Brown Patch resistance. The parental plants of **Grande II** all demonstrate rhizome formation.

## Characteristics

**Grande II** rapidly establishes a fine textured, semi-dwarf turf. In a mown stand, it has a uniform, dark green color with a moderate shoot density. **Grande II** has high endophyte levels for insect resistance and has excellent resistance to Brown Patch (*Rhizoctonia ssp.*) and Pink Patch. High seed yields assure plentiful supplies of quality seed.

## Adaptations

**Grande II** is well suited for home lawns, commercial turf, parks, sports fields and golf course roughs where wear tolerance and water conservation are high priorities. It is well adapted to climates throughout Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia & New South Wales.

## Establishment

- Germination in 7-10 days under ideal conditions on a wide variety of soil types
- First mowing in 21-30 days
- First limited use in 60-75 days



**Turf Quality Ratings**  
**2000 Tall Fescue NTEP**

**2002 Data Set – Eleven Locations in the U.S. (Schedule B)**

*Turfgrass Quality Rating: 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf*

Variety	Mean	Rembrandt	6.0	Rebel Exeda	6.0	Jaguar 3	5.9
<b>Grande II</b>	<b>6.2</b>	Raptor	6.0	Guardian 21	6.0	Rebel Sentry	5.9
Tar Heel	6.1	<b>SR 8600</b>	<b>6.0</b>	Cochise	6.0	Southern Choice II	5.9
Olympic Gold	6.1	Avenger	6.0	Padre	6.0	Quest	5.8
Justice	6.1	Scorpion	6.0	Inferno	5.9	Plantation	5.7
Blackwatch	6.1	2nd Millennium	6.0	Bingo	5.9	<i>LSD Value</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Masterpiece	6.1	Millennium	6.0	DaVinci	5.9		

**Turf Quality Ratings**  
**2000 Tall Fescue NTEP**

**2002 Data Set – Midwest Region**

*Turfgrass Quality Ratings: 1-9; 9=Ideal Turf*

Variety	Mean	Barlexas II	5.9	Mellennium	5.8	Forte	5.7
<b>Grande II</b>	<b>6.1</b>	Masterpiece	5.9	Wolfpack	5.8	Da Vinci	5.7
Tar Heel	6.1	Blackwatch	5.9	Rebel Exeda	5.8	Jaguar 3	5.7
2nd Millennium	6.0	Rembrandt	5.9	Silverado	5.8	Rebel Sentry	5.6
Southern Choice II	5.9	Quest	5.8	<b>SR 8600</b>	<b>5.8</b>	Plantation	5.4
Olympic Gold	5.9	Raptor	5.8	Guardian 21	5.7	<i>LSD Value</i>	

**Leaf Texture Ratings**

**2000 Tall Fescue NTEP**

**2002 Data Set**

*Leaf Texture 1-9; 9=Very Fine*

Variety	Mean	<b>Grande II</b>	<b>5.9</b>	Barlexas II	5.9	Jaguar 3	5.5
Inferno	6.4	Forte	5.9	Rebel Exeda	5.9	Southern Choice II	5.5
Avenger	6.2	Bingo	5.9	Guardian 21	5.8	Plantation	5.5
Da Vinci	6.1	Rembrandt	5.9	Millennium	5.8	<i>LSD Value</i>	<i>0.3</i>
Justice	6.1	2nd Millennium	5.9	Rebel Sentry	5.6		

**Percent Brown Patch Ratings**

**2000 Tall Fescue NTEP**

**2002 Data Set – Fayetteville, Arkansas**

*Brown Patch Ratings 1-9; 9=No Disease*

Variety	Mean	<b>Grande II</b>	<b>8.5</b>	Jaguar 3	8.2	Millennium	7.9
Blackwatch	8.8	2nd Millennium	8.4	Tar Heel	8.1	Southern Choice II	7.9
<b>SR 8550</b>	<b>8.6</b>	Focus	8.4	<b>SR 8600</b>	<b>8.3</b>	Daytona	7.7
Rebel Exeda	8.6	Plantation	8.4	Rebel Sentry	8.3	<i>LSD Value</i>	<i>0.6</i>

*To determine whether a cultivar's performance is different from another, subtract one entry's mean from another entry's mean. If this value is larger than the LSD value, the observed difference in cultivar performance is significant and did not happen by chance. Complete tables are available upon request.*