

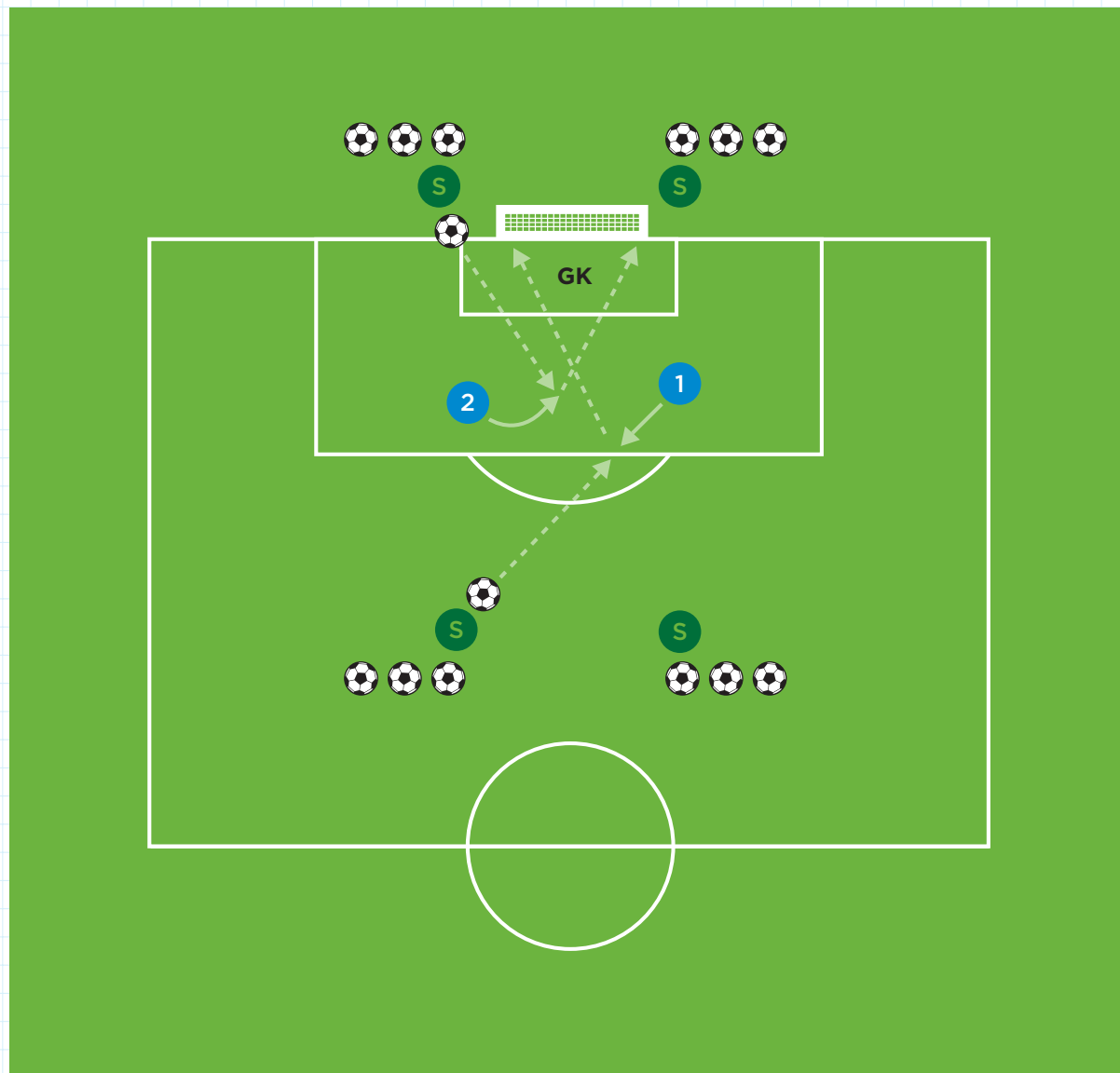
Individual & combined finishing 2

Practice organisation

- Half pitch (working around penalty area) with full goal, as illustrated.
- 7 players (incl. GK), with outfield players working in pairs, as Attackers, Servers & Secondary Servers.
- Supply of balls with each server.
- Attackers' start width of goal apart, in line with penalty spot, inside area.
- 2S's start 8-10yds outside penalty area.
- Practice starts with: ball is fed diagonally in to A1, who moves towards ball to receive, turn & strike at goal.
- Immediately: a secondary S, stationed by goal, feeds a ball for A2 to attack & finish on goal.
- Practice continues; alternating S & A's.
- After pre-determined number of attempts: players rotate roles.

Detail

- Where possible: A should strike on goal with minimum number of touches, unless player decides to take ball into 1v1 with GK.
- Ability to use body feints & disguise of intended strike before contacting ball to possibly unbalance GK.
- Composure, accuracy & power are of paramount importance.
- Simple progressions for this practice are:
 - Two secondary chances are created with service from second S's (one from each side of goal).
 - Vary nature of service (aerial, heavy weight, swerve etc).
- Always allow GK to recover after 2 strikes from A1 & A2 before next attempts at goal.



The finishing phase

Age group
17-21 years

Key coaching points

- Movement of A making angle to receive & strike on goal.
- Look over inside shoulder whilst moving to receive, adjusting body shape accordingly.
- 1st touch excellence to set-up opportunity to strike at goal.
- 1st touch may be strike on goal.
- Observe (if possible) position & movement of GK.
- Decide technique to employ to beat GK with strike.
- Execute contact with precision.
- React quickly to 2nd. opportunity to strike