



Ireland's largest equestrian event returns to International status after 12 years – taking place at the Green Glens Arena in Millstreet, Co. Cork from **7th – 12th August 2012**. With 92 classes running over five days, Millstreet International Horse Show will attract competitors from around the world; competing for a total prize fund in excess of €180,000.

The show features 9 International classes, including three Rolex World Ranking classes. The €50,000 Millstreet International Grand Prix is the final stage of the inaugural Great Britain & Ireland (GBI) Showjumping Tour which included competitions at Mullingar, the Royal Highland Show in Scotland and the British Masters at Southview, England. "Points and a half" will be up for grabs with a leading rider prize of €5,000 on offer.

Millstreet Horse Show has established a reputation as a shop window for the Irish equestrian industry and a wide range of young-horse classes feature strongly in the schedule. Classes such as the Boomerang, National Discovery, Young Irishman and Millstreet Ruby continue to provide a competition platform for breeder's and producers of young horses, along with the more recent National Eventing Discovery. Younger riders are also catered for with a host of pony classes; including Ireland's richest Pony Grand Prix with a prize fund of €4,500.

Extensive onsite developments will be unveiled at this year's show, including 500 state of the art new stables, custom-made show-jumps, improvements to the all-weather arenas and upgraded office and administration facilities.

The Competition Authority recently finalised their investigation into alleged anti-competitive behaviour by Show Jumping Ireland (SJI). They found in favour of the consumers right to free choice thus vindicating the position held firmly by Millstreet Horse Show over the past three years. Subject to two laid conditions being met by the host show, SJI members cannot be penalised in any way – to do so would be unlawful. Millstreet Horse Show has no difficulty in satisfying these two conditions.

With world-class showjumping, updates from the London Olympics, and a wide range of family attractions and exhibitors, Millstreet International Horse show provides the perfect opportunity to get behind the Irish team! Full schedule and entry information is available on www.millstreethorshow.ie.

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