

## **RIDING**

Review Motorcycle Safety (pages 1 – 10) before you ride.

Make sure the side stand is fully retracted before riding the motorcycle. If the stand is extended, it may interfere with control during a left turn.

Make sure you understand the function of the side stand mechanism. (See MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE on page 48 and explanation for SIDE STAND on page 81 ).

1. After the engine has warmed up, the motorcycle is ready for riding.
2. Close the throttle and raise the shift lever to shift into 1st (low) gear.

3. Increase engine speed by gradually opening the throttle.
4. When your speed increases, close the throttle and shift to 2nd gear by raising the shift lever.
5. This sequence is repeated to shift to 3rd gear.