



CERTIFICATION STANDARDS
ROUGH BLUEGRASS
(Poa trivialis)
 Revised February 23, 2023

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 standards for certified rough bluegrass.

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

Field History: To produce Foundation and Registered seed, land must have been free of rough bluegrass for five years. Land must not have grown or been seeded to another variety of rough bluegrass for production of Certified seed during the previous two years. For Registered and Certified classes, these requirements are waived if the previous crop year of rough bluegrass was of the same variety, same or higher class, and passed certification field requirements for genetic purity. Rough bluegrass 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	
		Less than 5 acres	More than 5 acres
Foundation	None	900 ft.	900 ft.
Registered	0.1%	660 ft.	300 ft.
Certified	2.0%	330 ft.	165 ft.

Seed Standards: (Minimum Sample Size – 1/4 Pound)

Factor	Foundation (White tag)	Registered (Purple tag)	Certified (Blue tag)
Pure seed, minimum	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Other crops maximum	0.10%	0.10%	0.25% ³
Inert matter, maximum	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Weed seed ⁴ , maximum	0.10%	0.30%	0.30%
Weed seed, GROUP A ⁵ , singly or combined	None	None	45/lb.
Germination, minimum	75%	75%	75%

¹ Includes off-type plants.

² See Section IV, D in the OSCS Handbook. Mechanical isolation is required between rough bluegrass and Kentucky bluegrass.

³ Kentucky bluegrass limited to 3.00% in Colt, Laser, Laser II and Sabre rough bluegrass and 2.00% in all other rough bluegrass varieties.

⁴ None of the prohibited weeds listed in Section V in the OSCS Handbook, nor any St. Johnswort allowed in any class of seed. No annual bluegrass allowed in Foundation or Registered class of rough bluegrass.

⁵ GROUP A - buckhorn plantain, docks, sheep sorrel and bedstraw