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):

A 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: • Transmission oil level40 • 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 looseness52 • Air cleaner for condition and contamination......43 • Clutch lever adjustment and freeplay49 • Hot start lever freeplay51 • Breather drain for cleaning......45 • Steering head bearing and related parts for condition......88 • Carburetor throttle operation46 • Tyres for damage or improper inflation pressure80 • Spokes for looseness......79 • Rim locks for looseness......79 • Front and rear suspension for proper operation70, 71 • Front and rear brakes, check operation75 • Drive chain for correct slack and adequate lubrication82 • 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,

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