

Ritual Objects and Voting Systems

Wind-tokens are physical objects central to Duskan decision-making and spiritual practice. Carved from wind-polished stone or wood, these tokens bear protective symbols and family marks. In communal councils, wind urns serve as voting vessels: participants place smooth stones to vote for maintaining current courses of action, while carved wind-tokens indicate support for change. Items representing proposed actions—maps, tools, water tokens—are placed in the forum circle during deliberations, creating a physical representation of the decision at hand.

Water-blessing rituals employ carved clay cups, each unique to a family or settlement. During ceremonies, water is poured while speaking gratitude, the cup's markings serving as a tactile connection to ancestral practice. The dead are honored by speaking their names to the wind at natural amphitheaters where three wind currents converge, creating harmonics that carry the names into memory.

The Gradient Feast marks the optimal temperature window for long-distance travel and serves as a deadline for contract fulfillment. Trade agreements often specify "delivery before Gradient Feast," making it both a celebration and an economic milestone. Warding gestures—specific hand movements paired with breath control—are performed when entering storms or dangerous zones, believed to request protection from wind spirits.

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