



Hello,

The GNBA is hard at work getting ready for the 2023 season.

The process for umpire certification is slightly different than in previous years.

The new approach is a hybrid model which consists of online module and an umpire camp.

The online modules are similar to what was done over the past few years due to COVID and take about 2 hours to complete. They do not have to be completed all in one sitting.

The umpire camp component will be similar to the training sessions held in a gym and will be one 4 hour session.

Please see this link for more information: [2023 Level 1 and 2 Certification Process \(constantcontact.com\)](https://constantcontact.com)

On Deck App:

If you have not already done so, you need to sign up and create a profile on Baseball Ontario's On Deck app.

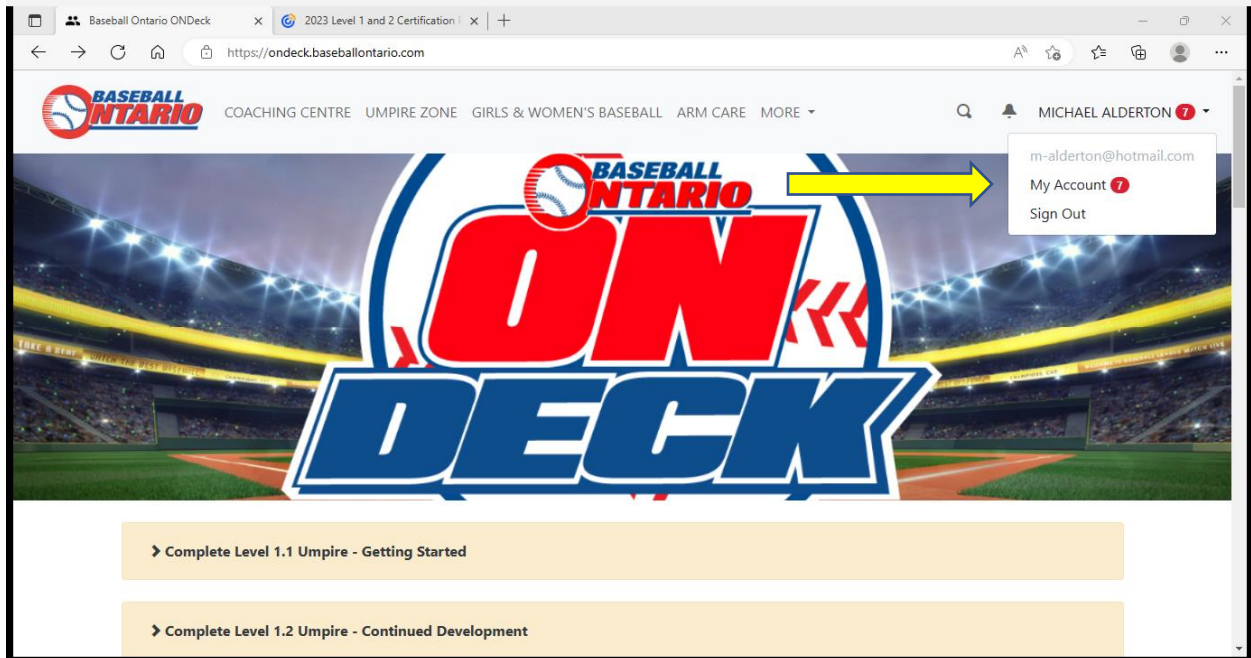
The weblink can be found here: [Baseball Ontario ONDeck](#)

You can also download the app to your smartphone and use it that way.

