

# Before & After Competition Maintenance

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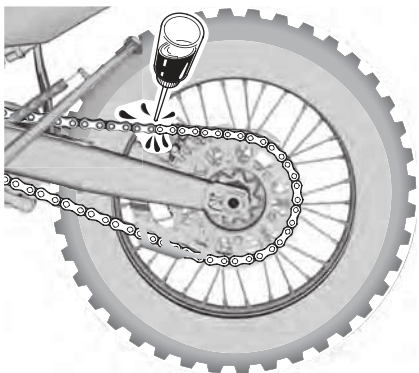
It is important to the long term performance of your CRF to practice a consistent maintenance program. Right after the event is a good time to begin your next maintenance cycle.

### After Race (CRF450RX)/Moto (CRF450R/RWE) Lubrication

Apply a light coating of rust-inhibiting oil to the drive sprocket and any steel portions of the chassis or engine where the paint has worn away. This will prevent rusting of the exposed metal. Apply rust-inhibiting oil more heavily if the event was particularly wet or muddy. Take care to avoid spraying any oil near the brake pads or the brake discs.

Take care to prevent catching your fingers between the chain and sprocket.

Remove the drive chain, clean and lubricate it (pages 123 – 124). Be sure the chain is wiped clean and is dry before lubricating the chain.



### Routine Cleaning

If your CRF is only slightly dirty, it is best to clean it by hand with the aid of a stiff bristled nylon brush and some clean rags.

Take care to prevent catching your fingers between the chain and sprocket.

A variety of reasonably priced cleaning brushes are available from variety, drug, food, and hardware stores. Some of these brushes are extremely useful in removing dirt from the many tight contours of the metal pieces of your CRF. Avoid using stiff, abrasive brushes on the plastic or rubber parts.

If your CRF was exposed to sea air or salt water, rinse it as soon as possible after the event, dry it, and apply a spray lubricant to all metal parts.

If you decide to wash your CRF or use cleaners, refer to *Appearance Care* (page 136).