

Freddie Slater to make FP1 debut with Audi Revolut F1 Team in Mexico and Brazil

Hinwil, 22 October 2026 – Audi Driver Development Programme driver, Freddie Slater, will make his Formula One weekend debut with Audi Revolut F1 Team, taking part in the first Free Practice sessions at the Mexico City and São Paulo Grands Prix.

Earlier this year, Slater became the first driver to be signed to the programme, which is supporting his progression through the junior ranks towards the pinnacle of motorsport. Giving the 18-year-old the opportunity to drive the R26 during two Grand Prix weekends is an important milestone for Slater and the Audi Driver Development Programme.

The young Briton comes off a strong rookie Formula 3 campaign, having finished runner-up in the championship with Trident Motorsport. With eight podiums in eight consecutive weekends, three pole positions and one Feature Race win, Slater remained in the title fight until the Championship finale in Madrid in September. He will step up to Formula 2 with Invicta Racing in 2027, with the FP1 sessions in Mexico and Brazil adding valuable on-track experience to his development.

Slater's appearances will also reinforce the team's commitment to supporting young drivers, providing them with valuable opportunities to gain experience in Formula One, in line with FIA regulations.

Allan McNish, Racing Director & Director of the Audi Driver Development Programme: "We have seen Freddie making great progress throughout recent years, both on and off the track; it is the right time for Freddie to step-up. These appearances in Mexico and Brazil will give him valuable experience of a Formula One race weekend, and another chance to continue his development before he steps up to Formula 2 next season. We are looking forward to seeing him in the R26 and supporting him through these two important FP1 sessions."

Freddie Slater, driver: "Getting behind the wheel of a Formula One car at a Grand Prix weekend is a big moment for me and something I've been dreaming of since I was a kid. I've learned a lot this year, and these Free Practice outings with Audi Revolut F1 Team will be another opportunity to keep gaining on-track experience. Being part of the Audi Driver Development Programme has already given me some incredible opportunities, and I am grateful for their trust and support. I'm really looking forward to getting out on track: my focus will be on doing the best job I can, helping the team with its programme and taking as many learnings as possible from both sessions."

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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.

