

The Best 2020 Skis for Senior Skiers



Each year, **SeniorsSkiing.com** collaborates with the renowned ski review site **Realskiers.com*** to inform its readers about skis that allow older skiers to turn more easily and to ski longer without tiring. Women's skis – sometimes engineered for female size and physique – are included.

The skis were identified during Realskiers.com's annual national ski evaluation process.

Most of the selected skis have relatively soft flex, which helps them engage the snow with minimal exertion. Regardless of one's physical condition, using skis with these characteristics allows older skiers to turn more easily and to ski longer without tiring.

The recommended skis are grouped into five categories, each based on the ski's width, which helps determine the terrain where its performance is optimized. ♀ indicates selections for women.

SeniorsSkiing.com recommends that when purchasing new skis, older skiers should start by choosing the most suitable category and work with a quality ski shop where they can demo before purchasing.

Frontside (“Carving” skis)

- Encompasses broadest range of skier abilities from entry-level to experienced
- Use on groomed terrain. Wider models are usable off-trail
- Ski width: 75MM-84MM
 - Blizzard Bramha 82
 - Blizzard Black Pearl 78 ♀
 - Blizzard Black Pearl 82 ♀
 - Dynastar Speed Zone 4x4 82 Pro
 - Dynastar Legend W 84 ♀
 - Elan Wingman 82 CTi
 - Elan Wingman 82 Ti
 - Liberty V76
 - Stockli Laser AX
 - Volkl Deacon 76
 - Volkl Yumi (84) ♀

All-Mountain East

- Work equally well in on-trail and off-trail conditions
- “Re-entry” ski for those who have not skied in a few years
- Ski width: 85MM-94MM
 - Blizzard Rustler 9
 - Blizzard Black Pearl 88 ♀
 - Blizzard Sheeva 9 ♀
 - Dynastar Legend X 88
 - Dynastar Legend W 88 ♀

All-Mountain East (Cont.)

- Elan Ripstick 88
- FISCHER My Pro MT 86 ♀
- Head Kore 93
- Head V-Shape 10
- Head Monster 88 Ti
- Head Kore 93 W ♀
- K2 Mindbender 90Ti
- Liberty V92
- Liberty Genesis 90 ♀
- Line Supernatural 92
- Nordica Enforcer 93
- Nordica Enforcer 88
- Nordica Santa Ana 93 ♀
- Rossignol Experience 88 Ti
- Salomon QST 92
- Stockli Stormrider 88

All-Mountain West

- For use in the West by high performance skiers
- Adapted for off-trail use but can be skied on-trail by skilled skiers
- Ski width: 95MM-100MM
 - Atomic Vantage 97 C W ♀
 - Blizzard Black Pearl 98 ♀
 - Dynastar Legend X 96
 - Dynastar Legend W 96 ♀
 - Elan Ripstick 96
 - Elan Ripstick 96 Black
 - Head Kore 99
 - Kastle FX96 W ♀
 - Liberty evolv 100
 - Line Vision 98
 - Line Supernatural 100
 - Volkl 90 EIGHT

Big Mountain

- More maneuverable powder skis
- Inadvisable for regular on-trail use
- Ski width: 101MM-113MM
 - Blizzard Rustler 10
 - Blizzard Sheeva 10 ♀
 - Dynastar Legend X 106
 - Elan Ripstick 106 Black
 - Fischer Ranger 102 FR
 - Head Kore 105
 - K2 Mindbender 108Ti
 - Line Pandora 104 ♀
 - Nordica Enforcer 110 FREE
 - Nordica Enforcer 104 FREE
 - Rossignol Soul 7 HD
 - Rossignol Soul 7 HD W ♀
 - Salomon QST 106

Powder

- Specialty skis for use in Deep Powder only
- Ski width: >113MM
 - Blizzard Rustler 11
 - Dynastar PROTO Factory
 - Line Sick Day 114
 - Rossignol Super 7 HD
 - Salomon QST 118

* Detailed reviews are available at **Realskiers.com**. The site provides free access to equipment reviews and other information. In depth information and personal guidance from the publisher is available to **SeniorsSkiing.com** subscribers at a discounted annual rate of \$9.95. To sign up, visit Realskiers.com. Scroll down to/click on “Subscribe Today!” Then click “Sign Up” in the “Annual Membership” box. Complete the form and enter SS20 in the field under “Coupon Code.”