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Heads-up poker is often mentioned in conjunction with popular types of the game such as Texas Holdem or Omaha. Unlike those variants it isn't actually a type of poker game itself. Instead it's a way of playing them. What is heads-up poker? Heads-up poker refers to any form of the game in which the hand is played out between just two players. Head-to-head poker in other words. Virtually any type of poker can be played heads-up. Hands progress according to the rules of the specific type of poker you're playing heads-up, just as they would do were more players involved. However, there are some heads-up adaptations in community card poker games such as Texas Holdem (see how to play, below). Games of poker can become heads up when just two players remain at the table at the start of a hand, while heads-up tournaments are popular at online poker sites. With only one opponent to beat, competitors have a high chance of winning each hand regardless of what they are dealt and tend to play aggressively as a result. Similarly, with only one opponent needing to fall for your bluff, bluffing is more likely to be successful. How to play heads-up poker As mentioned above, the rules for many forms of poker don't change when playing heads-up. If you're new to poker check out our how to play poker section for an introduction to the game and links to how-to-play guides for Texas Holdem, Omaha and other types of poker. There is one key adaptation when it comes to playing community card poker games such as Texas Holdem and Omaha heads up, which see the normal position of the small and big blinds reversed. In poker games other than heads-up the small blind is posted by the player positioned