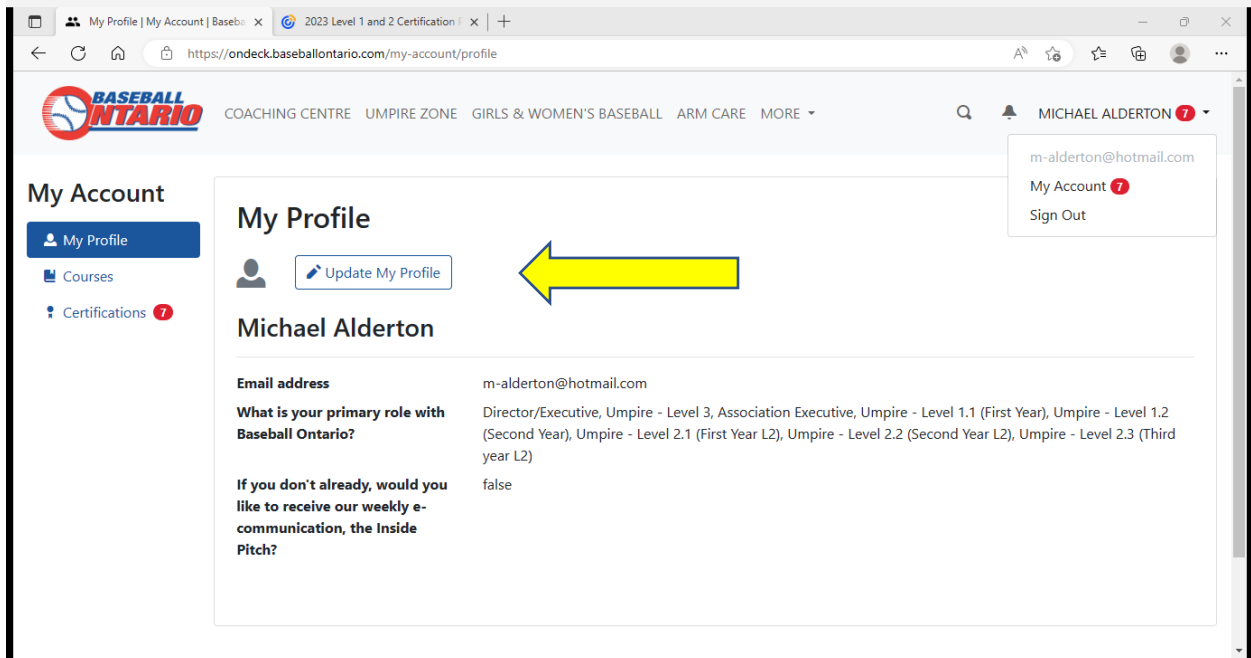
Please note the following for younger umpires:

Umpires 13 years of age and younger: Baseball Ontario does not have any age restrictions however, there is a known glitch in the system that we are working with the developer to resolve. For the short term, please enter the umpire's proper month and day of birth, with the year 1924 (which is the last year in the drop-down list). That will allow their profile to be created. We will send an email to the address associated with the account when the capability to enter the correct birth year is enabled. Thanks for your patience as we transition to our new systems.

Once you are in, you should have the following home screen. Please click on “My Account”.



Click on “Update my Profile”



Under “Local Association”, select Niagara District Baseball Association / Greater Niagara Baseball:

Also select the Umpire Level you will be going into this season. See the email message for your Level or contact me if you are not sure. **If you are brand new to umpiring, select Level 1.1.**

Local Associations

Select local association...

Greater Niagara Baseball (Umpire)
Niagara District Baseball Association

What is your primary role with Baseball Ontario? *

<input type="checkbox"/> Coach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 2.2 (Second Year L2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 1.1 (First Year)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 2.3 (Third year L2)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Association Executive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 4/5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 1.2 (Second Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Player
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Umpire - Level 2.1 (First Year L2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent

If you don't already, would you like to receive our weekly e-communication, the Inside Pitch?
We will add you to our email list, and you can unsubscribe at anytime.

From the home page of the On Deck app, click on the message you receive for your respective umpire level.

