

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):

## **WARNING**

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 ..... 37
- Transmission oil level..... 40
- Fuel line for condition ..... 34
- Coolant for proper level..... 41
- Cooling system and hoses for condition ..... 42
- Spark plug for proper heat range, carbon fouling and spark plug wire terminal for looseness ..... 52
- Air cleaner for condition and contamination ..... 43
- Clutch lever adjustment and freeplay ..... 49
- Hot start lever freeplay ..... 51
- Breather drain for cleaning ..... 45
- Steering head bearing and related parts for condition..... 88
- Carburetor throttle operation ..... 46
- Tires for damage or improper inflation pressure ..... 80
- Spokes for looseness ..... 79
- Rim locks for looseness ..... 79
- Front and rear suspension for proper operation ..... 70,71
- Front and rear brakes, check operation..... 75
- Drive chain for correct slack and adequate lubrication ..... 82
- Drive chain sliders and drive chain rollers for damage or wear ..... 82,83
- Exhaust pipe/Muffler inspection..... 85
- 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)..... 89,137–139