

2026 Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix - Saturday

Barcelona, 13 June 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team claimed a spot in the top ten on the grid for the Barcelona-Catalunya Grand Prix, as Nico Hulkenberg equalled the team's best qualifying result of the year with ninth place. The team delivered performance on both sides of the garage, with Gabriel Bortoleto narrowly missing out on Q3 and setting the 12th fastest time of the session, as both R26 fought at the front of the midfield in a close battle on Saturday afternoon.

The high temperatures that have accompanied the action so far this weekend will play a role in tomorrow's race, as tyre degradation will be one of the key elements of the strategic chess game to unfold on track. With Nico in P9 and Gabi one row behind, and good pace on the demanding Catalonian circuit, the team has given itself a good opportunity to be in the fight for points from lights to flag.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "Overall, it was a very positive day for the team. Nico delivered a strong performance to reach Q3, showing impressive consistency throughout the session and matching our best qualifying performance of the year. Gabi also demonstrated excellent pace: unfortunately, he was unable to put together a clean final lap in Q2, but his performance level was very much in line with Nico, and he'll be in a good position to aim for points tomorrow.

"When we look at the bigger picture, the most encouraging aspect is that we have taken another step forward as a team. We have been able to convert the pace we knew was in the car into a stronger qualifying result, which is a clear sign of the progress we are making. That gives us confidence heading into the race tomorrow."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP3: 9th / 1:16.961 (22 laps)

Q1: 1:16.066 (6 laps)

Q2: 1:15.768 (6 laps)

Q3: 9th / 1:16.657 (5 laps)

"I'm happy with the result. P9 is a good outcome for us, and I don't think there was much more left on the table today, so that's definitely a positive.

"Qualifying wasn't completely straightforward. I had a moment in Turn 3 on my first run in Q1, my laptime was deleted and that meant we had to use an extra set of tyres to get through. That left us a bit compromised later on, but we stayed calm, executed well and managed to make Q3.

"The field is very tight, so securing my best qualifying result of the season so far is satisfying. Tomorrow will be the first really hot race of the year, so tyre management and degradation will

be key. Our car tends to perform quite well when we look at long-run performance, and I felt confident with the car this weekend, so hopefully we can put ourselves in the fight for some points."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):

FP3: 11th / 1:17.027 (13 laps)

Q1: 1:16.616 (3 laps)

Q2: 12th / 1:16.001 (6 laps)

"It was a decent Qualifying session overall. My final push lap was okay, although I could have made up a little more time in the last sector. The field has been very tight all weekend, so it was important to put together a clean lap and maximise what we had.

"Looking ahead to tomorrow, I think there are some opportunities out there for us. A lot will depend on our race pace, but I'm confident we can do a good job and progress into the top ten."

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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.