➤ Complete Level 1.1 Umpire - Getting Started

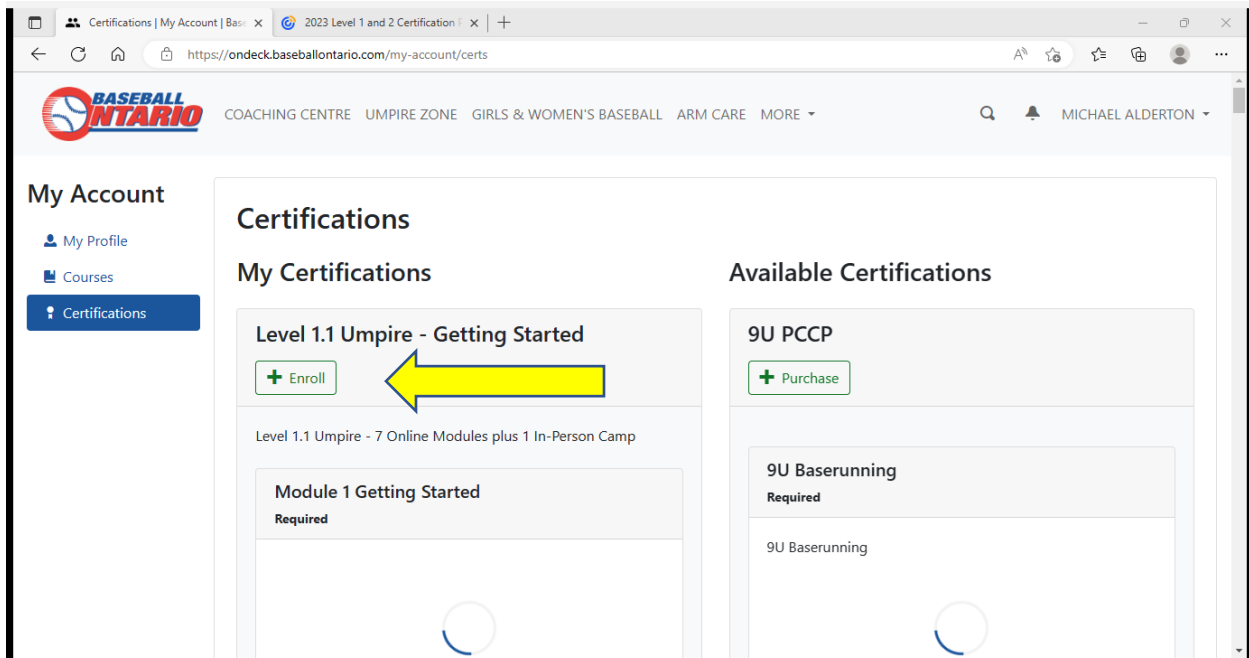
➤ Complete Level 1.2 Umpire - Continued Development

➤ Complete Level 2 Umpire: The Offense (L2.1)

➤ Complete Level 2 Umpire: The Offense (L2.2)

➤ Complete Level 2 Umpire: The Offense (L2.3)

You will be taken to the “My Certifications” page within your profile. Click “Enroll” for your level.

