

## **RIDING**

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

Make sure you understand the function of the side stand mechanism. (See **MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE** on page 88 and explanation for **SIDE STAND** on page 114).

Make sure flammable materials such as dry grass or leaves do not come in contact with the exhaust system when riding, idling, or parking your motorcycle.

1. After the engine has been warmed up, the motorcycle is ready for riding.
2. While the engine is idling, pull in the clutch lever and depress the shift lever to shift into 1st (low) gear.

3. Slowly release the clutch lever and at the same time gradually increase engine speed by opening the throttle. Coordination of the throttle and clutch lever will assure a smooth positive start.
4. When the motorcycle attains a moderate speed, close the throttle, pull in the clutch lever and shift to 2nd gear by raising the shift lever.  
This sequence is repeated to progressively shift to 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th (top) gear.