

## 2026 Canadian Grand Prix - Preview

**Hinwil, 19 May 2026** – Audi Revolut F1 Team prepares for one of the most charming destinations on the Formula One calendar – Montreal, Canada. The Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is a favourite among drivers and fans alike, a venue known for its unique atmosphere and the close walls that leave little margin for error. As the third Sprint weekend of the season, the challenges of this unforgiving track will be heightened by the limited track time available, but the team aims to put together a clean weekend and turn this format into an opportunity.

On the race's support ticket, F1 Academy returns for its second round of the 2026 season, with Emma Felbermayr arriving in Canada at the top of the Drivers' Standings. Representing Audi Revolut F1 Team on the grid, the young Austrian will look to carry the momentum into a busy weekend in Montreal, with three races set to take place across the event.

**Allan McNish, Racing Director:** "Canada is always an exciting, yet demanding weekend: this track doesn't leave much room for mistakes and it's important to be sharp from the very first session. Miami was a tough event for us, but we knew there would be challenging weekends along the way in our first season. We must clean up a few areas and execute our race weekend well if we want to maximise our speed and potential. Sprint weekends put even more focus on preparation and making the most of all track time, so it's important we maximise every lap available in the only practice session on Friday. It's also good to have F1 Academy back this weekend. Emma made a really strong start to the season in Shanghai: it's going to be a long season, but this will be another good opportunity for her to build on her good opener and keep pushing at the front."

**Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):** "Montreal is always a great event to come back to: It's an iconic track and the atmosphere around the city and circuit makes it a really enjoyable weekend. After Miami, the main thing for us is to reset quickly and put together a cleaner weekend overall. We know we have the potential to do well, but it's a matter of delivering from the start to the end of the event. Sprint events always make things more hectic, so it will be important to build our confidence early in the weekend and move forward from there."

**Gabriel Bortoletto (Car 5):** "I'm looking forward to being back in Canada. Montreal tends to deliver some pretty good races and the atmosphere around it, both at the track and in the city, always makes it a special weekend for drivers and fans alike. Having raced here last year, I'm quite familiar with how important it is to be comfortable with the car straight away, especially with this being a Sprint event. Our target is to put everything together more cleanly than we did in the last round and maximise the time we have on track from the start of the weekend."

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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.