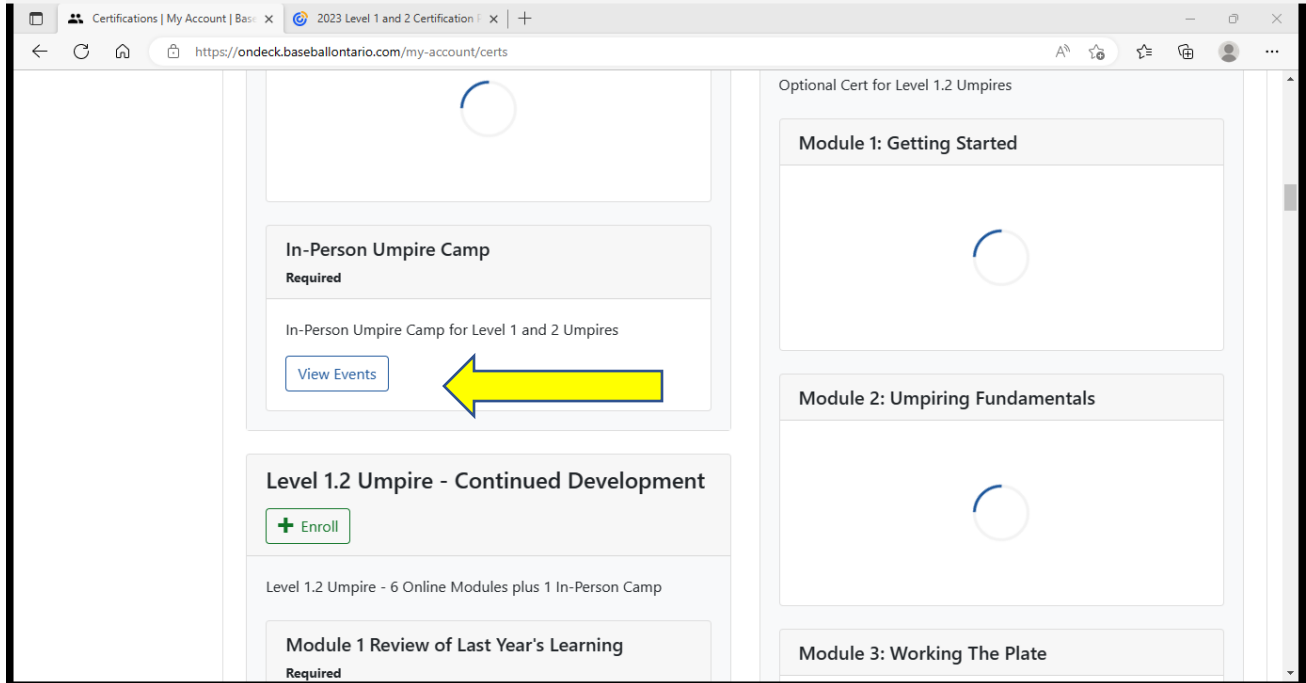


This will allow you to complete the umpire modules at your own pace.

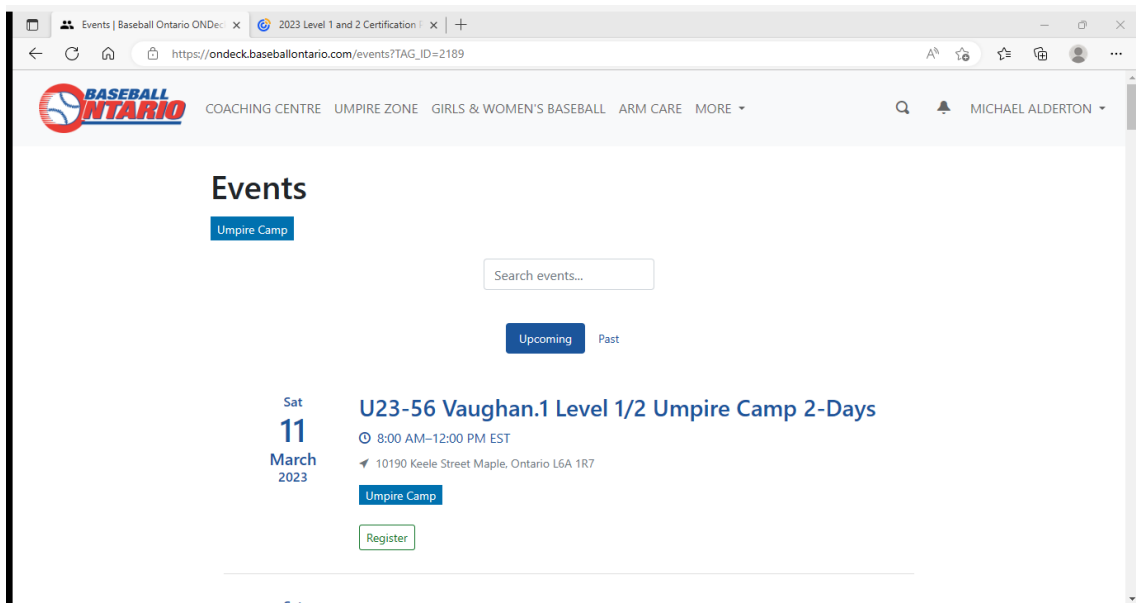
Please try to complete the modules before attending an Umpire Camp. See next page.

Umpire Camps:

Also from the certifications page above, you will see this link:



You will then see the list of available umpire camps to register for.



IMPORTANT:

The GNBA Umpire camp will be held on Saturday April 15th from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. It is currently not listed on the events page but should be soon. There will be 2 listings available, but you only have to register for one. This is because I am using two gyms at one elementary school.

You can sign up for any Umpire Camp and still umpire with the GNBA. All the umpire camps are the same. So, if you have a scheduling conflict, find another camp nearby.

For example, Pelham currently has an Umpire Camp listed for Saturday May 13th.

More camps will be added over time.

Any questions let me know.

Thank you.

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