

# Classic 80:20

## Golf greens, bowling greens

### Usage

**Construction** of free-draining fine-turf areas; golf and bowling greens

### Key points

- *Barlineus* #1 Chewings
- *Viktorka* #2 slender
- *BarKing* #5 bent

### Species Formulation

40% slender creeping red fescue  
40% Chewings red fescue  
20% browntop bentgrass



**CLASSIC 80:20 is a traditional mix of fescue and bentgrass designed to deliver a consistent and balanced blend of these species when sowing out new fine-turf areas such as golf and bowling greens.**

The fescue part of the mixture is made up of equal portions of slender red creeping fescue and Chewings red fescue seed. The combination of these two sub-species offers the best solution for year-round performance and growth in fescue-dominant turf – Chewings fescues will generally be most active in spring through to mid-summer, whereas slender creepers “kick in” during early summer and perform well through to autumn.

Table 1 shows the performance of the fescue cultivars in the BSPB Turfgrass Seed Booklet 2019. CLASSIC 80:20 contains the top-rated red fescue on the market (*Barlineus*, 20%) and the #2-ranked slender *Viktorka*.

*BarKing* is the variety of browntop bentgrass in the mixture. It is an excellent European-bred cultivar with superior wear tolerance and winter colour. It also possesses very good tolerance to *Microdochium* Patch disease (*Fusarium*).

Barenbrug recently published results of an extensive four-year trial assessed independently by the STRI, which highlighted the benefits of sowing newly constructed golf greens with a high quality 80:20 mixture of fescue and browntop bentgrass. The mix is adaptable to a variety of maintenance regimes and is very effective at limiting *Poa annua* ingress.

A copy of this booklet can be found via [www.barenbrug.co.uk](http://www.barenbrug.co.uk).

### IN THE BAG

20%	<b>VIKTORKA</b> Slender creeping red fescue
20%	<b>BARCROWN</b> Slender creeping red fescue
20%	<b>BARLINEUS</b> Chewings red fescue
20%	<b>BODEGA</b> Chewings red fescue
20%	<b>BARKING</b> Browntop bentgrass

<b>Sowing rate:</b>	20-30g per m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Overseeding rate:</b>	10-20g per m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Sowing depth:</b>	Rootzone contact
<b>Mowing height:</b>	Down to 4mm
<b>Pack size:</b>	20kg

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Table 1 shows the extent of annual meadowgrass (*Poa annua*) ingress into golf green plots after four years of maintenance and wear. In Figure 1, a green sown with CLASSIC 80:20 contained 7% (standard maintenance) and 3% (low input maintenance) Poa at the end of the trial compared to 30% and 10%, respectively, for a green sown with 80% fescue / 20% Highland bentgrass.

CULTIVAR	%	Mean Score	Rank	Shoot Density	Rank	Disease Resistance	Rank
VIKTORKA	30	7.6	2	7.7	3	7.8	3
BARCROWN	20	7.5	4	7.7	1	8.4	1
BARLINEUS	30	8.2	1	8.3	1	7.4	3
BODEGA	20	7.7	5	7.7	4	6.8	9

**Table 1** Scoring and ranking of FESCUE cultivars from Turfgrass Seed 2019 for golf greens use