Competitive riding can be tough on a motorcycle, so it's important to inspect your CRF and correct any problems you find before each ride. Check the following items (page numbers are at the right):

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Improperly maintaining this motorcycle or failing to correct a problem before riding can cause a crash in which you can be seriously hurt or killed.

Always perform a pre-ride inspection before every ride and correct any problems.

Pre-ride Inspection
Check the following before each ride:
• Engine oil level
• Transmission oil level
• Fuel line for condition
<ul> <li>Coolant for proper level</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Spark plug for proper heat range, carbon</li> </ul>
fouling and spark plug wire terminal for
looseness
Air cleaner for condition and
contamination
• Clutch lever adjustment and freeplay 66
• Breather drain for cleaning
• Steering head bearing and related parts
for condition111
• Steering damper operation 108
• Throttle operation
<ul> <li>Tyres for damage or improper inflation</li> </ul>
pressure 100
• Spokes for looseness
• Rim locks for looseness
• Front and rear suspension for proper
operation
• Front and rear brakes, check operation 95
• Drive chain for correct slack and adequate lubrication
<ul> <li>Drive chain sliders and drive chain rollers</li> </ul>
for damage or wear 102, 103
Exhaust pipe/Muffler for looseness
• Every possible part for looseness (such as
cylinder head nuts, engine mounting bolts/
nuts, axle nuts, handlebar holder bolts, fork
bridge pinch bolts, drive chain adjuster, drive
chain guide, wire harness connectors,
kickstarter mounting bolt) 154 – 156
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