Multiple tees an industrywide doctrine, says Hurdzan

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Designing golf holes with five sets of tees soon will be standard practice, according to course architect Mike Hurdzan.

“We believe that’s the current way to go. If this is already not industrywide, it is going to be,” said Hurdzan, citing his latest layout, Annbriar Golf Course in Waterloo, Ill., which boasts at least five sets of tees, and in many instances six or seven.

Alice Dye, wife and co-designer with architect Pete Dye and a longtime proponent of “forward tees,” was Hurdzan’s “primary influence” for designing multiple tees.

“She said we need more than two sets of tees. And I said, ‘She’s right,’ ” Hurdzan said. “Then it struck me that we need more than two sets of men’s tees. We need a set of pros’ tees.”

“Primary influence” for Hurdzan’s “forward tees” was Hurdzan himself. A country boy who knows a number of people in the area.

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