

2026 Miami Grand Prix - Friday

Miami, 1 May 2026 – Audi Revolut F1 Team made a positive step forward as the Miami Grand Prix sprint weekend got underway, overcoming a difficult Free Practice session to improve performance ahead of Sprint Qualifying. In a tightly contested midfield, both drivers narrowly missed out on SQ3, underlining the fine margins on a demanding sprint Friday. Encouragingly, the team reacted well between sessions to address key areas and build a better understanding of the car in the high-temperature conditions at the Miami International Autodrome. With a clean Sprint race the priority, there remains everything to play for across the weekend, and the team will be pushing to make up places while continuing to build momentum into Qualifying and Sunday's Grand Prix.

Allan McNish, Racing Director: "It was a good recovery after a not ideal FP session, and overall, a very tight qualifying. Both drivers missed out on SQ3 by just a couple of hundredths of a second, which shows how fine the margins are. We came into the session knowing that if everything came together, we could be in that fight, and ultimately, we were right on the edge of it.

"While it's frustrating to miss out by such small differences, it also highlights how competitive the field is and where we need to focus to make the next step.

"On the positive side, the feedback from both drivers on the balance of the car was encouraging and we're in a reasonable position heading into tomorrow. There's still a lot up for grabs"

Nico Hulkenberg (Car 27):

FP1: 15th / 1:31.595 (33 laps)

SQ1: 1:30.270 (6 laps)

SQ2: 12th / 1:30.019 (6 laps)

"Coming into the weekend, expectations were fairly open, but overall, it was a decent session for us. It wasn't perfect, but I think we extracted what was there today. There's still a lot of racing to be done. Our race pace has looked quite solid recently, so the focus now is on putting everything together when it counts. Conditions here will be a factor, especially with the heat, so it should be an interesting one."

Gabriel Bortoleto (Car 5):FP1: 14th / 1:31.111 (28 laps)

SQ1: 1:30.561 (6 laps)

SQ2: 11th / 1:29.994 (6 laps)

"Obviously, I'm a bit disappointed not to make it through to SQ3, it was close and I felt like we had the potential today. The lap itself wasn't too bad, but there were a few small things here and there that could have gone better. At the same time, I'm happy because we had a couple of challenges in FP1 and we lost half an hour, so happy to go to Sprint Qualifying and still be able to progress. It felt like the car did a good step."

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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.

