

The ACU, Britain's governing race body, has refused to give **Alex Gault** (see feature page 172) a licence to race in the GSX-R Cup. You need to be 17 to ride a production-based



bike over 600cc. In spite of the fact that he appealed and asked for special dispensation, the ACU still refused.

Astonishing. Gault was good enough to impress the British superbike riders and former champion **John Reynolds**, but not good enough for a bit of rule bending. Has the ACU never bent rules before?

We think it has. You wonder why there's a dearth of young British racing talent? Oh yes and we hear that former multi-champion and TT winner **Ian 'Simmo' Simpson** has been refused a licence for club racing until he passes a rookie test. Way to use common sense people.