

Freddie Slater to race in FIA Formula 2 with Invicta Racing in 2027

Hinwil, 15 September 2026 – Audi Driver Development Programme driver, Freddie Slater, will be making the step to the FIA Formula 2 Championship with Invicta Racing in 2027, as he continues his progression through the single-seater ranks.

The 18-year-old Briton was announced as the first driver signed to the Audi Driver Development Programme ahead of the 2026 season. Entering the FIA Formula 3 Championship with Trident Motorsport, Slater quickly established himself among the frontrunners and remained firmly in the fight for the title throughout the year, eventually finishing runner-up in the championship at the end of a standout rookie season, having collected one feature race victory, three pole positions and eight podium finishes.

The move to Formula 2 with Invicta Racing will see Slater join a team with a strong recent record in the championship, including consecutive Drivers' and Teams' titles in 2024 and 2025. The 2027 season will give him the opportunity to build on the experience gained in Formula 3 this year and continue his development in a highly competitive environment. Slater will get his first opportunity to work with the team during the Formula 2 post-season test, beginning preparations for his 2027 campaign.

This step sees Freddie continue his rapid progression through the junior categories. After moving into car racing in 2022 and becoming the youngest-ever Ginetta Junior Winter Series Champion, he won the Ginetta Junior Championship the following year. In 2024, he claimed both the Italian and UAE Formula 4 titles before winning the Formula Regional European Championship in 2025 and finishing runner-up in the Formula Regional Middle East Championship.

Throughout his 2027 Formula 2 campaign, Slater will continue to receive support from the Audi Driver Development Programme, focused on supporting his development on and off the track as he progresses.

Allan McNish, Director of the Audi Driver Development Programme: "The move to Formula 2 is the natural next step for Freddie, and an important new phase of his development as a driver. He enjoyed a strong Formula 3 season, fighting for the title until the final round - showing his speed, racecraft and progress throughout the year. We are very proud of what Freddie has achieved this season and how he has developed along the way. Invicta Racing has had an excellent record in recent years, and we are delighted to be working with them. We believe it is the ideal environment for him, and we look forward to supporting him as he takes on this new challenge in 2027."

Freddie Slater, Audi Driver Development Programme driver: "I'm really excited to be stepping up to Formula 2 with Invicta Racing next year. I learned a lot in Formula 3 this season, and I feel I have developed as a driver and as a person over the course of the year. Invicta has a great record in Formula 2, and I cannot wait to get started with the team and prepare for our campaign

together. I am also very grateful for the continued support from the Audi Driver Development Programme. There is still a lot for me to learn, and I'm really looking forward to taking on this new challenge."

James Robinson, CEO and Team Principal of Invicta Racing: "We're delighted to welcome Freddie to Invicta Racing for 2027. To finish runner-up in the FIA Formula 3 Championship in his first season is an outstanding achievement, particularly given the level of competition in the category. His results throughout the year, including a victory, three pole positions and eight podiums, underline the pace and consistency he has shown. Freddie has demonstrated that he is ready for the next challenge, and we're very excited to help him take that next step in Formula 2."

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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.