# **Starting & Stopping the Engine**

Always follow the proper starting procedure described below.

Your CRF can be kickstarted with the transmission in gear by pulling in the clutch lever before operating the kickstarter.

## Fast Idle Knob

The fast idle knob has two functions:

- When pulled out, the fast idle knob assists in first-time start-up for cold weather starting.
- When pushed in, it acts like an idle adjustment screw. Refer to *Idle Speed Adjustment* on page 61.

### Preparation

Make sure that the transmission is in neutral.

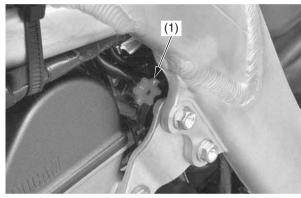
## **Starting Procedure**

Always follow the proper starting procedure described as follows.

Check the engine oil, transmission oil and coolant levels before starting the engine (pages 50, 53, 54).

#### Cold Engine Starting

- 1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
- 2. If the temperature is 95°F (35°C) or below, pull the fast idle knob (1) fully out.



(1) fast idle knob

- 3. With the throttle closed, operate the kickstarter starting from the top of the kickstarter stroke, kick through to the bottom with a rapid, continuous motion.
- 4. About a minute after the engine starts, push the fast idle knob back all the way to fully OFF. If idling is unstable, open the throttle slightly.

#### Warm Engine Starting

- 1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
- 2. Kick-start the engine. (Do not open the throttle.)

## If Difficult to Start After Stalling

- 1. Shift the transmission into neutral.
- 2. With the throttle fully opened, repeat kickstarter operation approximately 10 times to discharge excessive fuel from the engine.
- 3. Kick-start the engine. (Do not open the throttle.)

Snapping the throttle or fast idling for more than about 5 minutes may cause exhaust pipe and muffler discolorations.