

# OPERATION

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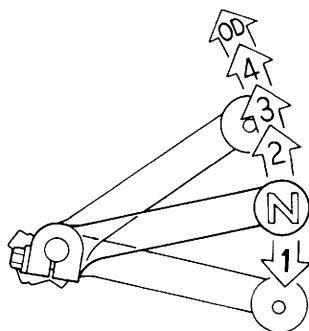
## RIDING (except SI)

### **▲ WARNING**

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

### NOTE:

- Make sure you understand the function of the side stand mechanism (See MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE on page 102, 103 and explanation for SIDE STAND on page 128.)



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 run the engine at high rpm with the transmission in neutral or the clutch lever pulled in. Serious engine damage may result.***

Keep the engine rpm below the tachometer red zone when accelerating in gear, overrevving can damage the engine.