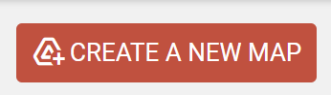
Orienteering NZ Interactive Embargo Map Instructions

Starting from October 2025, the Technical Committee has decided to implement an interactive digital map to provide a clear and easy understanding of embargoes for future events.

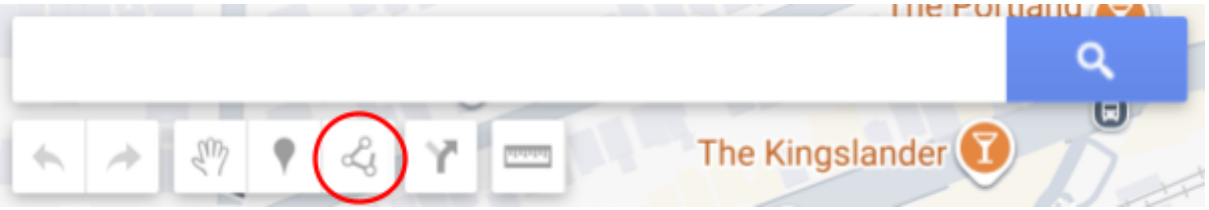
To make this a consistent point of reference, it is crucial that your event management team uses this and keeps it up to date.

Making your event's embargo map.

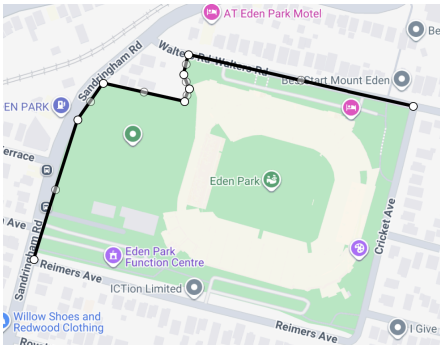
1. Visit https://mymaps.google.com/ and log in.
    - *A Google account is required, but it does not matter which account you use.*
2. Create a new map



3. Zoom In & Pan to find the first area you want to embargo. For this example, we are going to embargo Eden Park.
4. Use the 'Draw a line' tool and click 'Add line or shape'



5. Start drawing your embargoed area by clicking points. Once finished, click again on your initial point to close the shape off.
    - Please name your event using the following format: **Map Name – Individual Event Name**.
        - Example: *Eden Park – Sprint*
    - In the description, include the date the embargo was last updated.
        - Example: *1/1/2025*
    - Then click 'Save'

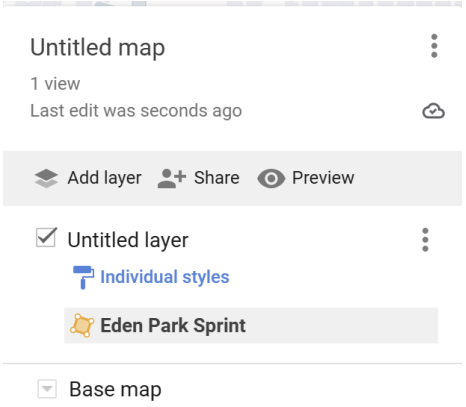


6. By default, your shape will have a black background. Click on the highlighted symbol below to change the background.

Important:

- Use **red (top left)** for areas competitors may not enter under any circumstances.
- Use **orange (top row, four boxes along)** for areas competitors may enter, as long as they do not possess a map before the event date.

7. Rename your layer by clicking on the three dots next to 'Untitled Layer' and clicking Rename. This should be renamed to your event name, e.g., 'NZOC 2000'.



8. Repeat this process for all of your events

Exporting your Embargo Map

1. Finally, we ask you to export your map and share it with technical.committee.support@orienteering.org.nz. To do this, click the same three dots you did before and click 'Export Data'. For the file format, please select KML/KMZ and do not check any boxes when prompted.
2. Once we receive your layer, it will be added to the published Orienteering NZ Embargo Map.

Note: It is your responsibility to keep this map up to date.

Hot Tip: MyMaps can automatically calculate the area of your embargo, making it easy to provide this data when you submit your Major Event Notification Form.