

Certification Standards: The general standards for seed certification found in the Oregon Seed Certification Service (OSCS) Handbook are basic to all crops, and together with the following specific regulations constitute the certified Intermediate ryegrass standards.

Varieties Certified: Varieties and classes eligible for planting may be found in the OSCS Handbook.

Field History: Land must not have grown nor been seeded to these listed species and for the periods of time, as follows:

Previous crop	Time out required, in years		
	Foundation	Registered	Certified
Annual ryegrass	5	5	2
Perennial ryegrass	5	5	2
Intermediate ryegrass	5	5	2
Festulolium 2x/4x	5	5	2
Festulolium 6x	0	0	0
Tall fescue	0	0	0
Meadow fescue	0	0	0

For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop was of the same variety, same or higher class and certified. Intermediate Ryegrass must be planted in distinct rows. Exceptions must be approved by the Seed Certification Office prior to planting.

Field Inspections: Include a seedling and a seed crop inspection. The seedling application must be submitted within 60 days of planting, and a seed crop application must be submitted by April 15 of each year in which seed is produced.

Field Standards:

Class of seed produced	Maximum permitted Other Varieties ¹	Isolation Requirements ^{2,3}	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
Registered	0.5%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	1.0%	330 ft.	165 ft.

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² This distance must be maintained from all Ryegrass, Meadow fescue and Festulolium of the same ploidy. Isolation between diploids and tetraploids shall be no less than 15 feet. See section IV D, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook.

³ Foundation and Registered fields of Intermediate ryegrass must be isolated 300 ft from Tall fescue and Festulolium 6x. Border removal is allowed for fields over five acres. See section IV D, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/2 Pound) Intermediate ryegrass seed lots must have a full purity, including a germination and fluorescence before the lot can be considered for certification. A ploidy test is also required to establish the incidence of diploid ryegrass in all tetraploid ryegrass varieties and assists in determining certification eligibility. A ploidy test must be requested at the time of sampling on tetraploid varieties.

Varieties: Astor, Bison, Polly, Tetrelite

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	90%	90%	90%
Germination, minimum Tetrelite	85%	85%	85%
Ploidy test, minimum ⁶	100%	99%	95%

All other varieties not listed as requiring 99% pure seed minimum

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	97.00%	97.00%	97.00%
Other crops, maximum	0.10%	0.25%	0.50%
Inert matter, maximum	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
Weed seed ⁷ , maximum	0.15%	0.30%	0.50%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁸ singly or combined	None	45/lb.	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	90%	90%	90%
Germination, minimum Transcend, Transeze, Transist, Transist 2200, Transist 2400, Transist 2600	85%	85%	85%
Ploidy test, minimum ⁹	100%	99%	95%

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in section V, General Standards in the OSCS Handbook nor St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed.

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