

2026 Dutch Grand Prix - Preview

Hinwil, 18 August 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team returns to action in Zandvoort as the Formula One summer break comes to an end, with the Dutch Grand Prix marking the start of the second part of the 2026 season. Encouraged by three consecutive points finishes before the break, the team arrives in the Netherlands determined to build on the progress shown in recent races.

Audi Development Programme driver, Emma Felbermayr, is also back on track as F1 Academy returns for its fourth round, with the Austrian looking to continue her strong campaign and the fight for the championship.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "The break gave everyone a chance to recharge ahead of what will be a crucial second half of the season. We know there is still plenty of work ahead, but we are encouraged by the direction we took before the break, and the aim now is to keep building on that over the remainder of the season. We know the battle for the points position remains close, but we are confident we can be in the mix in Zandvoort and beyond. Sprint events always bring an extra challenge, because there is less time to get everything up to speed, but we are looking forward to getting back on track and building on the foundations we put in place."

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27): "Scoring points in Budapest was a great way to head into the summer break. Over the last weeks everyone had a chance to recharge, and now the focus is fully on the second half of the season."

"Zandvoort has always been a special race for me. I grew up just across the border and started my motorsport career in the Netherlands, so I've always had a real connection to the country and its people. It's a classic old-school circuit and the Dutch fans always create an incredible atmosphere. Knowing this will be the final Dutch Grand Prix for the foreseeable future makes it even more special. Hopefully we can pick up where we left off in Budapest and put together another strong weekend."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5): "It was nice to get a couple of weeks off to rest and recharge, but now I am looking forward to being back. We have been learning more about the car with every race, unlocking more of its potential as we went on, and it's important that we carry that into the second part of the season. Zandvoort is always a good challenge, and Sprint weekends always make things a bit more intense from the start – but that's how we like it. The first half of the season finished on an encouraging note, and now the goal is to pick up where we left off."

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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.

