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## **Bromont Rising Program Supports U25 Riders**

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Bromont Horse Trials Inc., organizers of the 2019 MARS Incorporated Bromont CCI Three Day Event announced the inaugural Bromont Rising Progra which will provide \$3,000 Canadian dollars (\$2242.50) to each of up to 10 United States and Canadian riders under the age of 25 to compete at the Bromont CCI happening June 5-9 in Bromont, Quebec.

In addition to the financial grant, the program will consist of two days of mounted and unmounted instructional components prior to the start of the eve a dinner with Jessica Phoenix and Boyd Martin as featured speakers, plus coaching (as requested) during the event.

"This has long been a dream of mine, and I am delighted to have it come to fruition with the help of the 2019 organizing committee and our title sponsor MARS Incorporated," said committee member Sue Ockendon. "It is so important that we recognize and provide support to our younger riders who will be the future of the sport. I am hopeful that this program will flourish and extend to other venues."

The grant money will be awarded in a lump sum to each recipient and is intended to allow riders to pay for transportation, entries, lodging and food during the event. Program participants will arrive on June 3 for the training camp that will precede the first horse inspection.

The application form for the Bromont Rising Program is available on the Bromont website at http://BromontCCI.com. Selection criteria will focus prima on talent and determination.

"We are trying to give a leg up to the riders who have committed to making this sport their livelihood, and who need help in achieving that goal," said Ockendon.

Participants in the program can compete in any division that is offered at Bromont. Riders will be selected and notified by May 6. The selection committee includes Kerry Millikin, Peter Gray and Steve Blauner.

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