

International three-day event rider Jonathan Holling of Ocala, Florida, United States is a successful Advanced/CCI\*\*\*\*\* rider, finding achievement at the highest level of the sport on multiple horses.

Jon has competed at top international events, such as Burghley, the Kentucky Three-Day Event, and the World Cup Eventing Finals in Malmo, Sweden. Notably, he won the 2012 Bromont CCI\*\*\*\* in Quebec, Canada, and was the highest ranked US rider on the 2012 Nations Cup Team at the Boekelo CCI\*\*\*\* in The Netherlands.



Jon's first 5-star competition was the Kentucky Three Day 5\* in 1998, and he returned to the North American pinnacle an astonishing five more times; 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2014. In both 2004 and 2007, Jonathan had two horses competing. In 2007, Jonathan placed 7th on Direct Merger, his highest ranking Kentucky finish.

His win at Bromont is among Jon's favorite memories, as the venue is where Jon had competed in his first CCI. "I spent a lot of time at Bromont when I worked for Peter Gray, and to go back there and win on a horse I created (Downtown Harrison) was very special," he said.

Early in his career, he spent two years as a working student for Peter Gray, who was the then coach of the Canadian team. Jon also has ridden and worked with David O'Connor, Jimmy Wofford, and Leslie Law. Today, Jon still rides with Peter and Leslie, fine tuning his skills and staying a student of the sport.

While working for Gray, Jon met his wife, Jennifer Holling, who has competed through the Advanced/CCI\*\*\* level on several horses and has been long listed by the Canadian Equestrian



Team. Together, they established Holling Eventing, a full-service training, lesson and sales business. Originally based half of the year in Wisconsin and half in Florida, they moved the operation permanently in 2001 to Willow Run Farm in Ocala, where he and Jenn run a 40-horse facility.

While a successful competitor, Jon has also climbed the ranks into notoriety for his coaching. He has developed numerous riders to the Advanced and 5\* level, including but not limited to; Gaby Ruane, Zachary Brandt, Katie Ruppel, and Leah Lang-Glusic. While Jon has an affinity for the upper levels, he also fosters an incredibly positive learning environment for young riders and adult amateurs alike. While he was the Area IV Young Riders coach, his team was successful and won multiple gold medals. Jon's coaching style is a positive,

empathetic approach that builds the foundations for both horses and riders through technique and skill driven focus. From the professional to the amateur, riding with Jonathan will leave riders feelings successful and supported, with their goals attainable.

On top of Jon's impressive riding and coaching career, he is also the current Chairman of the USEF Eventing Sport Committee and the National Safety Officer for the US to the FEI. He has been instrumental in fundraising for frangible fence technology and promoting its implementation across the United States.



To learn more about Jonathan, you can follow him on Facebook at Holling Eventing, or watch the documentary by PVG Visuals; Beyond the Arena on Youtube. To get a taste of Jonathan's coaching style, you can find him as a RideIQ Coach.