The Best 2019 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 the annual national ski evaluation process organized by Realskiers.com.

Most of the selected skis have relatively soft flex, which helps them engage snow with minimal exertion. Regardless of one’s physical condition, using skis with these characteristics makes them easier to turn.

The recommended skis are grouped into six categories, each based on the ski width, which helps determine the terrain where its performance is optimized. ♂ indicates selection for women.

SeniorsSkiing.com recommends that when purchasing new skis, older skiers should first identify the most suitable category and demo their selections. Working with a quality ski shop is important.

**Frontside (“Carving” skis)**
- Encompasses broadest range of skier abilities from entry-level to experienced.
- Use on groomed terrain. Wider models are usable off-trail.

- Blizzard Quattro 84 TI
- Blizzard Black Pearl 78 ♂
- Dynastar Legend W 84 ♂
- Elan Amphibio 84 XTI
- K2 Tough Luv ♂
- Liberty V76
- Liberty V86
- Nordica GT 84 TI
- Rossignol Hero Elite Plus
- Stockli Laser AX
- Volkl Yumi

**All-Mountain East**
- Works equally well in on-trail and off-trail conditions
- “Re-entry” ski for those who have not skied in a few years.

- Atomic Vantage Vantage X 86 CTi
- Blizzard Rustler 9
- Blizzard Black Pearl 88 ♂
- Elan Amphibio 88 XTi
- Elan Ripstick 86 W ♂
- Fischer My Pro MT 86 ♂
- Head Kore 93
- Head V-Shape 10
All-Mountain East (Cont.)

- Head Monster 88
- Head Wild Joy ♀
- K2 AllUvit 88 Ti ♀
- Kastle FX85 HP
- Kastle LX85 ♀
- Liberty V92
- Liberty Genesis 90 ♀
- Line Supernatural 92
- Nordica Enforcer 93
- Nordica Rustler 9
- Nordica Santa Ana 93 ♀
- Rossignol Experience 88 Ti
- Salomon XDR 88 Ti
- 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.
  - Atomic Vantage 97 C W ♀
  - Blizzard Black Pearl 98 ♀
  - Dynastar Legend X 96
  - Dynastar Legend W 96 ♀
  - Elan Ripstick 96
  - Head Kore 99
  - K2 FullLUVit 95 ♀
  - K2 Pinnacle 95 Ti
  - Kastle FX95 HP
  - Line Supernatural 100
  - Volkl 90Eight

Big Mountain

- More maneuverable powder skis.
- Inadvisable for regular on-trail use.
  - Blizzard Rustler 10
  - Blizzard Sheeva 10 ♀
  - Dynastar Legend X106
  - Head Kore 105
  - K2 Gotta Luv It 105 ♀
Big Mountain (Cont.)
- K2 Pinnacle 105
- Kastle BMX 105 HP
- Nordica Enforcer 110
- Rossignol Soul 7 HD
- Rossignol Soul 7 HD W♀
- Salomon QST 106
- Salomon Stella 106♀

Powder
- Specialty skis for use in Deep Powder only.
  - K2 Pinnacle 118
  - Rossignol Super 7 HD
  - Salomon QST 118

Technical
- High performance race ski characteristics
- Suitable for making turns on hard-snow
  - Elan Amphibio Black
  - Kastle LX73♀

* 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 SS18 in the field under “Coupon Code.”