



ShowjumpingIreland, in conjunction with the renowned charity 'Make- A-Wish Ireland' Foundation, is delighted to announce a new Indoor Charity Winter League on the national show jumping calendar.

Make-A-Wish Ireland has one simple aim - to grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and 17 years living with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy and ShowjumpingIreland is pleased to lend their support to this very worthy cause.

A wish granted is true magic for the child, providing respite from their normal routines of hospitals, doctors and treatment.

The League will commence at the beginning of September and is open to athletes competing at the 90cm – 1.20m level on horses and to pony athletes in the 128 80/90cm, 138 90/1.00m and 148 1.00/1.10m categories. Attendance at 6 Indoor League Shows will ensure eligibility at the Final which will be held in a venue yet to be announced at the end of the year where representatives from the Foundation and some children will take part in a themed event which reflects the spirit of Christmas...so important for children and in particular, the Make-A-Wish Foundation children.

The Chairman of S.J.I.'s Management & Finance Committee, Liam Murphy, announced that S.J.I. will target a contribution of €10,000 towards the Foundation and the Head of Fundraising for the Foundation, Irene Timmins has said "*We are delighted that ShowjumpingIreland has chosen Make-A-Wish as their beneficiary for this exciting fundraiser. The support of Show Jumping Ireland will make a huge difference to us this year. We have 180 children living with life threatening medical conditions on our waiting list – our challenge is to grant as many of their wishes as possible in 2014. We can't achieve this without the support of the public, so heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this wonderful event!*"