



SUBJECT: 2013 National Warm-Season Putting Green Test

TO: Growers and Breeders

FROM: Kevin N. Morris, NTEP Executive Director

DATE: May 9, 2013

Plans have been finalized for the upcoming national warm-season putting green test sponsored by the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) and the United States Golf Association (USGA).

The following gives the details concerning this test. Please complete the enclosed Test Entry Application Form and Sponsorship Agreement for each entry you wish to submit. The first payment for testing is due when the plant material is shipped to us. Please make checks payable to the "National Turfgrass Evaluation Program" in \$US only.

**PLEASE NOTE: Several significant changes have been made to this trial so please read carefully:**

- 1. We have changed the entry fee structure for this trial. Experimental entries will be charged a reduced entry fee (\$1,000/year), which will remain at that level until the entry is named or commercialized (please see details below). Also, entries that have been previously tested by NTEP can be entered at a reduced entry fee (\$1,500/year).**
- 2. This trial will run for five years, therefore, five entry fee payments are required. The overall entry fee is \$10,000 for a commercially available entry.**
- 3. Twelve locations, covering the south central, southeast, southwest and Transition Zone of the U.S. will be established. The locations will be a mix of golf courses and university research centers.**
- 4. Our deadline for receipt of plant material is June 10th.**

The list of the chosen trial locations and current details on the trial parameters, as well as these forms, are posted in the NTEP News Room ([www.ntep.org/newsroom.htm](http://www.ntep.org/newsroom.htm).)

Test locations will be maintained using management parameters that are being developed by an advisory committee consisting of university research and USGA personnel. Plot size will be a minimum of 36 sq. ft. (6' x 6' or similar size) replicated three times and the planting rate will be one tray of plugs per replication. Therefore, please forward *thirty-six* (36) one-piece plastic trays (3" x 3" cells, 18 cells per tray or 1.5" x 1.5" cells, 72 cells per tray) of plant material for each entry. These plants should be grown in a light planting medium, i.e. Pro-Mix, Metro-Mix, etc. This plant material should be shipped via overnight or second day air to ensure good plant survival.

## 2013 National Warm-Season Putting Green Test (continued)

There are now three categories of entries. The following is an explanation of the new entry fee structure:

### Commercial entries (named, commercially produced and/or marketed):

\$2,000.00 each entry - when plant material is sent to us  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2014  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2015  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2016  
\$2,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2017

\$10,000.00 total

### Previously tested entries (have been included in previous NTEP tests):

\$1,500.00 each entry - when plant material is sent to us  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2014  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2015  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2016  
\$1,500.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2017

\$7,500.00 total

### Experimental entries\* (have never been named, commercially produced and/or marketed):

\$1,000.00 each entry - when plant material is sent to us  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2014  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2015  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2016  
\$1,000.00 each entry - on or before June 1, 2017

\$5,000.00 total

**\* If an *Experimental* entry is named, commercially produced or marketed during the testing period, NTEP will be notified within 30 days by the entry sponsor. At that time, the entry will be reclassified as a *Commercial* entry and the fee will become \$10,000 total for the trial. NTEP will immediately invoice the sponsor or licensee for any past entry fees. Current and future NTEP entry fees will be invoiced at \$2,000 per year. This will expire the date of the last trial data publication.**

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The following are guidelines for sending plant material for this test:

- a. 36 trays of each vegetative entry must be received at Beltsville, MD by June 10th, 2013.
- b. Plant material received after June 10th, 2013 but by June 14th, 2013 can be included in this test but a **double (2x)** entry fee will be charged.
- c. Plant material received after June 14th, 2013 will **not** be included in this test.
- d. The entire requested amount of plant material is needed for an entry to be included in this test. Entries that are received with less than the requested amount of plant material will **not** be included in this test.

We encourage good planning in preparing and shipping entries on or before the June 10th deadline. In addition, it would be helpful to plant material earlier than the June 10th deadline if possible. Also, please make sure plant material is prepaid for shipping charges to Beltsville, MD. The NTEP will **not** pay any additional shipping fees to forward plant material to Beltsville.

Please forward all plant material, completed application forms and payments to:

Kevin Morris, Executive Director  
National Turfgrass Evaluation Program  
Beltsville Agricultural Research Center-West  
Building 005, Room 307  
Beltsville, Maryland 20705 USA

If any of the above information is unclear, or if you have a question about any aspect of this test, feel free to contact me by phone (301-504-5125), fax (301-504-5167), mobile (301-873-6545) or email (kmorris@ntep.org).

Thanks for your continued cooperation with NTEP.

Enclosures

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TEST ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

(Please complete one for each entry)

Required Information:

1. Variety name or experimental designation \_\_\_\_\_

2. Genus and species name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Entry category

\_\_\_\_ Commercial (named, commercially produced and/or marketed)

\_\_\_\_ Previously tested (has been included in a previous NTEP test)

\_\_\_\_ Experimental (has never been named, commercially produced and/or marketed)

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4. All previous name(s) or experimental designation(s) this entry has been tested under (for *Previously Tested* entries, please indicate name(s) or experimental designations in past NTEP trials)

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5. Genetic structure, i.e. single plant selection, number of parental clones, composite cross, open pollinated, etc.

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\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is this variety in commercial production? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what are the prospects of it being made available in the United States in two or three years? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Name and address of organization sponsoring this entry and contact person

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Suggested Information:

1. What is the origin of the entry? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Description of entry (merits or limitations) \_\_\_\_\_

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NTEP reserves the right to reject any entry submitted for testing based on:

- a. Completeness of information supplied
- b. Plant quality or quantity
- c. Failure to pay entry fee(s)

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SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

(Please complete one for each entry)

We \_\_\_\_\_ agree to pay the entry fee as indicated  
Sponsor

below for \_\_\_\_\_ to be included in the 2013 National  
entry name or code

Warm-Season Putting Green Test. By signing this agreement, we also agree to the terms set forth below, stating that if an *Experimental* entry is named, commercialized or marketed as noted, NTEP will change the category of this entry to *Commercial*, hence increasing the entry fee to \$10,000.00 total.

Payment will be made to the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program in \$US.

Please check one box indicating the entry category at time of submission:

	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Commercial	Previously Tested	Experimental

When the entry is sent to NTEP	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before June 1, 2014	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before June 1, 2015	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before June 1, 2016	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
On or before June 1, 2017	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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Name and address of sponsor:

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Authorized Signature

Date