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:
• Engine oil level
• Fuel line for condition
• Coolant for proper level
• Cooling system and hoses for condition 67
• Spark plug for proper heat range, carbon
fouling and spark plug wire terminal for
looseness
 Air cleaner for condition and
contamination
• Clutch lever freeplay75
• Breather drain for cleaning71
 Steering head bearing and related parts for
condition
• Throttle operation
 Tires for damage or improper inflation
pressure
• Spokes for looseness
• Rim locks for looseness
 Front and rear suspension for proper
operation
• Front and rear brakes, check operation 116
 Drive chain for correct slack and adequate
lubrication
 Drive chain sliders and drive chain rollers
for damage or wear 124, 125
• Exhaust pipe/Muffler for looseness 127
 Every possible part for looseness (such as
cylinder head bolts, engine mounting bolts/
nuts, axle nuts, handlebar holder bolts, fork
bridge pinch bolts, drive chain adjuster, lock
nuts, drive chain roller bolt/nut, wire harness
connectors)
• MIL operation