

OPERATION

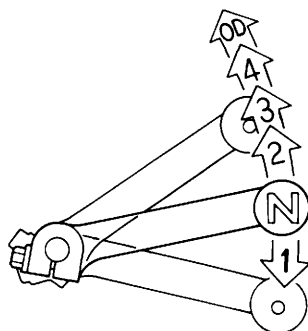
RIDING

▲ WARNING

- **Review Motorcycle Safety (pages 1–8) before you ride.**

NOTE:

- Make sure the function of the side stand mechanism (See MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE on page 72, 73 and explanation for SIDE STAND on page 87.)



Proper shifting will provide better fuel economy.

▲ WARNING

- **Do not downshift when traveling at a speed that would force the engine to overrev in the next lower gear; the rear wheel may lose traction, resulting in a possible loss of vehicle control.**

CAUTION:

- **Do not shift gears without disengaging the clutch and closing the throttle. The engine and drive train could be damaged by overspeed and shock.**
- **Do not tow the motorcycle or coast for long distances while the engine is off. The transmission will not be properly lubricated and damage may result.**
- **Do not exceed 4,500 min⁻¹ (rpm) when running the engine without a load. Serious engine damage may result.**

NOTE:

- Be careful when revving the engine or accelerating in 1st or 2nd gear as the engine speed will easily enter the red zone.