

2026 Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 9 June 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team heads to Barcelona looking to build on the encouraging pace shown in Monaco. Following a busy weekend in the Principality, the championship moves to the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix, a traditional circuit that is often held as the archetypal permanent track, owing to its wide range of corners and technical requirements.

The Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya holds special significance for Audi Revolut F1 Team, having hosted the first laps of the R26 during pre-season running in January. Returning to the venue where the team's 2026 story began offers an opportunity to reflect on the steps made so far, while remaining focused on the work still to come to fulfil the team's objectives.

Formula 3 also returns to action this weekend, with Freddie Slater looking to continue his strong form following his Feature Race podium finish at the Monaco round.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "We showed encouraging pace in Monaco, proof that we are continuing to make progress, even if the final outcome did not reward the work that went into the weekend. Barcelona presents a different challenge altogether, but it is a circuit we know well and one that provides a good reference point for measuring our development. We return to the track where our story started earlier this year, and our aim is to build on the positives from last weekend, continue learning and keep moving forward."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27): "Monaco ended in a quite frustrating way, but that's behind us now as we head into a new race week. There were still positives to take away from last weekend: our pace was encouraging, and that's something we want to carry forward. Barcelona is a very different challenge from Monaco and it's always a good test of the overall package. We've been making steps in the right direction so hopefully we will be able to extract the potential of the car."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5): "We showed some encouraging signs in terms of performance in Monaco. Every race is a chance to learn more and keep improving, and that's what we're focused on heading into Barcelona. It's a circuit I've spent a lot of time at over the years, in nearly every series I have competed in, and one where teams have no surprises, thanks to all the testing we've done there already. Our focus needs to be on a clean weekend in which we can maximise the potential of our car, execute well, and hopefully come home with some points."

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About Audi Revolut F1 Team

Audi Revolut F1 Team is the official factory team of Audi, as the brand enters the FIA Formula 1 World Championship for the first time in 2026. This project, in which Audi will create its own hybrid drive system ('power unit') developed in Germany, represents the ultimate expression of the manufacturer's 'Vorsprung durch Technik' philosophy and embodies a long-term commitment to compete at the pinnacle of motorsport with the clear objective of challenging for world championships by 2030. Audi Revolut F1 Team is based in three locations: the power unit is developed by Audi Formula Racing GmbH at the Audi Competence Center Motorsport in Neuburg, Germany; the chassis is engineered and race operations are managed from the state-of-the-art facilities of Audi Motorsport AG in Hinwil, Switzerland; while the Audi Motorsport Technology Centre UK in Bicester, United Kingdom, provides a foothold in the heart of 'Motorsport Valley', with direct access to top F1 talent and key strategic partners. This integrated structure provides complete control over the project, embedding a culture of precision, innovation, and relentless performance. Audi's entry is strategically timed to coincide with new Formula 1 regulations focused on increased electrification, as the electric share of the hybrid drive is raised to almost 50%, and the introduction of 100% sustainable fuels. The entry into Formula 1, one of the most important platforms in the world, serves as a high-tech catalyst for the entire Audi brand, acting as a global stage to demonstrate technological leadership and connect with new, diverse audiences by creating cultural impact that resonates far beyond the race track.

