

TOURNAMENT REPORT

Dartmouth Royal Regatta Tennis Tournament

2026 participation, growth and regional achievement

TOURNAMENT DATES 24–29 August 2026	LOCATION Dartmouth
LTA STATUS Grade 3 regional event	PURPOSE Annual participation report

Executive summary

The 2026 Dartmouth Royal Regatta Tennis Tournament delivered strong growth and a major first for the town: Dartmouth hosted an LTA Grade 3 regional event for the first time.

The LTA summary records 110 event entries, up from 84 in 2025. Adding family doubles—10 pairs this year and 9 last year—gives overall totals of 120 and 93 entries respectively. Fee income rose from £1,680 to £2,220.

Headline achievements

- First-ever LTA Grade 3 tournament held in Dartmouth, bringing regional-level competition to the town.
- 110 LTA event entries, up 31% from 84 in 2025.
- Women’s singles successfully returned, attracting 7 entries.
- Two new over-70 events were introduced successfully: men’s singles over 70 with 8 entries and men’s doubles over 70 with 5 pairs.
- Family doubles increased from 9 to 10 pairs, bringing total event entries to 120.
- Fee income increased from £1,680 in 2025 to £2,220 in 2026—an increase of £540, or 32.1%.

Participation and entry growth

The LTA summaries count event entries; the online historical record appears to count players. They are therefore shown separately.

Measure	2025	2026	Change	Growth
LTA event entries	84	110	+26	31.0%
Players in long-term record	72	94	+22	30.6%
Family doubles entries (pairs)	9	10	+1	11.1%
All event entries incl. family doubles	93	120	+27	29.0%

Counting note: family doubles appeared on the LTA system up to and including 2019 but is no longer included. Each doubles pair counts as one event entry. Its two player places cannot both be added to a unique-player total without checking for people who entered other events.

Recent online record

The online record shows 94 players in 2026 before family doubles is considered. The 10 family pairs represent 20 player places, although some may be the same people as in other events. On that basis, 2026 appears to have been one of the strongest years since online records began, probably exceeded only by 2014 and 2018. This comparison relates only to the recent online-record period, not the tournament’s full history.

A broader programme

Women’s singles returned successfully with 7 entries. Two new events also performed well: men’s singles over 70 attracted 8 entries and men’s doubles over 70 attracted 5 pairs. Family doubles remained popular with 10 pairs.

Financial contribution and future potential

Fee income rose by £540, from £1,680 in 2025 to £2,220 in 2026—an increase of 32.1%. This closely reflects the growth in entries and strengthens the tournament’s platform for future development.

Conclusion

The 2026 tournament was an important step forward for tennis in Dartmouth: participation and income grew, the programme broadened and the town staged its first regional-level LTA Grade 3 event. These achievements provide strong momentum for the future.